

# ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

*Incorporating the Community of the Order of the Clerics Regular of Somasca - CRS*

VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



## 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 10 September 2023

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### **FIRST READING:** *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sins, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sins, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 94 R. v8*

**R: O that today you would listen to His voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture,  
the flock that is led by His hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to His voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put Me to the test;  
when they tried Me,  
though they saw My work.' **R**

### **SECOND READING:** *St Paul to Romans 13:8-10*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command:

You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *2 Cor 5: 19*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has entrusted to us.**  
**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

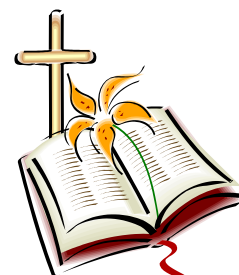
Jesus said to His disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**WEEKDAY MASS:** Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am  
Saturday - 9am

**WEEKEND MASS:** Saturday - 6pm Vigil  
Sunday - 8am, 10am and 6pm

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and  
5pm -5.30pm  
Or on Request at any time

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Alicia Benn  
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**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR:** Sandra De Souza

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## ST JEROME'S PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN 2023

**Our Mission Statement:** "We are a welcoming Parish, which fosters a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer, and fellowship. St. Jerome's strives to enable parishioners to witness the Gospel's call to evangelise."

**The six areas of the strategic plan are: Worship & Liturgy, Evangelisation/ Outreach, Faith Formation, Fellowship, Communication, and Finance/ Administration.**

**A brainstorming session to discuss these areas will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to attend, please email Fr Vijay: [spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au)**

### NO LONGER CARRYING CASH? DONATIONS CAN BE MADE BY EFT OR DIRECTLY DEPOSITED INTO:

The 1<sup>st</sup> collection (*for the support of priest in our Parish & in the Archdiocese*)

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## PARISH LIFE

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023** - The children of our Parish and School Community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 6pm Mass and on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 10am Mass. Please pray for them, that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and remain faithful followers of Our Lord Jesus.

### ST JEROME'S FEAST DAY

The Feast of our Patron, St Jerome (Doctor of the Church) will be celebrated on Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October at the 10am Mass, followed by a community lunch in the parish hall.

**The Legion of Mary** meets every **Thursday at 6.30pm** in the Parish Resource Room. **Contact: President- Egidio Abreu 0437 720 358.**

**Somascan Men's Ministry** meets once a month, **on the last Tuesday.** **For more information contact Brett Cullen on 0429 588 998**

**St Vincent De Paul Society** – Attention New Volunteers! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of September at 6.30pm in the St Lucy Room. An introduction and understanding of the charity work our parish is doing in the community will be provided. **Contact: President – Steve 0488 611190.**

**Som-Women's Ministry** will be meeting this Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm. **For more information contact Joyce Figaro on 0404 086 271**

**Youth Ministry: SOMteens (Grade 6-12)** - Youth Night on **Fridays from 7pm - 9pm** in the Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall. Come along for FUN, FOOD and FRIENDSHIP! Email: [somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com](mailto:somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com) Instagram: [somteens.stjeromes](https://www.instagram.com/somteens.stjeromes)

### **Somascan Young Adults** - (Age group 18-30)

If you are interested in being part of a welcoming, faith-focused group of young people, St Jerome's Young adults would love for you to join us! Weekly Gatherings: **Wed 7pm & Youth Mass: Sun 6pm**

## ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF THE PRIESTHOOD

Brother Deacon John-Joseph Martin Leb  
Conferred by his grace the most Rev. Julian Porteous DD, during the Holy Mass at The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 6pm on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
St. Mary's Cathedral, 180 Harrington Street, Hobart.

Live stream available at  
[youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofHobart](https://youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofHobart)  
Thanksgiving Mass - 6pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September St. James Catholic Church, 25 Mary Street, Cygnet

**RSVP to the Ordination & Thanksgiving Mass by 10<sup>th</sup> September:**  
[leb@littleeucharisticbrothers.org](mailto:leb@littleeucharisticbrothers.org)



## TO THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Trustee of the KSC Education Foundation Inc (a project of the Knights of the NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

Southern Cross) takes pleasure in again inviting applications from teachers of Religious Education in Catholic Schools in Western Australia to undertake further study for courses in Religious Education and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2024.

Application forms and further information are available from:

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**Website: [www.wa ksca.org.au/News](http://www.wa ksca.org.au/News)**

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? - RCIA 2023 – 2024

Our Parish will soon begin the sessions to share with others the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our community. We invite you to know more and develop a deeper relationship with God in an open and welcoming environment.

**The RCIA journey will begin on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at St. Jerome's Church at 7.00pm.**

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 09/09/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lairetta Yon Souls in Purgatory
Sun 10/09/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Adam Faria Soul of Anastasia Margo Soul of Phillip Chitty Soul of Jose Luis Alves
	10am	Soul of Virginia Piscopo Soul of Joseph Piscopo Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Antonio Ascenso Soul of Jaime Correia Rodrigues Soul of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto IHO St. Nicholas of Tolentino in thanksgiving for the Souls in Purgatory
Mon 11/09/23	6pm 7am 9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Celeste Rodrigues Coelho Intentions of Lina Maria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Tues 12/09/23	7am 9am	Soul of Sara Jardim Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Celeste Rodrigues Coelho Intentions of Lina Maria Soul of Jakov Fiamengo Souls in Purgatory In thanksgiving for the gift of life of Fr Vijay
Wed 13/09/23	7am 9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Celeste Rodrigues Coelho Intentions of Lina Maria Birthday Int. of Antonia Ullaga
Thurs 14/09/23	7am 9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Fri 15/09/23	7am 9am	Souls of Nina & Dana Jelinic Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu
Sat 16/09/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Peter Nguyen

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes,  
Peter Scanlan & Lilian Gabriel

## ROSTERS - 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

**COUNTING-GROUP 3:** P Pereira & L Nella

**CLEANING-GROUP 4:** R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit,  
J Mercado & M Monzon

## WHY BE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

After a 3-year hiatus, the WBC Annual Conference is returning to Perth.

This year's **BEHOLD** Conference will centre on the Eucharist and will take place on 12-14 October. For the first time, there will also be mini retreats leading up to the main conference. Join Tim Staples, Dr Stacy Trasancos and Cy Kellett from Catholic Answers for this very special event at the parishes of Sacred Heart Highgate and Our Lady of the Mission, Whitford, as we spend a few days of prayer and discovery that will renew and deepen our love for our Eucharistic Lord.

## Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

The roles listed are for IMMEDIATE START.

- Accounts Payable Officer – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Assistant Accountant – Permanent, Full-Time (apply direct to [recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au))
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Media Officer – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry: Pastoral Assistant – Permanent, Full-Time (Aboriginality is a specification for this position in accordance with Section 50(d), Equal Opportunity Act 1984. Apply direct to [recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au))

## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)



**ST JEROME'S**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**THANK YOU** for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You are helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor & throughout the world.

If you missed the opportunity last week, go online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/timor) to make a donation.

Email Francis Leong at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) if you'd like to know about what's involved in volunteering through Catholic Mission.

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