

# 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"



## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 17 September 2023

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**FIRST READING:** *Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7*  
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 102*  
**R: The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R**

**SECOND READING:** *Romans 14:7-9*  
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord: and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that we might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *John 13:34*  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 18:21-35*  
Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. As this the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me:" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

This is 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

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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)**

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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** meet every **Thursday at 6.30pm** in the Parish Resource Room. **Contact: President- Egidio Abreu 0437 720 358.**

**Somascan Men's Ministry** meet 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** meet every second **Wednesday of the month 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**

**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.**



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**FEAST DAY OF MARY MOTHER OF  
ORPHANS**



Will be celebrated at the 9am mass on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. Please bring a plate of finger foods to share for Morning Tea after the Mass.

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 16/09/23	6pm	Confirmation
Sun 17/09/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Intentions of Robert Benn Souls in Purgatory Soul of Vincenzo Stefanelli (1 <sup>st</sup> year anni.) Thanksgiving INH of Our Lady Soul of Conceicao Perestrello
	10am	Confirmation For the success of medical exam for Hayeen Rodeiza P.Morales
	6pm	
Mon 18/09/23	7am	Thanksgiving for souls in Purgatory
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Fr. Joseph Van Souls of Carmelo & Antonia Acquardo Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Tues 19/09/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Souls in Purgatory
Wed 20/09/23	7am	Soul of Cecilia Loreto Coelho
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Cecilia Loreto Coelho
Thurs 21/09/23	7am	Thanksgiving for Holy Souls Int. of Marlyn Tarbie
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Ivo Stanojevic Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Fri 22/09/23	7am	
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Sat 23/09/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Int. of Jamie, Emma, Jack & max De Abreu in thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes,  
Peter Scanlan & Lilian Gabriel

**ROSTERS - 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**COUNTING GROUP 4:** Perna Family

**CLEANING GROUP 1:** M Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

## 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.

## **Safeguarding Induction for all Church workers**

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary.

Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years.

The upcoming session is as follow: -

Date: Thursday, 23 November 2023

Time: 7-8 pm

Venue: Christ the King

59 Leroy Road, Beaconsfield

Registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

Or phone **9221 7762** to book in.

## **St John Bosco's Relic Perth Tour – 15-20 September**

**Monday 18 September at St. Patricks Basilica Fremantle - from 12pm to 4.30pm**

**Monday 18 September at St. John Paull II Church Banksia - from 5pm to 8.30pm**

**Tuesday 19 September at Good Shepard Church Kiara - from 9am to 7pm**

**For further information please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer.**



**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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