

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"



25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 24 September 2023

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 55:6-9*

Seek the Lord while He is still to be found,
call to Him while He is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are
not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the
Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 144 R. v 18*

R: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
His greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is just in all His ways
and loving in all His deeds.

He is close to all who call Him,
who call on Him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING: *Philippians 1:20-24, 27*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or
by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more; but then again,
if living in this body means doing work which is having
good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Acts 16: 14*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of Your Son.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 20:1-16*

Jesus said to His disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his
vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one
denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at
about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the
marketplace and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the
sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out
and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he
went out and found more men standing round, and he
said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He
said to them, "You go into my vineyard too". In the
evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call
the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the
last arrivals and ending with the first."

So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came
forward and received one denarius each. When the first
came, they expected to get more, but they too received
one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the
landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have
done only one hour, and you have treated them the same
as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the
heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I
am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the
last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what
I like with my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus, the last will be first and the first, last.

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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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 18th of November from 10am to 12pm. If you would like to attend, please email Fr Vijay: spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au

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

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

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Please quote your name and planned giving number as the reference.

PARISH LIFE

ST JEROME'S FEAST DAY

The Feast of our Patron, St Jerome (Doctor of the Church) will be celebrated on Sunday, the 1st 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 meets on the first and third **Wednesday of the month - 6.30pm to 7.30pm** in the Parish Resource Room. New members are always welcome. **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 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**

Miraculous Medal Devotion- Wednesday 27th September at 6pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ted Miller

**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 12th 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 27th of September. Please bring a plate of finger foods to share for Morning Tea after the Mass.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23/09/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Soul of Alfred Sinclair Soul of Teofila Monleon Soul of Julian Kingsley Soul of Lina Faccin Int. of Alan de Souza
Sun 24/09/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Pulqueria Silva Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira Soul of Elio Boni Souls of Marko & Eranka Alfireu
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Tindara Merenda Soul of Celeste Rodrigues Coelho Soul of Eduardo Fereira Souls in Purgatory Souls of Ivo, Nikola & Antica Stanojevic Soul of Michele Corbo (1 st death anni.) Birthday Int. of Alyce Basilio
	6pm	For the Conversion of the World Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Mon 25/09/23	7am 9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Thanksgiving INH the Infant Jesus of Prague Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Tues 26/09/23	7am 9am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Pulqueria Silva
Wed 27/09/23	7am 9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Thurs 28/09/23	7am 9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Theresa Nga Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Fri 29/09/23	7am 9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Antonio Ferenda Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Henry John Regan & deceased members of The Regan family Thanksgiving IHO Archangels Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Rafael Birthday Int. of Sara Martino
Sat 30/09/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Pulqueria Silva Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Souls of Franco & Giuseppe Dolzadelli

ROSTERS - 30 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER 2023

COUNTING GROUP 5: B.Bosnich, A Stedul

CLEANING GROUP 2: L Otero, J Balmes



The Rosary will be recited at St Jerome's Church every day, during the month of October, at 7pm. On weekends after 6pm mass. To mark the end of October, the month of the Holy Rosary. A Public Rosary will take place at Woodman Point Park (Nyyerbup Cir. Near Kiosk) on Sunday 29th October at 3.00pm. Please bring your own picnic chair or blanket.

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.

[Tough Questions for Catholics: How You can Build Faith and Understanding](#)

ON: Fridays, 27 October – 17 November

FROM: 10:00am – 11:30am (4 sessions)

WITH: Joe Tedesco

AT: Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre)

COST: \$35

Religious faith often brings up as many questions as it answers. In the Catholic tradition, there are many practices, beliefs and conventions that are often questioned or simply misunderstood. What do we really believe about the Bible? How did we come to believe what we do about Mary the mother of God? If God is so good, why do bad things happen to good people? What is heaven and hell really about? This course will navigate through such questions in a manner that builds faith and understanding. [CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation](#)



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FUNERAL Rosary for the late Mario De Abreu will be held on Thursday, 5th October 2023 at 7pm. Funeral Mass on Friday, 6th October 2023 at 11am at St Jerome's Church



**ST JEROME'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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