

# 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"



## FEAST OF ST JEROME (Patron of our Parish) – 1 October 2023

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### **FIRST READING:** *Ecclesiasticus 39:6-10*

If it is the will of the great Lord, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding, he will shower forth words of wisdom, and in prayer give thanks to the Lord.

He will grow upright in purpose and learning; he will ponder the Lord's hidden mysteries. He will display the instruction he has received, taking pride in the Law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding and it will never be forgotten.

His memory will not disappear, generation after generation his name will live. Nations will proclaim his wisdom; the assembly will celebrate his praises.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 118 R. v.12*

**R: Lord, teach me Your decrees.**

How shall the young remain sinless?  
By obeying Your word.  
I have sought You with all my heart:  
Let me not stray from Your commands. **R**

I treasure Your promise in my heart  
Lest I sin against You.  
Blessed are You. O Lord:  
Teach me Your statutes. **R**

With my tongue I have recounted  
The decrees of Your lips.  
I rejoiced to do Your will  
As though all riches were mine. **R**

### **SECOND READING:** *Timothy 3: 14-17*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true: remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy.

This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

The Word of the Lord. **R: 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 13:47-52*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.'" And He said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **PRAYER OF SAINT JEROME FOR CHRIST'S MERCY**

O Lord, show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart.  
I am like the man on the way to Jericho who was overtaken by robbers, wounded and left for dead.  
O Good Samaritan, come to my aid. I am like the sheep that went astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will. Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life and praise You for ever and ever with those who are there. Amen.

(St. Jerome is the patron saint of: Archeologists; archivists; Bible scholars; librarians; libraries; schoolchildren; students; translators.)

**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 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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Account Name: R.C.A of Perth St Jerome's Parish Spearwood Presbytery

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection (*for the running of our Parish*)

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

## PARISH LIFE

**Fr Vijay will be** visiting his family in India from the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, returning on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. During this time Fr Navis will look after the Pastoral needs of the parish.

**The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal** will meet on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 at 6pm** to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for Parish, Families and Personal renewal of our Church back to the holiness of apostolic times, together with offering intercessory prayers for specific needs and requests within our parish community.



**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 29<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm. Please bring your own picnic chair or blanket.

**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**

**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**

**Divine Mercy Devotion** next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 2.15pm

**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.**



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY  
APPEALS – MOROCCO / LIBYA**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



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**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Sat 30/09/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon
Sun 01/10/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Elizabeth Pereira Intentions of Robert & Alicia Benn (Wed. Anniv.)
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Souls of Dina & Pietro Stampone Souls of Marianna & Francisco Trolio Soul of Benjamino Stampone Int. of Russel Cousins Birthday Int. of Lenuta Gligor
	6pm	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Mon 02/10/23	7am	Soul of Laura Castro Cerqueira
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Tues 03/10/23	7am	For the Holy Souls
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Wed 04/10/23	7am	Soul of Clivy Law Yui Wan For the Holy Souls
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & all deceased family members
Thurs 05/10/23	7am	Soul of John Cerqueira For the Holy Souls
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Jose Augusto Madeira
Fri 06/10/23	7am	For the Holy Souls
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Thanksgiving for the gift of life- Jason Phillips
Sat 07/10/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho Soul of CK Joseph

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

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes,  
Peter Scanlan & Lilian Gabriel

**2023 Public Rosary**

**Join us for a Nation-Wide Rosary Chain!**

**On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 10.15AM**

**At Manning Park 61 Azelia Rd Spearwood**

**For more information contact Tonia on 0467502241**

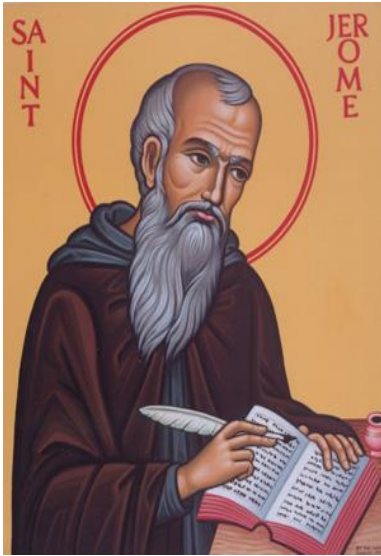
**ROSTERS – 8 & 9 OCTOBER 2023**

**COUNTING GROUP 6:** K & F Alweyn, S Allen

**CLEANING GROUP 3:** M Palmer, L Odegaard & T Fasolo

## HAPPY FEAST DAY!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of our parish patron, SAINT JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH and we wish all parishioners a joyful and fruitful celebration.



### **THE STORY OF ST JEROME, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Jerome, born at Stridon in Dalmatia, was baptized at Rome as a young man and studied the liberal arts with Donatus and other very learned men. In the service of religion, he travelled all over Palestine. Then he retired to the vast Syrian Desert, where he spent four years in reading sacred Scripture and in the contemplation of the blessedness of heaven. Ordained priest by Paulinus, Bishop of Antioch, he went back to Palestine. There, near the crib of the Lord Christ in Bethlehem, he led a life patterned after that of heaven itself. He conquered the wiles of the devil with works of devotion and continual reading and writing. Questions on Holy Scripture were referred for explanation to him as to an oracle, being sent to him from all over the world. Pope Damasus and St. Augustine often consulted him on difficult passages in Scripture because of his singular learning and his knowledge not only of Latin and Greek but also of Hebrew and Chaldaic. He translated the Old Testament from the Hebrew; and by command of Pope Damasus, he revised the translation of the New Testament to make it faithful to the Greek text and explained a great part of it. In extreme old age, he made the journey to heaven. His body was buried at Bethlehem and later taken to Rome and buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

### **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.

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Mandurah, Medina, Midland, Perth and  
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**SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.** *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

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