

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"



27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 8 October 2023

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you
to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20*

**R: The vineyard of the Lord
is the house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt:
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and
that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is
true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure,
everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things
that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have
heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 15:15*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to
you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner
who planted a vineyard, he fenced it round, dug a winepress
in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants
to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized
his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third.
Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number,
and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent
his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But
when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This
is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So, they seized him and threw him out of the
vineyard and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do
to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those
wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other
tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season
arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the
keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to
see?

"I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

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 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*)

BSB – 086 006 Account No- 237719937

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

The 2nd collection (*for the running of our Parish*)

BSB – 086 006 Account No- 485592103 Account Name: R.C.A of Perth St Jerome's Parish Spearwood

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

PARISH LIFE

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards making the celebration of St Jerome's Feast a wonderful success; those involved in the liturgical celebration and the lunch afterwards. To all those who worked behind the scenes to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the day, your hard work is really appreciated.



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 (Nyverbup Cir. Near Kiosk) on Sunday 29th October at 3.00pm. Please bring your own picnic chair or blanket.

Som-Women's Ministry will meet this coming **Wednesday the 11th of October at 7pm.** *For more information contact Joyce Figaro on 0404 086 271.*

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.**

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**

Youth Ministry: SOMteens (Grade 6-12) - Youth Night on **Fridays from 7pm - 9pm** (during the school term only) in the Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall. Come along for FUN, FOOD and FRIENDSHIP! Email:

somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com Instagram: somteens.stjeromes

**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 7pm.**

**Contact Daniel on 0422199525 for
further information.**



**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

2023 Public Rosary

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

On the 14th of October 10.15AM

**At Manning Park 61 Azelia Rd
Spearwood**

**For more information contact Tonia
on 0467502241**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 07/10/23	6pm	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Pulqueria Silva Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon
Sun 08/10/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Miro Stipinovic Souls in Purgatory Int. of Jose Marciel
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul da Silva Abreu Soul of Virginia Piscopo Soul of Joseph Piscopo
	6pm	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
Mon 09/10/23	7am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Int. of Joao Ladeira Int. of Melissa Frade INH Our Lady of Fatima Soul of Daniel Bloskey
Tues 10/10/23	7am	Holy Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
Wed 11/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Souls in Purgatory
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Birthday int. of Sandy Catanzaro Int. of Ida Limina IHO St Joseph for souls in Purgatory
Thurs 12/10/23	7am	Soul of Sara Jardim Thanksgiving IHO Our Lady of the Abandoned Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Int. of Jamie, Emma, Jack & Max De Abreu Birthday int. of Mirjana Fistonich Soul of Ivo Tvrdeic Soul of Neda Szulej
Fri 13/10/23	7am	Soul of Laurel Pepper Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Birthday int. of Fatima Special int. IHO Venerable Lucia dos Santos
Sat 14/10/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes &
Peter Scanlan

ROSTERS – 14 & 15 OCTOBER 2023

COUNTING GROUP 1: Benn Family

CLEANING GROUP 4: R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumpit, J Mercado,
M Monzon

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliari.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliari Project

Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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.

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



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