

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"



28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 15 October 2023

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;

the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 22 R.v.6*

**R: I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Eph 1:17, 18*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OF FR JOHN-JOSEPH MARTIN - A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on the 22nd of October at 10am at St Jerome's Church. Please bring a plate to share after the Mass.



The Rosary will be recited at St Jerome's Church every day, during the month of October, at 7pm (6pm mass on weekends after). 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.

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

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

Som-Women's Ministry meets on the 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**

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)

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

Our Parish has now begun 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.

**It is not too late to join The RCIA
journey on Thursdays 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

**WEST AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT
& REFUGEE OFFICE (WACMRO) IS
SEEKING ACCOMMODATION FOR A
UKRAINIAN FAMILY (mother and young
daughter).**

If you are able to assist or advise, please contact wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au or ring 0413 623 949.

Many thanks, Deacon Greg Lowe.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 14/10/23	6pm	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon
Sun 15/10/23	8am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls of Katija & Mateo Fadic Souls of Jose Martins & Rosa De Jesus Martins Soul of Luciano Cicanese Soul of Lachlan David Di Tullio Soul of Moses Correia Soul of Maria Gorette Vieira
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu Birthday Int. and thanksgiving for Lima Williamson
	6pm	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
Mon 16/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Matteo Renato De Gennaro
Tues 17/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Manuel Cipriano
Wed 18/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Souls of Antonia & Carmelo Acquardo
Thurs 19/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Birthday Int. of Joy Nicolson
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria
Fri 20/10/23	7am	Soul of Antonio Fernandes Correia Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho
	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho
Sat 21/10/23	9am	Souls of Conceicao Afonseca & Agostinho Faria Soul of Nathan De Abreu

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes &
Peter Scanlan

ROSTERS – 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2023

COUNTING GROUP 2: T. Mollica & P Rotondella

CLEANING GROUP 1: M. Marevich, J. Srdarov, Z. Musulin &
L. Gilgor

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero 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.

Cagliero 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 Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

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

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero 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.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Employment opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has several 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>.

Head, Mission Enhancement & Outreach - *Archdiocesan Agencies* – Permanent, Full-Time (**listed on SEEK**)

Administration Officer, People & Culture – Fixed Term (18 months), Full-Time (**listed on SEEK**)

Payroll Officer – Fixed Term (12 months), Full-Time (**listed on SEEK**)

Officer, Digital Records Migration (Archives & Information Governance Office) – Fixed Term (12 months), Full-Time (apply direct to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)



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Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. (Pope Francis)