

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"



32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 12th November 2023

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FIRST READING:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in
every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 62:2- R.v.2

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry,
Weary land without water. **R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
My mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died.

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At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Mt 24:42, 44cR. V.2

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The Kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed, the other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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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DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH 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.

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 PROPOSED SIX AREAS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN ARE:

- Worship & Liturgy Evangelisation
- Outreach
- Faith Formation
- Fellowship
- Communication
- 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 RSVP to: spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au

PARISH LIFE

Som-Women's Ministry meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 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.*

St Vincent De Paul Society meet 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 611 190.*

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)

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

**CHRISTMAS IS THE SEASON OF GIVING.
PRISON OUTCARE REQUIRES OUR SUPPORT**

It's that time of the year again and we appeal for gifts for the children of those who are in prison. Gifts for children from Infancy to 15 years are welcome, e.g., baby clothes, baby blankets, books, bath toys, blocks, paints, play dough, wooden jigsaw puzzles, dolls, cars, balls of any kind, tea sets, cricket sets, beach towels, action figures, card games, diaries, pencils/pens, toiletries, hair accessories, movie passes or gift vouchers. Please supply batteries for battery operated gifts. **Please do not wrap presents.** Donations of wrapping paper would also be appreciated. Please return your gift by the 10th of December 2023.

Special Month to prayer for the souls

During the month of November, we pray in a special way for our deceased relatives and friends. Please bring your "List of Souls" for the offering of Holy Masses for the Souls in Purgatory and place it in the box provided.

We confirm the procedure which will be followed: For every "List of Souls" a Holy Mass will be offered.

To cope with this task - given the sizable number of envelopes that are usually submitted- we will resort to the help of our Somaskan confreres in other countries. By email we will inform them of the Mass Intentions to be offered, possibly on a daily basis.

The daily Mass intentions to appear in the Bulletin will refer to the case of death anniversaries or Special Intentions for living persons and we request that no more than two names per intention (per Mass) is listed



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11/11/23	6pm	Souls of all family members of Jose Marciel Soul of Barbara Illingsworth Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon All Souls in Purgatory Intentions of Candido S Ferreira
Sun 12/11/23	8am	Soul of Sara Jardim Soul of Giuseppina Mollica Soul of Maria Izilda Houkers Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	10am	Soul of Virginia Piscopo Soul of Joseph Piscopo Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu Souls of Ada & Carlo Monaco Soul of Umberto Massarotto
Mon 13/11/23	6pm	
	7am	Soul of Luis Coelho Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory All souls of loved ones of a parishioner Soul of Antonia Silverstri Soul of Pietro Mirco
Tues 14/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Souls of Ada & Carlo Monaco Soul of Umberto Massarotto (1 yr anniv.) Birthday Intentions of Fr Navis
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory Soul of Henry Phillips Birthday Int. of Tiago de Souza Thanksgiving for the life of Fr Navis
Wed 15/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Family Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory Birthday Int. of Fr Chris de Sousa
Thurs 16/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory Soul of Antonio Radi Soul of Angiolina Marianna Radi
Fri 17/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group)
	9am	Souls in Purgatory Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Jorge Correia Soul of Jose Garces
Sat 18/11/23	9am	Souls in Purgatory Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Maria Nice Sciascia Soul of Dante Sciascia

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes
& Peter Scanlan



SAVE THE DATE

The annual **BUSY BEE** to clean and prepare the church for the Advent and Christmas Seasons is scheduled for the week of **Monday, the 20th to Saturday 25th November.**

A list of jobs has been placed in the foyer and volunteers may choose a task, day and time that is convenient to them. Our aim is to get as many families as possible to come along and help, so that we can finish the allotted tasks over the week.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIKELINK is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. If you did not collect Archbishop Costelloe's letter at Mass last weekend, please collect one today, or use one of the special giving envelopes which have been provided on the pews.

We urge you to give generously to support the valuable work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies.

You may mail your donation directly in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope & donation in the special retiring collection which will be held at Mass this weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at www.lifelink.com.au

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*God of mercy and compassion,
of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians,
Palestinians and Israelis.*

*Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope,
oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation,
that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces,
and peace and justice could be experienced by all.*

*God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world.
Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of
justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive
all, and love all. Direct us as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the
Way, the Truth, and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world
through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day,
supportive of each other, for the sake of your Kingdom. Amen.*

ROSTERS – 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2023

COUNTING GROUP 6: K & F Alweyn & S Allen

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

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