

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"



33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 19th November 2023

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FIRST READING: *Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31*

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hand to the distaff; her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hands to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let
her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 127 1-5 R.v. 1*

R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in His ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed, thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING: *Thessalonians 5:1-6*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers,
about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the
Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is
when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the
worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on
a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to
evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for
that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of
light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to
darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else
does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John: 15:4, 5*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Live in me and let me live in you says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and
entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability.
Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and
traded with them and made five more. The man who had
received two made two more in the same way. But the man who
had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid
his master's money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back
and went through his accounts with them. The man who had
received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir,"
he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more
that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant;
you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust
you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."
Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir", he said
"you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I
have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and
faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small
things; I will trust you with greater; come and join in your
master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the
one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man,
reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you
have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your
talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back."
But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So,
you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I
have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my
money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have
recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from
him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to
everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more
than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has
will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth."

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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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)

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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



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.

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*

St Lucy's Feast Day (Festa solenne di Santa Lucia)

In preparation of the Feast Day the Triduum will be on—

Wednesday 13th December 2023, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Thursday 14th December 2023, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Friday 15th December 2023, 7.00pm Confession and 7.30pm Mass

Sunday 17th December 2023, 2.00pm Mass and 3.15pm the procession and benediction followed by refreshments.

Parish Christmas Morning Tea- Sunday the 10th of December after 10am Mass. Come together as a family to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, The Saviour of the world. Please bring a plate to share.

St Jerome's School Christmas Concert- On Thursday the 23rd of November. Starting at 6pm on the school oval. Come along and enjoy Christmas Carols sung by the children. (P&F Sausage sizzle from 4.30)

**THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
TEACHING ON THE FINAL PURIFICATION,
OR PURGATORY**

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire: As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred

Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.



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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 18/11/23	6pm	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laurretta Yon Soul of Viktoria Marakanovic (Birthday) Souls of Carmelo & Antonio Acquardo
Sun 19/11/23	8am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Giuseppe Albanese Int. of Vickie Visaggio
	10am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu Souls in Purgatory Soul of Angelo Silvestri Souls of Jovencia & Faustino Cuevas Soul of Leoncia Padillo Souls of departed members of The Legions of Mary
	6pm	Int. of Coelho & Barlow families
Mon 20/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho Special int. of a parishioner
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Cecilia Loureto Coelho Souls in Purgatory Int. of Zedenka IHO St Anthony
Tues 21/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Special int. of a parishioner
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Nathan de Abreu Souls in Purgatory
Wed 22/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Special int. of a parishioner
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Family Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 23/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Special int. of a parishioner
	9am	Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Souls in Purgatory Int. of Laura Decaris
Fri 24/11/23	7am	Souls in Purgatory (Good Heart Group) Souls of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira Soul of Anne Franklin Special int. of a parishioner God's blessing and healing for Luke & Toni Garlin
	9am	Souls in Purgatory Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria
Sat 25/11/23	9am	Souls in Purgatory Souls of Adam & Lourdes Faria Soul of Father Augustin Trong

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan
& Vickie Visaggio

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.

The SOMYA will place a box in the foyer for you to put your gifts in.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIKELINK was held throughout the Archdiocese last weekend. It is not too late to return your donation. Please 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 any one of the collections.

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR AN ADVENT EVENT ON MODERN SLAVERY

Almost 50 million people are experiencing modern slavery in our world today. Did you know *Modern Slavery* can be hidden in parish & school supply chains as *forced labour*? We can mitigate the risk of contributing to forced labour by adopting ethical purchasing behaviours.

To find out more about this and participate in the Parish Modern Slavery Initiative contact wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au.

In partnership with Catholic Mission, the WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office and the University of Notre Dame Australia, the Redemptorist Monastery is hosting the Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery in Word and Music at 7pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023. Please save the date for your family, friends & colleagues to experience this premier sacred music Advent concert in the Perth Archdiocese.

For more information contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

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