

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"



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B – 24 December 2023

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FIRST READING: *Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: "Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 88:2-7,29 .R.cf.v.2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
Through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
That your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
My God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
For him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lk 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the servant of the Lord:
May his will for me be done.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Luke 1:26-38*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me,' And the angel left her.

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

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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

MY PRAYER LIST POSTCARDS - Please take a prayer card home and list the names of five family members or friends whom you feel is most in need of experiencing the presence of God in their lives. Include them in your daily prayers.

Christmas Eve 6pm Mass- will be a family mass where the children perform the Nativity Play before the Mass. If your children would like to participate in the play, rehearsals will be held after the 9am Mass on Saturday, in the Parish Hall.

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 on the last **Tuesday of the month at 7pm.** *For more information contact Brett Cullen on 0429 588 998*

Som-Women's Ministry meet on second **Wednesday of the month at 7pm.** *For more information contact Joyce Figaro on 0404 086 271.*

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**

Miraculous Medal Devotion – Wednesday 27 December at 6.pm

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO SCHOENSTATT SHRINE, ARMADALE 9 TALUS DR, MOUNT RICHON



All parishioners are invited to join the Parish Pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine on **28 December at 10am**. The program for the day will be Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction and Mass followed by lunch. (Please bring a packed lunch.) Please indicate your intention to go, by adding your name to the list provided in the foyer. We encourage you to carpool, to reduce the number of vehicles at the shrine.

Christmas Season Program – 2023



Date and Time	Events
24 th December - Sunday at 6pm	Family Mass (Christmas Mass)
24 th December - Sunday at 8pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
24 th December - Midnight (12am)	Christmas Midnight Mass
25 th December - Monday at 8am & 10am	Christmas Day Mass
NO 6PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY	
28 December at 10.00am (at the shrine)	Parish Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Shrine, Armadale
28 December - Thursday at 7am and 9am	Feast of Holy Innocents (Blessing of children after the Masses)
30 December- Saturday	6pm Vigil Mass
31 December-Sunday	8am, 10am & 6pm Mass
31 December - Sunday at 11pm	Thanksgiving Holy Hour
31 Dec- Sunday 12.00 Midnight	New Year's Eve Mass
1 January 2024- Monday at 7.00 & 9.00am	New Year
ALL OTHER WEEKDAYS THE MASSES ARE AS USUAL 7AM AND 9AM	

2023 ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

During Advent 2022, all Australian dioceses were invited to take up a special collection(s) for the people of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were raised to support people in the war-torn nation through the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. At the Bishops Conference's November 2023 meeting, bishops were asked to again consider if an appeal could be taken for the people of Ukraine during Advent. The proposal was made by Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, and Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous, who visited Ukraine with an Australian delegation in August.

**Our community will have a collection at all Masses this weekend.
Please place your donation in the collection box at the back of the church.**

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Employment Opportunity Assistant, The Shopfront (Permanent, Part-Time)

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is seeking an Assistant for The Shopfront, an Archdiocesan outreach agency which offers friendship and practical assistance to people in need. The Assistant will work under the supervision of the Director for the day-to-day physical and practical requirements of the agency over an estimated 20 hours / 4 days per week to 25 hours / 5 days per week. Duties include preparing the daily lunch program (including food preparation), maintaining the petty cash, and in consultation with the Director, providing assistance to visitors. The applicant must have Social Welfare background/experience and experience in food handling. They must have strong interpersonal, supervision and risk management skills, with the ability to work cooperatively with volunteers and on-site service providers. A valid National Police Clearance will be required. To apply, submit your application on SEEK at <https://www.seek.com.au/job/72316500> by Monday 15 January 2024. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 23/12/23	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauretta Yon Soul of Victor D'Souza
Sun 24/12/23	8am	Soul of Mario De Abreu Soul of Carmelita Pistana For healing of Scarlett Oliver Soul of Jorge & Hilario De Oliveira
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu Soul of Anthony Caroll
	6pm	Pro Populo
	8pm	Pro Populo
	12am	Pro Populo
Mon 25/12/23	8am	Pro Populo
	10am	Pro Populo
Tue 26/12/23	7am	Soul of Mario De Abreu
	9am	For healing of Scarlett Oliver Soul of Joseph Mollica Soul of Anthony Caroll Souls of Aries & Celena Abreu Soul of Helen Rocha
Wed 27/12/23	7am	Soul of Mario De Abreu
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Family For healing of Scarlett Oliver Soul of Anthony Caroll
Thurs 28/12/23	7am	Soul of Mario De Abreu Int of Jaime, Emma, Jack & Max de Abreu
	9am	For healing of Scarlett Oliver Wedding Anni. of Deanna & Peter Catalano (10yrs) Soul of Daniel M'Closkey Soul of Anthony Caroll Soul of George Correia
Fri 29/12/23	7am	Soul of Mario De Abreu
	9am	For healing of Scarlett Oliver Soul of Anthony Caroll
Sat 30/12/23	9am	Soul of Mario De Abreu For healing of Scarlett Oliver Soul of Anthony Caroll

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan, Vickie Vissagio, Scarlett Oliver, Alessio De Souza, Peter Shinnick & Christina Herbert

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Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled '**My Spirit Land**'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia. The book is available online at myspiritlandmemoir.com for or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church.

ROSTERS – 30 & 31 December 2023

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

CLEANING- GROUP 3: M Palmer,
L Odegaard, M De Gois & T Fasolo