

# 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"



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B – 28 JANUARY 2024**

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## **FIRST READING:**

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again," you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."' "

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps.94 R. v 9*

**R: If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before Him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us,  
for He is our God and we  
the people who belong to His pasture,  
the flock that is led by His hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to His voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me,  
though they saw my work.' **R.**

## **SECOND READING:**

*1 Corinthians 7:32-35*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs,

all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways.

In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit.

The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband.

I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Mt 4:16*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**A people in darkness have seen a great light:  
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL:**

*Mark 1:21-28*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new,' they said 'and with authority behind it: He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey Him.' And His reputation rapidly spread everywhere through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 PARISH A.G.M.** will take place on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm, in the Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall** and all active groups in the parish are invited to submit their annual reports for tabling at this meeting. All parishioners are invited to participate in the AGM, which is considered to be an important opportunity for the evaluation and planning of our parish life. We will be electing new members for the Council and nomination forms are available in the foyer. Please note that nominees should be active members of the parish.

### **PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 FOR NON-CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Enrolments for the Sacramental Programme 2024 for children in public schools in Years 3 to 6 is open until the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Enrolment forms are available on the parish website: [www.stjeromesparish.org](http://www.stjeromesparish.org)  
Please complete and lodge the enrolment form by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. **Classes begin on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.**

**Miraculous Medal Devotion** – Saturday 27 January 2024, after the 6pm Mass

**The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal** will meet on **Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2024 at 6pm** to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for our parish, families and personal renewal of our Church back to the holiness of apostolic times, together with offering intercessory prayers for specific needs and requests within our parish community.

**Divine Mercy Devotion** next Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of February at 2.15pm

**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 every 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

**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](mailto:somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com) Instagram: [somteens.stjeromes](https://www.instagram.com/somteens.stjeromes)

**CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS BALL  
2024  
GARDEN OF EDEN**

We are thrilled to announce the Catholic Young Adults Ball of 2024. Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising!

This event is for young adults, ages 18-30.

**Date:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm

**Tickets:** \$120 per person

**Venue:** Pagoda Resort and Spa  
[112 Melville Parade, Como]

For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit [events.humanitix.com/cym-ball](https://events.humanitix.com/cym-ball)

**Safeguarding Induction for  
all Church workers**



The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk.

This induction provides an overview of the: -

- \*Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures.
- \*Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention.
- \*Reporting of concerns.
- \*Role of the Safeguarding Officer.
- \*Collective Responsibility and Care.

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, 8 February 2024 **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.



***Be the Heart of Hope: Take Action as a Caritas Ambassador***

Join us for a special session unveiling the heartwarming stories behind Project Compassion 2024. We're on the lookout for passionate individuals, of all ages, to become Caritas Ambassadors. Discover the impact of your voice on the most vulnerable lives and communities. As a speaker, you have the potential to inspire change and spread God's love in action. Join us in becoming the heart of these stories, connecting with our mission, and shaping a future filled with compassion and hope.

**Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30PM at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (40A Mary Street, Highgate).**

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please contact us on 9422 7925 or through email at [Shelby.d@caritas.org.au](mailto:Shelby.d@caritas.org.au) for more information

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN- PREPARATION OF THE FAMILY- 2024**

**St Jerome's Parish's revised *Baptism Preparation*: Wednesdays at 6.30pm**

7 February - Introduction

14 February - Prayer

21 February - Who is Jesus?

28 February - Baptism

6 March - Prayers and symbols of Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office: [spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au) to register, and come to the first session on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at the Parish Hall

**ROSTERS – 3 & 4 FEBRUARY 2024**

**COUNTING- GROUP 5:**

B Bosnich, A Stedul

**CLEANING- GROUP 4:**

R Palos, G Taag, A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado & M Monzon

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 27/01/24	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Intercession of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Int. of Jessica M <sup>c</sup> Carthy (SYD) Soul of Nina D'Alessandro
Sun 28/01/24	8am	Soul of Alice Mary
	10am	Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Soul of Teodoro Florenca Soul of Maria Consuela Madureira
	6pm	
Mon 29/01/24	7am	For a quick recovery- Lyndon Sesante Soul of Fabuan Niere
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Souls of Carlo & Ada Monaco Soul of Robert Williamson
Tue 30/01/24	7am	
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Souls of Ada & Carlo Monaco
Wed 31/01/24	7am	
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Freitas Soul of Teodoro Florenca Souls of Ada & Carlo Monaco
Thurs 01/02/24	7am	Birthday int. of Jack de Abreu
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Soul of Benedic Manh
Fri 02/02/24	7am	Soul of Robert De Abreu
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Int. of John Ladeira
Sat 03/02/24	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Nicola Gaudio

(The Funeral Mass will be held at St Jerome's Church  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2024 at 10.15am)



**ST JEROME'S**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Legion of Mary of Saint Jerome's and Mater Christi are organising a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE BYFORD** on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Rev Fr Varghese will be conducting the retreat. The bus leaves Mater Christi Church car park at 7.30 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. The cost is \$40 and includes the bus and a donation to the Centre. Payment must be made before the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. (Non-refundable)

Please write your name and phone number on the list in the foyer. Morning tea will be provided but please bring your lunch. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any Legion of Mary member. (Edita 94183728)