

# 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"



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B – 7 January 2024

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### **FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you His glory appears.

The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons  
from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nation's come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Ps 71 R v 11*

**R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

O God, give your judgment to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgment. **R**

In his day's justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the seacoasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring Him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **R**

For He shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

### **SECOND READING:** *Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace He meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Holy Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Matthew 2:2*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**We have seen His star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord  
Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked, 'We saw His star as it rose and have come to do Him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there, in front of them, was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with His mother Mary and falling to their knees they did Him homage.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and returned to their own country by a different way.

This is 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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## PARISH LIFE

**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** will meet on Wednesday the **10<sup>th</sup> of January 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**

**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.

## 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.**

## FLAME MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Don't miss our 34th Annual Flame Ministries Congress 12th-14th January. Held at John XXIII College.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will be opening the congress on Friday 12th January.

**Book online before 10th January for an early bird discount. [www.flameministries.org](http://www.flameministries.org)**

## THANK YOU!

Fr. Navis and I would like to thank you all in our community for the journey of the year 2023. It is with gratitude that we look back and see the journey we walked.

There have been tears of sorrow in several of our families due to the loss of dear ones, and tears of joy as well, with the new additions to the family. Some pain and loss will never really be healed. Joy has also left an indelible mark.

Many in our community have grown in their journey of discipleship with Jesus and taken the opportunities to strengthen their relationship more intentionally with Him. Some of us had a powerful encounter with Jesus and experienced new hope.

The greatest joy for us is that our community has grown even more, in numbers and in commitment.

We have drawn up a **Mission Statement** for our Parish that keeps us focused and organize events revolving around that statement to actualise our vision.

We have taken some steps this year to build our community. To mention a few; the initiation of the **Som Women's Group** who enjoyed each other's company and the spiritual support they encountered. The **Somteens Youth** have seen a big increase in numbers and many including their parents have benefited from this ministry. **The Somascan Young Adults** encountered Christ while participating in the World Youth Day at Lisbon. **The Somascan Men's Ministry** group is flourishing. **The Sunday Morning** Cuppa has encouraged community members to connect with one another. **The Altar Server's Guild** has been formalized and has enjoyed a huge increase in their numbers. **The Alpha Team** has been formed to evangelise our community through the Alpha Series Program. The Holy Spirit has blessed us, as we see the fruits of our labour.

We are looking forward to 2024 with hope and vigour as we draft and finalize our parish **Strategic Plan**, which will be shared with you over the next 12 months.

With our hearts filled with gratitude, we want to thank above all those who consistently pray for the renewal of our parish. In this group we count many senior members who have carried us over many years, and who now have had to step back due to their present circumstances. **Prayer is what gives us the graces we need to fulfil God's work - please keep it going!**

We also want to thank the many members who have chosen to spend their time in the service of our community. At times we may take it for granted that we just need to rock up for the weekend Mass and it all magically happens. It takes a whole community of volunteers who keep the parish going. We are so grateful to all those who chose to join the team.

May 2024 see a new spurt of growth among us, to be an ever more **welcoming Parish, which fosters a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and fellowship and strive to enable parishioners to witness the Gospel's call to evangelize.**

*A Happy New Year to all!*

*Fr Vijay and Fr Navis*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH

**Would you like to do something tangible for your parish?** Why not make up a group of family or friends and come along once every 4/5 weeks to clean the church. We all benefit from having a church that is neat and clean. Please contact the parish office for further information.

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 06/01/24	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon
Sun 07/01/24	8am	Souls of Mani Paily, Emmanuel & Olickal Varkey
	10am	Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu Soul of Romolo Viti Souls in Purgatory Int. of and blessings for Hernan & Beatriz Thanksgiving for blessings received (Diana Arias Ruiz) In Thanksgiving to God, The Holy Spirit
	6pm	Souls in Purgatory Soul of Angelina Ingrilli
Mon 08/01/24	7am 9am	Souls of Cosimo & Caterina Garaffa Souls of Carmine & Grazia Maria Romano Birthday int. of Milija Bobanac
Tue 09/01/24	7am 9am	Birthday int. of Sebastian Catalano (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Soul of Nikola Fistonich
Wed 10/01/24	7am 9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Family
Thurs 11/01/24	7am 9am	Soul of Mario De Abreu
Fri 12/01/24	7am 9am	Soul of Sara Jardim
Sat 13/01/24	9am	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, Peter Shinnick & Christina Herbert



## ***The BEST New Year's resolution?***

**Give one Hour a week to Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**JESUS IS NEVER OUTDONE IN GENEROSITY.**

### ROSTERS – 13 & 14 JANUARY 2024

**COUNTING- GROUP 2:** T Mollica & P Rotondella  
**CLEANING- GROUP 1:** M Marevich, J Srdarov, Zeljka Musulin & L Gligor

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