

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"



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B – 25th FEBRUARY 2024

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FIRST READING: *Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' He called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said, 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 115:10.15-19*

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:

I am sorely afflicted.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to the Romans 8:31-34*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – He rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand He stands and pleads for us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Mt 17:5*

**Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: This is
My beloved Son, hear Him.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence He was transfigured: His clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down the mountain, He warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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.

PARISH LIFE

Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal - The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal will meet on **Friday 1st of March 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. ***Do you want to pray and intercede with us for needs of people in our community and for the whole world? Come join us! All are welcome.***

Stations of the Cross- Every Friday at 7pm during Lent, followed by Holy Mass.

Somascan Men's Ministry meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. *For more information contact Brett Cullen on 0429 588 998*

Lenten Reflection Program - You are invited to look deeply at the human condition just as Jesus, the Son of God, experienced. By reflecting on the mystery of God each week, through the scriptures and faith sharing, we consider how we are called to be disciples.

Join us on Thursdays in the Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall from 7.30 - 9pm (29 February and 7 and 14 March).

Please call Judy on 0437958342 for more information.

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)

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

Lenten Healing Retreat: St Jerome's Parish is hosting a Lenten Healing Retreat led by Fr Varghese Parackal VC on Saturday 9th March 2024 from 9.30 AM – 1.45 PM.

Morning Tea & Lunch is provided in the Hall. Contact: Edita 9418 3728 / Mia 9434 4360 / Antonia 9434 9237

HOLY WEEK and EASTER PROGRAM 2024

Sunday, 24th March	Palm Sunday
Monday 25th March 6pm - 8pm	St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Tuesday, 26th March 7pm	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday, 27th March 6pm – 8pm	St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 28th March 7pm <i>(No morning Mass)</i>	Celebration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet. Watching and Praying at the altar of repose until midnight – Fr Barry Whitely Parish Hall
Good Friday, 29th March <i>(A day of fasting & abstinence)</i>	6am Silent Adoration starts 10am Stations of the Cross (Outdoors) 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Priests will be available for Confession will be available after each service
Holy Saturday, 30th March	Church opens at 6am for silent prayer 9am-12pm First Rite Reconciliation 7PM – SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – Blessing of fire & water
Easter Sunday, 31st March	Usual Sunday Mass Times (8am, 10am & 6pm)
Easter Monday 1st April 8.30am	Somascan Young Adults Rosary walk at Coogee beach.
Sunday 7th April	Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at 2.15pm . Please bring a plate to share.

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 – INDUCTION: Available dates have been published for March-April 2024. This induction runs for one hour and most sessions are online. Check this link for dates and registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/> or phone us on 9221 7762. Upcoming sessions: ONLINE -Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 7 pm Mirrabooka Parish - Saturday, 02 March 2024 at 10 am

**2024 ROSARY IN HONOUR OF
OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND ST. BERNADETTE**



Let us come together and pray for all who are sick and suffering, on the dates Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette.

Rosary will be held at ST JEROME'S PARISH at 7PM and LIVESTREAMED on the St Jerome's Parish Facebook page on each of the following apparition dates:

APPARITION	DATE
1	Sunday February 11
2	Wednesday February 14 – 6:15pm (Before Ash Wednesday Mass)
3	Sunday February 18
4	Monday February 19
5	Tuesday February 20
6	Wednesday February 21
7	Friday February 23 – 6:15pm (Before Stations of the Cross)
8	Saturday February 24
9	Sunday February 25
10	Tuesday February 27
11	Wednesday February 28

Take courage. You are God's beloved. This second week of Lent face your crosses in Jesus' way. You are God's beloved.

PLANNING FOR OUR CONFESSION

Lent is a great time for conversion and growth. Acknowledging our weakness and sin, receiving forgiveness is essential to our Catholic journey. We will have multiple opportunities to access the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lent. Be it in our parish, or in one of the neighbouring parishes, elsewhere in Perth, with your favourite priest or with a priest who does not know you: whichever way helps you, please make plans for your confession before Easter. It really makes a difference!

- 19 March 2024 – 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation in **Kwinana**
- 20 March 2024 – 6.30pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation in **Port Kennedy**
- 21 March 2024 – 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation in **Baldivis**
- 22 March 2024 – 7pm - Second Rite of Reconciliation in **Rockingham**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/02/24	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva
Sun 25/02/24	8am	Soul of Fr. Mark Beard In thanksgiving by Mirjana Fistonich & family
	10am	In thanksgiving I.H.O The Infant Jesus of Prague Int. of Maria Soymanski Souls of Ernest Gomes, Ce'sar Mendoca De Gouveia, Maria Amelia Texeira & Ricardo Gomes Birthday int. of Emanuel Cesario Silva
Mon 26/02/24	6pm	Birthday int. of Emanuel Cesario Silva
	7am	Soul of Fr. Mark Beard For the good health of Catarina
	9am	I.H.O St Calogero Soul of Helen Rose Regan (Heavenly Birthday) Souls of Jose & Maria Dias Birthday int. of Joyce Figaro
Tue 27/02/24	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Fr. Mark Beard
	9am	Int. of all Somaskan Fathers & brothers
Wed 28/02/24	7am	Soul of Nathan de Abreu Soul of Fr Mark Beard
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Freitas Birthday int. of Oriana I.H.O St Joseph Soul of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto Soul of Frank Jakovich
Thurs 29/02/24	7am	Soul of Nathan de Abreu Soul of Fr. Mark Beard
	9am	Soul of David Correia
Fri 01/03/24	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Fr Mark Beard
	9am	Soul of David Correia
Sat 02/03/24	9am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Ashley Sinclair

(Funeral Mass at St Jerome's Church – Friday, 1 March at 11am)

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VOLUNTEER'S ROSTERS - 2 & 3 MARCH 2024

COUNTING- GROUP 3: P Pereira &
L Nella

CLEANING- GROUP 1: M Marevich,
J Srdarov, Z Musulin, L Gilgor, L
Otero



Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413



Unborn Child Mass – Sat 9 March, 10am, St Mary's Cathedral

Pregnancy Assistance would like to invite you to the Day of the Unborn Child Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproston. This Mass is a chance for you to mourn and honour all babies who are no longer with us but are loved and not forgotten. During the Mass you will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children and specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth. For more information, please call Carmel or Lisette on 9328 2929.