

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"



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B – 4th FEBRUARY 2024

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FIRST READING: *Job 7:1-4.6-7*

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps.146:1-6*

**R: Praise the Lord who heals
the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. **R**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **R**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands.

Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak.

I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew: 8:17*

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:29-39*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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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PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR: Sandra De Souza

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Judy McShane & Anne Strafela
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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

THE PARISH A.G.M. will take place on **Tuesday, 6th 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.

Whole School Mass: On 09th February at 9.00am

Feast day of SAINT JEROME EMILIANI - 8th of February – the 9am Mass will be followed by Morning Tea. Please bring a plate to share.

A RETREAT DAY FOR ALL MINISTRIES (Acolytes, Choirs, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers) in the parish **will be held on Saturday, the 24th of February from 9am to 1pm.** Please confirm your attendance for catering purposes to: spearwood@perthcatholic.org.au by the 15th of February 2024.

Ash Wednesday- 14th February- Mass times: 7am, 9am (Whole School Mass) and & 7pm

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 15th of February. Enrolment forms are available on the parish website: www.stjeromesparish.org Please complete and lodge the enrolment form by no later than the 15th of February. **Classes begin on Tuesday the 13th of February.**

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.*

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.*

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)

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

St Jerome's Parish's revised Baptism
Preparation: on 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 to register
and come to the first session on
Wednesday 7 February 2024 at the Fr
Barry Whitely Parish Hall.

**OLD PALMS FROM PREVIOUS
YEARS**

If you have blessed palms from previous
years in your home, this is a good time to
bring them back to the church and drop
them in the box at the back of the church.
We will burn them during the season when
burning is allowed and use the ashes for
next year's Ash Wednesday celebration.
Thank you!

THE LEGION OF MARY of Saint Jerome's
and Mater Christi are organising a
**PILGRIMAGE TO THE VINCENTIAN
RETREAT CENTRE BYFORD** on the 17th
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 11th 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)

TOUR GUIDE OPEN HOUSE

At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very
enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to
schools, public and private organizations as well as the
general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in
February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to
eight tour guides; however, we are looking to increase our
numbers. On Tuesday 20th February at 10.30 am we will be
conducting a tour followed by a light morning tea in the
Cathedral's Parish Centre. The aim of this "Open Day" is
for those individuals who are perhaps retired or are
available during the week and would like to find out more
of what is involved, to come along to the fact-finding event.
You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and
perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be
determined by your availability and may be just one tour
every month or so for approximately 1½ hours. Of course,
all necessary training and resources are provided.

To register your attendance, or for more information, please
call *Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co Ordinator* on 0419 948
411 Email: clwwright@bigpond.net.au

WE ARE SEEKING PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE
SUNDAY COUNTING OF THE COLLECTION. IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

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.

SUNDAY GOSPEL IN AUSLAN

If you or anyone you know needs Auslan, the Emmanuel Centre has recorded videos that are published
every Thursday before the relevant Sunday. That means, this Thursday you can find the Gospel for Next
Sunday. Their YouTube channel is called Catholic Deaf and Emmanuel Centre, and it is found at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@catholicdeafandemmanuelcentre>

ROSTERS – 3 & 4 FEBRUARY 2024

COUNTING- GROUP 6:

K Alweyn, F Alweyn & S Allen

CLEANING- GROUP 1:

M. Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gilgor

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 03/02/24	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Lauletta Yon Souls of John Cerqueira & John Green Souls of Giuseppe & Franco Dolsadelli
Sun 04/02/24	8am	Birthday int. of Deanna Catalano Soul of Miro Stipinovic Souls of Milan & Milka Franin
	10am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Soul of Rui De Abreu Soul of Giuseppe Sticca Soul of Giuseppe Merenda & deceased family members. Soul of Adelina Cicanese Soul of Mirco Pasquale Soul of Giuseppina In Peca Int. of Angela Loreto Int. of family members of Angela Loreto
Mon 05/02/24	6pm 7am	
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Int. of Milija Bobanac Special int. of Mirjana Fistonich
Tue 06/02/24	7am	
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca Int. of Milija Bobnac Special int. of Mirjana Fistonich
Wed 07/02/24	7am	
	9am	Int. of Freitas & Yukos Families Int. of Richard & Yuko Freitas Soul of Teodoro Florenca Soul of Joseph Quit Birthday int. of Lidia Ladeira
Thurs 08/02/24	7am	14 th Wedding Anni. of Biju & Ligy
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca
Fri 09/02/24	7am	
	9am	Soul of Teodoro Florenca
Sat 10/02/24	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

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 (13, 20, 27 February and 5 and 12 March).

Please call Judy on 0437958342 for more information.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2021 CENSUS DATA FOR OUR PARISH

The data for our parish have been published by National Centre for Pastoral Research. Every time it is issued, it makes for an interesting read. If you are a data nerd, this is for you:

ncpr.catholic.org.au/2021-Parish-SocialProfiles/Perth/Spearwood.pdf