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"



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR B – 25 AUGUST 2024

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FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-3.16-23

R: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body,

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so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed Himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when He took her to Himself, she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is His body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 6:63.68

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that His followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before?

 $^{\prime}\text{It}$ is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew

from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to Me unless the Father allows him.'

After this, many of His disciples left Him and stopped going with Him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that You are the Holy One of God.'

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 9.30 – 10.30am and

5pm -5.30pm

Or on Request at any time

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm

PARISH SECRETARY: Alicia Benn (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

St Jerome's Parish is a welcoming Parish, which fosters a living relationship with Jesus, nurtured through the celebration of the sacraments, prayer and fellowship. St Jerome's strives to enable parishioners to witness the Gospel's call to evangelize.

PARISH LIFE

Due the generosity of a benefactor, our parish is able to have our church pews refurbished. Commencing the second week of September, the pews will be removed in sections (5 at a time). This may cause some inconvenience, but please bear with us over the next 10 months, as this major project is tackled.

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Devotions will be on Tuesday, the 27th of August at 6pm (Mass, Novena & Benediction). Celebrant: Fr Ted Miller.

The Association of the Madonna Della Salute (Our Lady of Health) invites all to help celebrate Our Lady's birthday on the 8th of September 2024 @ 3pm @ St Jerome Church Parish. All are welcome.

Somascan Men's Ministry meet on Tuesday, the 27th of August at 7pm. For more information contact Brett Cullen on 0429588 998.

St Vincent De Paul Society meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month - 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the St Lucy Room. New members are always welcome. *Contact: President – Steve 0488 611 190*.

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held every Saturday at 5.30pm.

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

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 Gathering after the Sunday 6pm Mass in the St Lucy Room (parish hall).



IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS:

To comply with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy, we request that any volunteer (church worker) i.e. Readers, Collectors, Counters, Cleaners, Decorators, who have not completed the St Jerome's registration form for all church workers, please do so as soon as possible. Copies of the form are available in the church foyer.

ST JEROME'S BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM:

The next sessions will be held on the following Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm:

29th Aug 2024 - 2nd Session 10th Oct 2024 - 1st Session 24th Oct 2024 - 2nd Session 14th Nov 2024 - 1st Session 28th Nov 2024 - 2nd Session

Please confirm your attendance via email to the Parish Office.

THE SAFEGUARDING PROJECT

Protecting Children in the Catholic Church

The Safeguarding Project is child-focused and informed by a fundamental belief that children have the right to physical and psychological safety at all times and the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth must play its part in protecting all children and vulnerable individuals.

Here at St Jerome's, we have a team of 4 trained Safeguarding Officers who are responsible for ensuring our parish meets its safeguarding responsibilities.

Please go to our Parish website for further information and links to the Archdiocese Safeguarding website, which has a number of resources, the Safeguarding Handbook and Code of Behaviour for Church Workers and Children.

2024 Child Protection Week

"Every Conversation Matters"

This year, *National Child Protection Week* will be held on September 2 – 8, culminating in Safeguarding Sunday on September 8, at our 10am Mass. All families and children are welcome to join us for this special event.

It is an important opportunity to raise awareness and engage, educate, and empower all Australians to understand the complexity of child abuse and neglect, so we can continue to work together to prevent it.



FIND OUT ABOUT FOSTER CARE WITH MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES

Presenter: Sue Harrison (Carer Recruitment & Development Worker)

Where: St Emilie's Church Hall (151 Amherst Road, Canning Vale)

When: 7th September 2024, Saturday from 3pm – 5pm

For catering, please register: canning.vale@perthcatholic.org.au

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 24/08/24 6pm Soul of Ken Orr

Soul of Lauretta Yon

Soul of Antonio Paul Da Silva Abreu

Soul of Augustin Saez
Soul of Maryvonne Brind

Sun 25/08/24 8am Soul of Andrew De Sousa

Soul of Vasco Aguiar

For reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the

Immaculate Heart of Mary

10am Thanksgiving IHO The Infant Jesus of Prague

Thanksgiving IHO St Faustina Kowalska

Birthday int. of Nikki Harney

6pm

Mon 26/08/24 7am

9am

Tue 27/08/24

7am

9am

6pm Miraculous Medal Devotion

Wed 28/08/24

7am Soul of Maria Tuyet

9am I

Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families

Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas

Thurs 29/08/24

7am Birthday intentions of Nikki Harney

9am

Fri 30/08/24

7am 9am

Sat 31/08/24

9am Soul of Robert Wagenhauser

IHO Our Lady of the Rosary

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan, Christina Herbert,

Maria de Pinto & Sarah-Jade Eades





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ROSTERS - 24/25 AUGUST 2024

COUNTING- GROUP 1: Benn Family

CLEANING- GROUP 3: R Palos, G Taag
A Abalos, L Dumapit, J Mercado &
M Monzon