## 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"



# 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C – 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 24: R v.1

R: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour.

R.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path;

He teaches His way to the poor.

R.

His ways are faithfulness and love For those who keep His covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere Him; to them He reveals His covenant. **R.** 

**SECOND READING** Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may He so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all His saints.

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Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus, to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Ps 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, And grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to His disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

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 SECRETARIES: 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**

**The Emiliani Intercessors for Renewal** will meet on *Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024 at 6pm* to pray together with Our Blessed Mother for 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. *Followed by mass at 7pm.* 

**Divine Mercy Devotions –** after the 9am Mass on Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2024.

**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*.

**Somascan Men's Ministry** meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. For more information contact Brett Cullen on 0429588 998.

**SOM-Women's Ministry** – the next meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month commencing in January 2025 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: <a href="mailto:somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com">somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com</a> 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).

**Parish Christmas Morning Tea- Sunday the 8**th of December after 10am Mass. Come together as a family to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, The Saviour of the world. Please bring a plate to share.

#### **Advent Reflection Program**

Advent is the start of the new Liturgical year and a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The Advent season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's birth.

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm to 9.00pm in The Barry Whitely Parish Hall to reflect on the coming Sunday Liturgy. We will Watch, Prepare, Rejoice, and Behold with Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. **Please call Judy on 0437958342 for more information.** 

#### **St Vincent De Paul- Christmas Gifts**

Thank you so much to all of the kind and generous parishioners who have taken a tag from the Christmas tree.

In order for us to be able to deliver the gifts to the children, we need all of the gifts, wrapped and with the tags attached, brought back and placed under the tree by **Monday**, **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Dec**.

This will allow the members of our conference the time to deliver the gifts along with the Christmas hampers. Thank you again for your generosity. Steve Gibbs (President)

## **Advent and Christmas Program -2024**

Date and Time	Event
Thursdays -28 Nov, 5 Dec, 12 Dec & 19 Dec at 7.30pm	Advent reflection
1 <sup>st</sup> of December	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C
8 <sup>th</sup> of December after 10am Mass	Parish Christmas Morning Tea and Carols
15 <sup>th</sup> of Dec to the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of Dec at 5.30am	Missa Do Galo (Portuguese Traditional Mass)
21st Dec 9.30am- 11.00am & 5pm -5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 6pm – 8pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Tuesday at 6pm	Family Mass (Christmas Mass)
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Tuesday at 8pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Tuesday at 12am	Christmas Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Wednesday at 8am & 10am	Christmas Day Mass (No 6pm mass)
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Saturday at 9am	Parish Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine
Mass at 12.00pm (At the Shrine)	(34 Santa Gertrudis Dr, Lower Chittering)
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec- Saturday at 9am	Feast of the Holy Innocents (Blessing of the children after Mass)
31st Dec -Tuesday at 11pm & 12am	Thanksgiving Holy Hour and New Year's Eve Mass (Midnight)
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025- Wednesday at 7am and 9am	New Year's Day Mass

On all other days the Mass times will be as per usual



## Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. There will be a table set up with religious items you may purchase after mass.



## St Lucy's Feast Day (Festa solenne di Santa Lucia)

In preparation of the Feast Day the **Triduum** will be on:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024, 7.00pm Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** 2024, 7.00pm Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** 2024, 7.00pm Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 2024, 2.00pm Mass and 3.15pm the procession and benediction followed by refreshments.



# PREPARATION FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST (MISSA DO GALO)

To prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus Christ there is a Portuguese Tradition of having Mass every morning for nine days.

The Mass will be said in English and the choir will sing songs dedicated to the birth of Christ in Portuguese. Everyone is welcome to join in these Masses and participate in preparing ourselves for this important day.

These Masses will commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December and will continue until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December, at 5.30am each day.

#### **ROSTERS – 7/8 DECEMBER 2024**

COUNTING- GROUP 1: N. Benn, B. Benn & D. Benn

CLEANING-GROUP 1: M. Marevich, Z. Musulin, L. Gilgor, Neda & I. Babic

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 30/11/24 6pm Soul of Ken Orr

Soul of Lauretta Yon

Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu

Souls of Michelle Pereira & Maria Nazare Da Conceicao

Sun 01/12/24 8am **Soul of Andrew De Sousa** 

Souls of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto Snr & Angela Loreto

Souls of Cornelia Formentin & Severino

The Holy Souls

Birthday intentions of Ana De Sousa

Intentions of Ann L. Rose

Intentions of De Oliveira & Camacho families

**Healing of Celia Nascimento** Healing of a parishioner 10am Soul of Craig Sewell

Souls of Antonio Rodrigues Loreto Snr & Angela Loreto

Soul of Jose Ascenso

Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu

Soul of Nello Rossi

Intentions of Peter & Christina Camacho

6pm

Mon 02/12/24 7am Soul of Faye

The Holy Souls

9am **Soul of Virgilio Loreto** 

Soul of Jose Ascenso

Intentions of Adriano Pereira & family

Healing of a parishioner

Tue 03/12/24 7am

9am

**Birthday intentions of Connie Ascenso** 

Soul of Jose Ascenso The Holy Souls

Healing of a parishioner

Wed 04/12/24 **Soul of Filice Morolla** 7am

The Holy Souls

9am **Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families** 

Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas

Soul of Giuseppe Merenda & deceased family

Soul of Jose Asecnso Healing of a parishioner

Thurs 05/12/24 7am The Holy Souls

Soul of Jose Ascenso

Healing of a parishioner

Fri 06/11/24 7am

> 9am **Soul of Jose Ascenso**

> > The Holy Souls

Sat 07/11/24 9am Soul of Anthony Be

Soul of Jose Ascenso The Holy Souls

Healing of a parishioner

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED - R.I.P.**

Evo Capelinha - Rosary & Funeral Mass-Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 11.00am Kevin Henry Caple - Funeral Service - Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10.15am at Fremantle Cemetery



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## **Exhibition of Eucharist Miracles designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis,** Saint of the Digital Age

Bring your family and friends to view this extensive exhibition and relic of Blessed Carlo, who is to be canonized in 2025. Praying for many healings and conversions.

At St. Jerome's Parish Spearwood Barry Whitely Hall Saturday 7th Dec 9.30am to 5.00pm and Sunday 8th Dec 9.00am to 4.00pm

