

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 ADVENT, YEAR C – 8th DECEMBER 2024

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FIRST READING:

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you forever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God.

For God will guide Israel in joy by the light of His glory with His mercy and integrity for escort.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 125: R v.3

**R: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord, make His path straight.

Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation 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 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

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 2nd 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: somteens.stjeromes@gmail.com
Instagram: [somteens.stjeromes](https://www.instagram.com/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 8th 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.**



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 **15th of December and will continue until the 23rd of December, at 5.30am** each day.



Advent and Christmas Program -2024



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

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

(34 Santa Gertrudis Dr, Lower Chittering)

All parishioners are invited to join the Parish Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine, on **28th December at 9am**. The program for the day will be Adoration, Reconciliation, Benediction and Mass at 12pm followed by lunch.
(Please bring a plate to share.)

Please indicate your intention to go, by adding your name to the list in the foyer, as a bus will be provided by St Jerome's Church.

CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS!

As in previous years, we will have a nativity play at the start of the 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass. Your child is welcome to come to the 6.00pm Mass dressed simply as a shepherd or angel. They will be invited to join in our procession of shepherds or angels, gathering in the church foyer at 5.50pm.

If your child or grandchild (between ages 6-14) would like to participate in the play please come for the practice sessions to be held on **Saturdays, starting on the 14 December at 9.30am in the Parish Hall.**

Please contact Jetcy on 0469282315 for further details.



**Join us to celebrate the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Monday 9th December**

12 pm - 1pm HOUR OF GRACE

7pm MASS

In 1947 Our Blessed Mother gave us the Hour of Grace. **"It is my wish that every year, on 8th December, at noon, the 'Hour of Grace for The World' will be celebrated. Many divine and bodily graces will be received through this devotion"**

– Our Lady to Sister Pierina, Italy.

Please take a copy of the Hour of Grace document at the back of the Church and follow on December 9th. If you are unable to come to the church at noon on this day, you can pray for the hour at home or at work.



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

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

Wednesday 11th December 2024,
7.00pm Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

Thursday 12th December 2024, 7.00pm
Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

Friday 13th December 2024, 7.00pm
Rosary and 7.30pm Mass

Sunday 15th December 2024, 2.00pm
Mass and 3.15pm the procession and benediction followed by refreshments.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 07/11/24	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu Souls of Robert & Irene Pereira Souls of Charles & Teresa Sweeney
Sun 08/12/24	8am	Soul of Andrew De Sousa Soul of Ivan Lyon (1 st yr death anni.) Souls of John & Sally Debrincat Departed souls of Silvino family Healing of Celia Nascimento Birthday int. of Harley Abel (1 yr old) Int. of De Oliveira & Camacho families
	10am	Soul of Jose Ascenso Soul of Nello Rossi Soul of Ivan Lyon (1 st yr death anni.) Soul of Leoncia Padillo Soul of Ray Adams Souls of Marko & Dragia Soul of Mara Jurich Soul of Pero Bakovich Souls of Giuseppe & Maria Romano Int. of Peter & Christina Camacho Int. of Ivanka Gaspa & family
on 09/12/24	6pm	Soul of Antonio Augusto da Paz (9 th yr death anni.)
	7am	Souls of family members of Jose Marciel Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich
	9am	Soul of Jose Ascenso Holy souls in Purgatory
Tue 10/12/24	7am	Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich
	9am	Soul of Jose Ascenso
Wed 11/12/24	7am	Birthday int. of Jamie De Abreu Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos Families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Soul of Jose Ascenso Birthday int. of Anthony Coelho
Thurs 12/12/24	7am	Soul of Sara Jardim Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich
	9am	Soul of Jose Ascenso Soul of Cesar Ralar
Fri 13/12/24	7am	Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich
	9am	Soul of Ashley Sinclair Soul of Jose Ascenso Soul of Jose Francisco Garces Soul of Fr David Thexeira
Sat 14/12/24	9am	Soul of Jose Ascenso Birthday int. of Jose Eduardo Dos Santos Int. of Andrea Mihaljevich

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan, Christina Herbert,
Maria de Pinto, Angela Travia & Maleyk Marlowe.
(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

Elisabetta Di Bisceglie- Funeral Mass -Tuesday, 10th December 2024 at 10.30am

Suzanne Pavlovic- Funeral Service - Thursday, 12th December at 2pm



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ROSTERS – 14/15 DECEMBER 2024

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P. Rotondella

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B. Wood