

# 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"



## The Baptism of the Lord, Year C – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

'Console My people, console them,' says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'  
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.  
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
His arm subduing all things to Him.  
The prize of His victory is with Him,  
His trophies all go before Him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding His flock,  
gathering lambs in His arms, holding them against His breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 103 R v 1*

**R: Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.  
You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,  
you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you have made them all.  
The earth is full of your riches.  
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.  
You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

### SECOND READING

*Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed Himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be His very own and would have no ambition except to do good.  
When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because He was concerned with any righteous actions, we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except His own compassion that He saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which He has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by His grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lk 3:16*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.**  
**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

*Luke 3:15-16.21-22*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of His sandals; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'  
Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after His own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from the heaven, 'You are My Son, the Beloved; My favour rests on You.'

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 PARISH A.G.M.** will take place on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm, in the Fr Barry Whitely 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/re-electing members for the Council and nomination forms are available in the foyer. Please note that nominees should be active members of the parish.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 FOR NON-CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Enrolments for the Sacramental Programme 2025 for children in public schools in Years 3 to 6 will soon be open. Enrolment forms will be available on the parish website: [www.stjeromesparish.org](http://www.stjeromesparish.org)  
**Please complete and lodge the enrolment form by no later than the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.**

**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, commencing January 2025. *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.

**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).

### BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM - 2025

Two sessions will be held per month on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm

In the Magellan Room (Fr Barry Whitely parish hall)



January - 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>  
February - 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
March - 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
April - 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
May - 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June - 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

**Please email the Parish Office to register for the sessions.**

**RECONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH, BUILD AWESOME FRIENDSHIPS, AND HAVE FUN AT CYM'S SUMMER GETAWAY WEEKEND, THEMED "PILGRIMS OF HOPE".**

**From 7 - 9 February 2025**, escape to a weekend of spiritual growth, fellowship, and relaxation designed for young adults.

**Location:** Scouts W.A. Adventure Centre Eaton,

**Tickets: General:** \$ 150.00, **Concession:** \$ 130.00

**What's involved:** There will be lots of social activities, talks and discussions, music, prayer and Mass. Don't miss this chance to recharge and refocus for the year ahead.

**Register at [bit.ly/Getaway25](https://bit.ly/Getaway25) |** For more information contact CYM 9422 7912 or [events.cym@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:events.cym@perthcatholic.org.au)

**CYM AND FRIENDS ARE EXCITED TO BRING YOU "THE WITNESS"**

**MUSICAL** by Jimmy and Carol Owens! In this vibrant and inspiring production, the story of Jesus is told and sung for you by Peter, the apostle - "The Witness" - and the other men and women who knew Jesus best. The world's most extraordinary true story is brought to life with beautiful music, powerful storytelling and unforgettable moments. It's an experience that has resonated with people all over the world and we are inviting YOU to be a part of it, right here in Perth! Whether you're a seasoned performer, or have never set foot on a stage, bring your energy, enthusiasm and most importantly, your love for music ministry and let's make something beautiful together. We are looking for SINGERS, ACTORS, DANCERS aged 18 – 35, as well as MUSICIANS and backstage SUPPORT CREW of all ages.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE FOREIGN CURRENCY IN THE COLLECTION BAGS/BOXES**

Foreign coins are 'useless' to the Parish as the bank will not accept them. These coins also jam the counting machine, so that a recount is needed which takes up time. If you do not have Australian money on hand, please feel free to abstain from putting anything in the collection box.



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WELCOME OF RELIC ON FRI 17 JAN 2025  
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Adoration, Talk, Holy Mass

SAT 18 JAN 2025 8:00AM - 8:00PM  
SUN 19 JAN 2025 7:00AM - 8:00AM

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"THE EUCHARIST IS MY  
HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN"

**JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025**



**THE JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

**Amen**

**PILGRIMAGE**

The jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do not only change place physically, but we also change ourselves. Hence, it is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out. The etymology of the word "pilgrimage" is quite telling and has undergone little change in meaning over the years. The word comes from the Latin "*per ager*," meaning "across the fields," or perhaps from "*per eger*" meaning "border crossing": both possible origins point to the distinctive aspect of undertaking a journey.

(taken from: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va>)

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 11/01/25	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu Soul of Carmela Favazzo Intentions of Anna De Sousa & Family & In Thanksgiving
Sun 12/01/25	8am	Soul of Andrew De Sousa Souls of John & Sally Debrincat Souls of Saviour & Carmen Piscopo & Family Soul of Gabriel Abreu Souls of Rita & Manuel Aguiar Souls of Manuel Constantino & Jacinta Pestana Souls of Maria & Mile Baskovich Soul of Eduardo Pereira Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
	10am	Soul of Angelo Mirco Souls of Antonio & Rosina Mirco Souls of Pasquale & Antonietta Spadanuda Soul of Nicola Cianfagna Soul of Maria Rosa Piccoli Soul of Nello Rossi Soul of Sara Jardim Souls of Cosimo & Caterina Garaffa Souls of Carmine & Grazia Maria Romano Soul of Leoncia Padillo Soul of Concetta D'Antuono
	6pm	Souls of Joao Vasco Aguiar & Jose Umberto Aguiar Soul of Marica Stipcevic Souls in Purgatory
Mon 13/01/25	7am	Intentions of Jamie De Abreu Birthday Intentions of Michael Furfaro
	9am	Soul of Ashley Sinclair Birthday Intentions of Carmel Butterfield
Tue 14/01/25	7am	Souls in Purgatory Soul of Marica Stipcevic
	9am	Birthday Intentions of Sebastiano Catalano In thanksgiving i.h.o. the Infant Jesus of Prague
Wed 15/01/25	7am	For the Conversion of Souls Soul of Ante Bozanic
	9am	Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Soul of Johnny Banovic Soul of Mathew Salatena
Thurs 16/01/25	7am	
	9am	Soul of Nicola Gaudio (1 year anniversary) Soul of Lucrezia Gaudio
Fri 17/01/25	7am	For the Conversion of Souls
	9am	
Sat 18/01/25	9am	Souls of Armando & George Correia In Thanksgiving i.h.o. The Holy Spirit Soul of Arceolinda Garces Da Luz Souls of deceased members of the Mastaglia family

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Maria Fernandez, Monica Mendes, Peter Scanlan, Christina Herbert,  
Maria de Pinto, Angela Travia, Maleyk Marlowe & Sandra Grima.

(Please advise the parish office if any of these names need to be removed.)

### **RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.:**

**Sergio Ferreira** – Funeral Rosary & Mass: 15/01/2025 at 10am  
**Vincenzo Cicanese** – Funeral Mass at St Patrick's Basilica: 15/01/2025 at 10am  
**Stephen Rosario Galati-Rando** – Funeral Mass: 29/01/2025 at 10.15am  
**Concetta D'Antuono** (sister of Maria Mirco & Angelo D'Antuono – died in Italy)



**ST JEROME'S**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### **ROSTERS**

#### **18/19 JANUARY 2025**

#### **COUNTING- GROUP 1:**

D Benn, N Benn & B Benn

#### **CLEANING-GROUP 3:**

S Bradley, G & J Taag, A Abalos, J Gako,  
J Mercado & N & E Mabuti