

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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VISION: "To be an active faith community centred on Jesus Christ, which unites everyone to build a better world"



4th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C – 30 March 2025

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FIRST READING: *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 33:2-7 R.v.9*

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.**

Glorify the Lord with me,
together let us praise His name.
I sought the Lord and He answered me;
from all my terrors He set me free. **R.**

Look towards Him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

SECOND READING: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on His reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to Himself, not holding men's faults against them, and He has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in Him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *Luke: 15:1-3, 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what He had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to His father, 'Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.'" So the father divided the property between them. A few days, later the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country, where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, 'How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you: I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.'" So, he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead, and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants, he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come," replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound."

He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, 'Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends.

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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
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

Stations of the Cross- Every Friday during Lent at 7pm, followed by Holy Mass.

Lenten Reflection Program - Every Thursday during lent in the Resource room (meeting room in the Parish administration area) at 7.30pm to 8.30 Judy McShane will lead the group.

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. **For more information contact Steve (President) 0488 611 190.**

24hr Rosary Devotion – every first Friday of the month at 8pm until 8pm on the Saturday. Please contact Egidio on 0437720358 if you would like to be included on the roster.

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

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

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).

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

Intercessory Prayer Group - meet every Wednesday from 4pm to -5pm in the adoration chapel. **For more information Contact Egidio on 0437720358.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM – 2025

Two sessions will be held per month (usually on Thursdays) from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, in the Magellan Room (Fr Barry Whitely parish hall). **Please email the Parish Office to register for these sessions.**

April - 9th and 23rd (Wednesdays)

May - 8th and 22nd

June - 5th and 19th

Please note that we now have security cameras around the hall, church & presbytery grounds.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER PROGRAM 2025

Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday (Procession with palms before each mass).
Tuesday, 15th April 7pm	Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
Wednesday, 16th April 6pm – 8pm	St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 17th April 7pm (No morning Mass)	Celebration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the feet. Watching and Praying at the altar of repose until midnight.
Good Friday, 18th April (A day of fasting & abstinence)	6am Silent Adoration starts 10am Stations of the Cross (Outdoors) 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Holy Saturday, 19th April	Church opens at 6am for silent prayer 10am-12pm First Rite Reconciliation 7PM – SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL – Blessing of fire & water
Easter Sunday, 20th April	Usual Sunday Mass Times (8am, 10am & 6pm)
Easter Monday 21st April	Usual morning masses (7am & 9am) Somaskan Young Adults Rosary Walk at Coogee beach. (8.30am)

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE – THE DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD MASS Saturday 5 April 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth

The Day of the Unborn Child Mass is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. We pray for these precious children. We also pray for the healing of the wounded heart that causes sadness and regret within us. You will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children or specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth. St John Paul II offers consolation to women and men who have had an abortion:

"The Father of Mercy is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost, and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord."

Our celebrant will be the Most Reverend Bishop Don Sproxtton. Please stay for a cuppa in the Function Room downstairs after Mass.

Further info; Leigh or Lisette 08 9328 2929.

26 Apr menALIVE - EMMAUS WALK FOR MEN

Grab a mate or your son and join a group of likeminded blokes on Emmaus Walk 2025.

Commences with **7.30am with Mass at Carmelite Convent, Nedlands**, followed by a leisurely 12km walk along the river via Crawley and Elizabeth Quay to St Mary's Cathedral, arriving circa 10.30am where refreshments and reconciliation will be available. Register at

<https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/EmmausWalk25>.

Further info; Kim Metcalf on 0414 537 023.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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**SAFEGUARDING- LEVEL 1 INDUCTION
FOR CHURCH WORKERS PAID/UNPAID**

DATE: Monday 7th April 2025

TIME: 10am to 11am

VENUE: St Vincents Parish, 114
Parmelia Ave, Parmelia

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But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ’

The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 29/03/25	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr Soul of Laretta Yon Soul of Antonio Paulo Da Silva Abreu Souls of Barbara Illingsworth & Angela Pereira Intentions of Melanie Lotz
Sun 30/03/25	8am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Andrew De Sousa Soul of Nerida Clare Mutter Soul of Jose & Conceicao De Sousa Souls of Beatriz & Agostinho Pereira Special. Int. of Edward, Jason & Rebecca De Sousa For good health of Andrea, Tobias, Grace & Maya De Sousa
	10am	Soul of Margaret Alice Phillips Souls of Beatriz & Agostinho Pereira Soul of Peppino D’Uva
	6pm	Intentions of Katie Coelho
Mon 31/03/25	7am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Soul of Marie Elise
	9am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Souls of Niall & Daniel M’Closkey Intentions of Katie Coelho
Tue 01/04/25	7am	Intentions of Katie Coelho
	9am	Soul of Craig Sewell Soul of Angela Loreto
Wed 02/04/25	7am	Soul of Sebastiano Galati Soul of Giuseppina Galati
	9am	Soul of Neda Szulej Intentions of Freitas & Yukos families Intentions of Richard & Yuko Freitas Intentions of Katie Coelho
Thurs 03/04/25	7am	Intentions of Katie Coelho
	9am	Intentions of Katie Coelho
Fri 04/04/25	7am	Intentions of Katie Coelho
	9am	Souls of Jose Fernandes Correia & Maria De Aguiar Souls of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda & Deceased Family
Sat 05/04/25	9am	Soul of Nathan De Abreu Intentions of Katie Coelho

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 &
John Paul Mendes

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



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