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"

5th SUNDAY OF LENT - Year C – 2nd & 3rd April 2022

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters, who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light;
can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.
The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

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 3:8-14*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For Him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in Him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of His Resurrection and to share His sufferings by reproducing the pattern of His death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you, my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: *John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak He appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to Him, He sat down and began to teach them.
The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman to Him who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked Him this as a test, looking for something to use against Him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with His finger. As they persisted with their question, He looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then He bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, Sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus. 'Go away, and don't sin anymore.'

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 10.00 – 11.00am and 5pm -5.30pm Or on Request at any time
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:	**Tuesday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm**

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FATHER'S MESSAGE

God Surprises us
A woman caught in adultery, the law of Moses saying that she should be stoned,
the leaders of the Jewish people using her as an opportunity to attack Jesus,
those who judge others,
and Jesus, the Fountain of Divine Mercy,

Jesus places a bigger challenge before the accusers. ***"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her"*** **-** It makes us examine ourselves and stop throwing judgements on others.

"See, I am doing something new." God declares that something new is happening. It is the Divine Mercy. It transforms the life of a believer and makes us new creatures. We are restored to an everlasting relationship with our merciful, loving God and our fellow beings.

By saying ***"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."*** Jesus gives the Scribes and pharisees an opportunity and time to examine themselves and return to the Lord. But their self-righteous attitude makes them to depart from the spot, beginning with the eldest.

Let's look at that woman at Jesus' feet. She was sinful. She should have been killed for her sins, at least according to the law of her time. Jesus raises her up from the dungeon of sin by saying ***"neither do I condemn you, go away, and sin no more."*** Jesus loves the sinner and hates sin.

We are a week away from the celebration of the passion and death and resurrection of Jesus. Let us make a plan to receive the Mercy of God through the sacrament of Reconciliation

The Christian does not throw stones. The Christian bathes people with mercy.

LENTEN/EASTER PROGRAM 2022	
Every Friday of Lent	**7pm** Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Mass
Every Tuesday of Lent: **8th March to 5th April**	**7pm in the St Lucy's Room**. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church to be included in this program. The programme will include 6 sessions. Duration: 1½ hours
Sunday, 10th April	Palm Sunday
Tuesday, 12th April	7pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday, 13th April	**6pm – 8pm** St Jerome's Parish First Rite of Reconciliation
Holy Thursday, 14th April	7pm Last Supper Mass followed by adoration at the altar of reposition until Midnight
Good Friday, 15th April	6am Silent Adoration starts 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Passion
Holy Saturday, 16th April	10am – 11.30am First Rite Reconciliation – NO CONFESSIONS AT 5PM **7PM - EASTER VIGIL**
Easter Sunday, 17th April	Usual Sunday Mass Times (8am, 10am & 6pm)

Ukraine Appeal

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support.

Donate now to help the people of Ukraine.
Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.
Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis - **www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news**

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PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Shaniella 23, from the Solomon Islands was determined to forge a path out of poverty, moving away to vocational school. With your support, Shaniella was able to overcome further challenges of natural disasters and gain the skills she needs to create a brighter future for herself.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *For All Future Generations.*

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers - Online

For those parish volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguarding Induction for Church Workers, the Safeguarding Office will conduct 2-hour online sessions via ZOOM in the upcoming months of 2022. **Wednesday 13 April 2022 – 10 am, Friday 06 May 2022 – 10 am - Tuesday, 17 May 2022 – 1 pm (See poster in the foyer for further dates.)**

To register please visit: www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au Or phone 9221 7762.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY PASTORAL WORKER (Permanent, Full Time) Applications close Thursday 21 April 2022. To receive the Job Description and submit your application please email: **agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au**
Please see notice board for more details.

Aid to the Church in Need
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A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses

ST JEROME'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Kindergarten Enrolments for 2023 - Interviews for Kindergarten 2023 are in progress. If your child was born between 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, they are eligible for Kindergarten in 2023. Parents of children with siblings are urged to ensure their applications have been submitted to avoid disappointment.

3 Year Old Kindergarten Enrolments for 2023 - Places are available for our 3 Year Old Kindergarten next year. If your child was born between 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 your child will be able to join the program once they turn three.

Application booklets are available from the front office at the school.

We do offer tours of our school. Please check the school website for dates and times. All are welcome.
For any enquiries please contact St Jerome's Primary School.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Alex Baggio, Ellen Breen, Jim Hill, Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo & Maria Fernandez

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

RECENTLY DECEASED – R.I.P.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 02/04/22	**6pm**	**Soul of Ken Orr**
		Soul of Lauretta Yon
Sun 03/04/22	**8am**	**Soul of Manuel**
		Soul of Hortencia Nunes
		Soul of Pauline Smith
	10am	**Soul of Maria Basilio**
		Soul of Lisa Merenda
	6pm	**Intentions of Juan & Winston Little**
Mon 04/04/22	**7am**	**Soul of Manuel**
	9am	**Soul of Giuseppe Antonio Merenda**
Tues 05/04/22	**7am**	**Soul of Manuel**
	9am	**Soul of Bert Travia**
Wed 06/04/22	**7am**	
	9am	**Int. of Freitas & Yukos families**
Thurs 07/04/22	**7am**	
	9am	
Fri 08/04/22	**7am**	
	9am	
	7pm	**Stations of the Cross followed by Mass**
Sat 09/04/22	**9am**	

Divine Mercy Devotion will be held this Sunday at 2.15pm.



Church Cleaners Roster:

9th April 2022 – Group 1: Marevich, J Srdarov, Z Musulin & L Gligor

16th April 2022 – Group 2: S Revillame, M Mercado, J Balmes, M Cristobal, L Otero, A Magbuhat & J Clarete

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