

ST JEROME'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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



27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YR A – 4th October

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FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 79:9.12-16.19-20*

**R: The vineyard of the Lord
is the house of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt:
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R**

SECOND READING: *St Paul to Philippians 4:6-9*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *John 15:15*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner who planted a vineyard, he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

"I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Father's message

Welcome the Son into the vineyard

“We are attracted by fruit. We want its sweetness, its beauty, its pleasure. And we want it all. The world in which we live, God's world, is ripe with “fruit” that gives us satisfaction and enjoyment. God enabled us to produce innumerable more ways of experiencing comfort, satisfaction and enjoyment. We want it all.

All civilisations had rituals to keep the awareness alive that **all fruit is really God's rightful property and his gift to us**. The offering of the first fruits of any activity is a way to acknowledge that. The first born of the cattle, the first fruits of the harvest, the first salary of a new job. The poor are often at the receiving end of this offering - an intuition that God considers done to himself what is done to the poor.

God means us to enjoy this world, the “fruit”. He is the creator of all pleasures.

“Never forget that when we are dealing with any pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form, we are, in a sense, on the Enemy's ground. It is His invention, not ours. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which our Enemy has produced, at times, or in ways, or in degrees, which He has forbidden. An ever-increasing craving for an ever-diminishing pleasure is the formula.” — C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

God does not deprive us of what pleases us. He offers guidance so we can enjoy it longer and safely. We want the fruit without the limitations that are meant to keep us healthy, to continue to enjoy the fruit forever. Jesus identified with the vine. **“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:1-2) “Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” (John 15:4)

God knows that we can only produce good fruit when we are with Him. We need to remain in him. We need to take his guidance of our own free will, so that the fruit will not harm us.

I can bear fruit and enjoy it when I remain in a personal relationship with Jesus. What is your present “fruit”?
Take Jesus with you. Enjoy the “fruit” - with Jesus.

PARISH RENEWAL CORNER

The Necessity for Renewal: Maintenance to Mission

The parish remains the primary experience of Church for many Catholics and, as Pope Francis has affirmed, ‘is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community.’ (Evangelii Gaudium 28).

There is much to celebrate in our local communities of faith – the commitment of our leaders, ordained and lay, various forms of pastoral activity and outreach, the living faith that makes these communities a true spiritual home. However, we are conscious too of the challenges that face our parishes. The most recent 2016 census in Australia saw a decline in the number of people identifying as Catholic from 25.3% in 2011 to 22.6% in 2016; whilst the ‘no religion’ category rose to 30.1%. Many today question the relevance of religion and faith and participation rates in many parishes in Australia are declining.

We hold that Christian faith is first and foremost a response to God, specifically an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ who offers fullness of life, healing and hope for all. We uphold the local community of the parish as a privileged venue for this encounter, a centre of missionary discipleship in which Christ is encountered in God's Word, Eucharist and a pilgrim people of faith. The parish supports growth in the Christian life, is an environment for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration and is called to constant missionary outreach.

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday to Friday - 7am and 9am
Saturday - 9am

WEEKEND MASS: Saturday - 6pm Vigil

Sunday - 8am, 10am and
6pm (Youth Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 10.00 – 11.00am and
5pm -5.30pm
Or on Request at any time

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2.30pm
Thursdays 9am to 12pm

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Holy Rosary prayed every evening at 7.00pm



We would like to give a big Thank you to all parishioners that helped to organise the St Jeromes Feast day cuppa & cupcake event last weekend. God Bless you all!

DAILY HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on weekdays (Monday to Friday) at 5.45am on the main altar. You are all welcome to spend an hour in silent adoration followed by Benediction before the 7.00am Mass.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There will be a public rosary on **Saturday 10th October 2020 at 9.45am** at the Grotto. Please join us!

HOLDERS OF WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS

Please check your cards expiry date. This reminder comes from the Archbishop and the official office of the church. Renewal forms can be collected from the post office or the parish office.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CANDIDATES FROM ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL AND PREP WILL TAKE PLACE AT NON-PARISH MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF 31-01 NOVEMBER.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2020

For any issue to be considered, please email Fr. Vijay or Ann Taylor at ppcsecretary@stjeromesparish.org in advance.

NEW PRINCIPAL TO ST. JEROME'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our community is extremely grateful to Mrs Helen O'Toole for the long service we received from her during her 9 years at St. Jerome's Catholic Primary School, as a Principal. She is retiring at the end of the year from her position. Mr. Chris Cully, Principal of Hammond Park Catholic Primary School has been appointed as Principal of our School from January 2021. Welcome to our community!

CULTURAL DIVERSITY MASS

You are invited to join Bishop Don Sproxton DD VG at a Eucharistic Celebration for Cultural Diversity Mass on **Saturday 24 October at 6.00 pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**

Register at Eventbrite: CulturalDiversityMass2020

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cultural-diversity-mass-tickets-122179555339>

Come and celebrate all cultures that make our church so vibrant. Dress in your cultural attire and enjoy this event with family and friends. There will be food and coffee available for purchase after mass.

1600th Death Anniversary of Saint Jerome, doctor of the Church & patron saint of our Parish.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has promulgated apostolic letter to mark this day. Please see link below.

APOSTOLIC LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE SIXTEEN HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT JEROME "SCRIPTURAE SACRAE AFFECTUS"

(http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20200930_scripturae-sacrae-affectus.html)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Matilda De Santos, Sister Renee Quadros, Salvatore Lazzara, Alessio De Souza, John Alvarez, Marina & Rita Papalia, Sid Gaspar, Lucia Merenda, Madeleine Lombardo, Maria Fernandez.

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat 03/10/20	6pm	Soul of Ken Orr	Tues 06/10/20	7am	
		Soul of Lauretta Yon		9am	B'Day Int. Jason Phillips
		Soul of Sam Said			
		Souls of Jose Luis Dias, Ana Correia and Dolores Mendes	Wed 07/10/20	7am	
Sun 04/10/20	8am	Soul of Joao Manuel Jardim		9am	Soul of Rosaria Lazzaro
		Soul of Jerry Abreu			Thanksgiving Int for Stephen to our Lady
		Soul of Clivy Law Yui Wan			For the souls in purgatory
		Soul of Felice Morolla			Int. of Freitas & Yukos families
	10am	Soul of Guiseppe Antonio Merenda & Family			
		Thanksgiving mass Int for Geromino Callneg			
	6pm		Thur 08/10/20	7am	
				9am	Souls of George & Armando Correia
Mon 05/10/20	7am				Soul of Nathan De Abreu
	9am	Holy souls in purgatory			Soul of Luis Coelho
			Fri 09/10/20	7am	Int. Tess Lornie
				9am	Soul of Giovanna Maria Graziano
			Sat 10/10/20	9am	

PUBLIC MASSES ARE RESUMING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 120 PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHURCH AT THE USUAL TIMES (PLEASE SEE MASS TIMES). IF MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPANTS THEY WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE PARISH HALL WITH LIVE-STREAMING AND COMMUNION. PROTOCOLS AND HYGIENE WILL APPLY AS PER REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH.

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