

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. They burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "the Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 136**Response:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion: on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my righthand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4–10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The Word of the Lord All: **Thanks be to God****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sunday Masses

Saturday 06:30pm
 07:30pm (longer liturgy)
 Sunday 09:00 am
 10:15am (Italian)
 2nd Sun 11:15am (Brazilian)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Saturday 8:00am

Rosary Tues 7:30am

Adoration Thurs 7:30am

Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sun at 11:15am

Confessions

Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm or
 by appointment

Weddings & Funerals

By appointment

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest:
 Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
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Parish office hours

Mon & Wed: closed,
 Tues: 8.30am - 12.30pm
 Thurs: 12.30 – 4:00pm
 Fri:10.00am – 2:30pm

Mass intentions

Sat	6:30 pm	
	7:30 pm	
Sun	9:00 am	
	10:15 am	Rosaria Moffa (2 weeks) Francesco Ferraloro(6th Mth)

Parish Rosters

Readers

Sat	6:30pm	Margot Harness
	7:30pm	Neocatechumenal Way
Sun	9:00am	Ahinsa Wijethunga & Sharlene Lamahe wage
	10:15am	Italian Mass

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy	
Jo	Judy

Acolyte & Servers

Sat	6:30pm	Brad
		Alicia, Izzy, Emma, Chloe, Daniel P, Alexandra
Sun	9:00am	Eugene, Brendon & Pedro
		Thineth, Clara, Grace, Tess, Joseph & Mariam
	10:15am	
Hospital		By appointment

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. If you are either new or old to our parish, please join the plan and help us to pay our bills. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

GREEK / HEBREW WORD

שמחה Simcha, Joy, is one of the most prevalent words in the Bible. Together with its synonym, sa•son, it appears in scriptures over 400 times! In fact, the English word 'sassy' came from sa•son. Both words together form a beautiful expression that is said in every Jewish wedding (by the way, weddings themselves and other great events such as a child birth are called in the general name 'sim•cha'). This expression, coined by the prophet, Jeremiah, says: 'kol sa•son ve•kol sim•cha, kol cha•tan ve•kol ka•la'. "The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride" Jeremiah 33:11 The Book of Jeremiah repeats this expression three more times: 7:34, 16:9 and 25:10. Sim•cha is connected to the name of an important Jewish Holiday – Sim•chat To•rah – the Rejoicing of the Torah. This holiday is celebrated on She•mi•ni A•tze•ret, which is the first day following the seventh day of Sukkot (Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles). Even though She•mi•ni A•tze•ret is celebrated a day after Su•kkot, it is a separate Biblical holiday* (see below). Sim•chat To•rah is celebrated on the same day, and the custom was started by the sages during the exile in Babylonia. The holiday commemorates the completion of reading portions of the Torah during the year (there are 52; each portion is read each week of the year all over the world). This custom is biblical because it was first done by Ezra the Scribe. "Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; on the eighth day shall be a holy gathering to you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Lord; it is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no labor in it" Leviticus 23:36 Another small holiday related to sim•cha is Sim•chat Beit Ha•sho•e•va. It is an ancient Jewish custom related to the commandment of "Pouring (casting) Water" that was established at the Temple on Sukkot (Feast of Booths, Feast of Tabernacles) after bringing the water of the Gihon Spring to the Temple. From 100 references to joy, the first time it is mentioned in the New Testament it is coupled with the birth of Jesus, Yeshua:

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy"

Matthew 2:10

Parish Activities

Dancing: Zumba and Line Dancing

Every Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm

\$12.50 per person

Line Dancing

Every Wednesday 6:15-7:45pm

\$10 per person

Contact: Pat 0407 561 470

Parish events

St Kieran Parish Project

This project now includes renovation of the Kitchen in the Parish Centre. Many thanks to our Parishioners and Contributors for our Parish Project, fundraising activities will continue in 2024 to fund the renovations. For contributions to St Kieran Project, please donate to the parish Fundraising account.

St Kieran Feast Day - A successful celebration

Many thanks to all parishioners, who helped celebrate the St Kieran Feast Day, a very good turnout and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to all who celebrated the event by bringing food and helping out with the catering and cooking the sausages.

Busy Bee Weekend - Saturday 9th March

Many thanks to all those who participated in our Busy Bee activity. Much appreciated for your time and effort for the busy day.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2025

St Kieran CPS is now accepting Enrolment for Kindy 2025 and will be interviewing for these positions very soon. Please don't leave this process until the last minute, as there were many people who were unable to be accommodated in 2024. Any questions please contact the school administration via 6383 2600 or email admin@stkeiran.wa.edu.au

Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent 6:00pm

(Confessions available during the stations)

Lenten Morning Prayer

Monday to Friday 6:30am

Holy Week Timetable

Holy Thursday: 6:30pm then Adoration

Good Friday: 10:00am - Kids Stations of the Cross
3:00pm - Veneration of the Cross

Saturday Easter Vigil: 6:30pm

Whole night Vigil: 10:00pm

Easter Sunday: 9:00am (English) 10:15am (Italian)

PRIMA LETTURA

2Cr 36:14-16, 19-23

In quei giorni, tutti i capi di Giuda, i sacerdoti e il popolo moltiplicarono le loro infedeltà, imitando in tutto gli abomini degli altri popoli, e contaminarono il tempio, che il Signore si era consacrato a Gerusalemme. Il Signore, Dio dei loro padri, mandò premurosamente e incessantemente i suoi messaggeri ad ammonirli, perché aveva compassione del suo popolo e della sua dimora. Ma essi si beffarono dei messaggeri di Dio, disprezzarono le sue parole e schernirono i suoi profeti al punto che l'ira del Signore contro il suo popolo raggiunse il culmine, senza più rimedio. Quindi [i suoi nemici] incendiarono il tempio del Signore, demolirono le mura di Gerusalemme e diedero alle fiamme tutti i suoi palazzi e distrussero tutti i suoi oggetti preziosi. Il re [dei Caldèi] deportò a Babilonia gli scampati alla spada, che divennero schiavi suoi e dei suoi figli fino all'avvento del regno persiano, attuandosi così la parola del Signore per bocca di Geremia: «Finché la terra non abbia scontato i suoi sabati, essa riposerà per tutto il tempo della desolazione fino al compiersi di settanta anni». Nell'anno primo di Ciro, re di Persia, perché si adempisse la parola del Signore pronunciata per bocca di Geremia, il Signore suscitò lo spirito di Ciro, re di Persia, che fece proclamare per tutto il suo regno, anche per iscritto: «Così dice Ciro, re di Persia: "Il Signore, Dio del cielo, mi ha concesso tutti i regni della terra. Egli mi ha incaricato di costruirgli un tempio a Gerusalemme, che è in Giuda. Chiunque di voi appartiene al Suo popolo, il Signore, Suo Dio, sia con Lui e salga!"».

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 138

Il ricordo di te, Signore, è la nostra gioia.

Lungo i fiumi di Babilonia, là sedevamo e piangevamo ricordandoci di Sion. Ai salici di quella terra appendemmo le nostre cetre. **R.**

Perché là ci chiedevano parole di canto coloro che ci avevano deportato, allegre canzoni, i nostri oppressori: «Cantateci canti di Sion!».

R.

Come cantare i canti del Signore in terra straniera? Se mi dimentico di te, Gerusalemme, si dimentichi di me la mia destra. **R.**

Mi si attacchi la lingua al palato se lascio cadere il tuo ricordo, se non innalzo Gerusalemme al di sopra di ogni mia gioia. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

Ef 2,4-10

Fratelli, Dio, ricco di misericordia, per il grande amore con il quale ci ha amato, da morti che eravamo per le colpe, ci ha fatto rivivere con Cristo: per grazia siete salvati. Con lui ci ha anche risuscitato e ci ha fatto sedere nei cieli, in Cristo Gesù, per mostrare nei secoli futuri la straordinaria ricchezza della sua grazia mediante la sua bontà verso di noi in Cristo Gesù. Per grazia infatti siete salvati mediante la fede; e ciò non viene da voi, ma è dono di Dio; né viene dalle opere, perché nessuno possa vantarsene. Siamo infatti opera sua, creati in Cristo Gesù per le opere buone, che Dio ha preparato perché in esse camminassimo.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù! Dio ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito; chiunque crede in Lui ha la vita eterna Lode e onore a te, Signore Gesù!

VANGELO

Gv 3,14-21

In quel tempo, Gesù disse a Nicodèmo: «Come Mosè innalzò il serpente nel deserto, così bisogna che sia innalzato il Figlio dell'uomo, perché chiunque crede in lui abbia la vita eterna. Dio infatti ha tanto amato il mondo da dare il Figlio unigenito perché chiunque crede in lui non vada perduto, ma abbia la vita eterna. Dio, infatti, non ha mandato il Figlio nel mondo per condannare il mondo, ma perché il mondo sia salvato per mezzo di lui. Chi crede in lui non è condannato; ma chi non crede è già stato condannato, perché non ha creduto nel nome dell'unigenito Figlio di Dio. E il giudizio è questo: la luce è venuta nel mondo, ma gli uomini hanno amato più le tenebre che la luce, perché le loro opere erano malvagie. Chiunque infatti fa il male, odia la luce, e non viene alla luce perché le sue opere non vengano riprovate. Invece chi fa la verità viene verso la luce, perché appaia chiaramente che le sue opere sono state fatte in Dio».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.