



21 October 2019

Perth Tamil Catholic Community
Sunday 27th October 2019
St Jude's Church, Langford

Dear Father Raj, the Parishioners of St Jude's Parish and, in a particular way, the Members of the Perth Tamil Catholic Community. I greet you all on the Feast Day of your Parish.

St Jude is a great teacher about our faith as he was one of the original apostles chosen by Christ. May St Jude strengthen us to face the challenges to faith today as he did in his own day, even to the point of martyrdom.

Today the Perth Tamil Community is celebrating ten years since its formation in 2009.

With strong leadership and its monthly Mass in Tamil, many people have found in the Tamil Community, a welcome and a fraternity that help them in their family life and in finding a worthy place in the general community.

Some have come to Australia recently, some have been here for a long time. Those newcomers who have known the struggles and the violence of recent decades will be grateful to the welcome and support of those who understand their plight.

I pray that the Tamil Catholic Community will continue into the future with God's loving and gracious blessing, and may the Community give good witness of faith and fidelity to future generations.

I regret that I cannot be with you today, but I will remember you in my Mass on this important occasion.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ

Most Rev B J Hickey
Archbishop Emeritus of Perth