

## First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

### A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When [Elijah](#) reached [Horeb](#), the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when [Elijah](#) heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

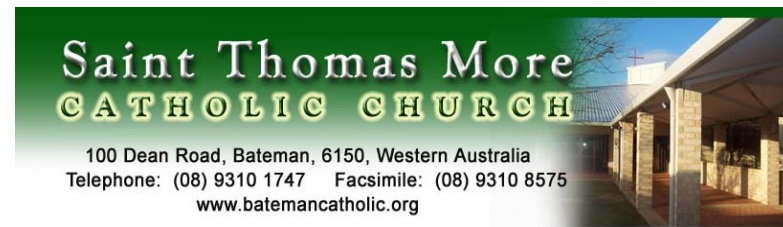
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of [Israel](#), my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’



*A house of welcome to all and a place of service to all*

Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A

August 10, 2014

## Where Do We Find God?

One of the first questions in the Penny Catechism is “Where is God?” The answer: “God is everywhere”. As Creator, God is in creation. As Saviour, God is in human history. As Redeemer, God is in every human person. However, the question of God’s ‘whereabouts’, and the meaning of his ‘everywhere’, is different from the question of our seeing or finding God. How does this ‘everywhere’ God reveal himself to us?

Scripture tells us Jacob saw God “face to face” (Gen. 32:30), and that “God spoke to Moses as a person speaks to a friend” (Exod. 33:11). Indeed, for Christians, Jesus is the very face of God. Yet, we also learn from Exodus, “you cannot see God’s face and live” (33:20) and from John’s gospel, “no one has ever seen God” (1:18).

The paradox here is that God’s presence is most often hidden from our eyes. Isaiah speaks of “a God who lies *hidden*” (45:12); for St Paul, Christ is “the image of the unseen God” (Col. 1:15). Indeed, Christ as the image, icon or face of God, manifests the divine mystery by taking on our human condition, ‘emptying himself’ of all signs of divinity: “He did not count equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5-11).

There is a story told by Elie Wiesel, a Jewish Auschwitz survivor, who was forced to witness numerous killings of his fellow Jews in the camps. He recalls how a young boy, perhaps 14 years old, hung in agony on a rope, struggling for

### Weekly Mass Timings:

Monday:	7.00 am	Tuesday:	5.30 pm	Wednesday:	8.00 am
Thursday:	7.00 am	Friday:	5.30 pm	Saturday:	8.30 am
<b>Saturday:</b>	Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)				
<b>Sunday:</b>	8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm				

**Reconciliation:** Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



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near-on half an hour before it was over. A prisoner cried out: “Where is God? Where is God now?” Weisel’s response: “I heard a voice within me answer, ‘Here he is — he is hanging in the gallows’”.

God is not only present where we least expect him but sometimes where we least want him, in the midst of suffering, evil and terror. How do we cope with an all-loving God in the face of an innocent boy swinging from the gallows? For the Christian, the answer is in the way that God is most fully revealed to us in the image of his own Son, Jesus, hanging from a cross at Calvary.

The question of where we find God is also posed in today’s readings. Elijah thought he would follow Moses for whom God is revealed in storm, wind and fire. However, for Elijah, God is not found in these ways, but in the “still small voice of a gentle breeze” (Kings 19:12). In contrast, Peter comes to believe Jesus is “the Son of God” through his experience of nearly drowning. Like us, he is a person of “little faith” who meets the God of Jesus in a situation of distress. God reveals himself to each of us according to our own particular experiences.

There is no human experience from which God is absent. Yet, our faith is constantly tested, like Elijah and Peter, so that we may find this hidden God in places we least expect or even want to find him.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:**

Please pray for Peter Liebeck who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for H. S. Christopher, Stan Kucharski, Celine Ferns, William Dragon, Augusta Dragon, Fred Skelton, ETTY D’Mello, Janette Pereira whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# ROSTERS

## for 17 AUG

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Sai Mascarenhas				
Flowers :	Tania Herbert				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. C Iannello	3. P Murray		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	A Hamdani L Humphreys	M Ivanac N Kendrick	W Hadianto S Hart	S Mascarenh G Mascarenh	S Taylor M Tiamson
Acolytes	P Doss	P Cox	M Braganza	M Tloczek	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	K De Silva Q Hua S Hua	A Flexman N Sweeney	S ShandleyJ L ShandleyJ S Silvester	G Mascarenh J Mascarenh C Morais	M Machado R Machado Y Machado
Special Minister	L Sequeira L Sequeira M Sequeria J Stephen P Taylor M The J Voon J Voon J Basilio	P Ash B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel	M McFarlene P McMin G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi M Murray P Murray C Nonis F Novana	J Roper Saverimutto L Spadanuda C Tan Tedjakuntar R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yr 1-4) Brenita DSa (Yr 4-7) J Roper		(Yr 1-4) D Radich (Yr 4-7) K Phua		
Readers	Carol Hoare David Hoare	G Emslie M Fong	J Hendricks J Hendricks	K Hodgson V Hodgson	K A King G Lynn
Piety stall	Jessica	Mary	Pat	Poake	Ayenis

Readers’ Coordinator:  
Michelle Doray 9310 4051

### MORE CARE

**Do you need help or know someone who does?**

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Bernie 9417 7931 (Transport)
- † Monica 9364 8398 (General/Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
August 2014

Pruning  
Mulching

## More For Youth

### YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

#### POT LUCK DINNER LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Bring a plate for after the Sunday 6pm Youth Mass to share before heading home.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### ACYMC 2014—AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CONVENTION

Convention CYM and with your parish—awesome opportunity to grow and share your faith with other young Catholics. Head to the CYM website for more information.

#### CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR

CYM host Mass (5.30pm) and Holy Hour (6.30-7.30) on Wednesday, at 40 Mary Street, Highgate, followed by dinner after Holy Hour.

#### STRONGER TEENS

We have our next session of STRONGER this Friday the 22nd of August. Be sure to come down for an awesome time yet again to share Faith, Fun & Food with other young people and get ready to learn about the incredible nature of the human person through the Theology of the Body series.

#### DAWSON'S SOCIETY—Sex and Popular Culture

The Dawson Society for Philosophy and Culture are holding the 5th Speakers Forum for 2014, with the evening featuring a presentation titled "Catholic Spirituality and Mental Health" given by Philippa Martyr PhD. It will be held at Rosie O'Grady's, 205 James Street, Northbridge on Tuesday, 2 September, arrival at 6.30pm, with dinner at 7pm followed by presentation of the paper and discussion.

The cost of the event, which includes a booking fee is \$25 online, at: <https://dawsonociety.epicevent.com/Martyr>, or \$30 on the door. Limited seating/dinner spaces available, so get in quick! For more details email Thomas Gourlay at [Thomas@dowsonociety.com.au](mailto:Thomas@dowsonociety.com.au).

#### YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The 6pm Sunday Youth Music Ministry is seeking new musicians and singers. We are in need of male and female singers, guitar, bass, drums, keyboard or any other instrumentalists – many of our current members will be leaving us soon. There will be an easy audition for those interested in joining. Please email: Daniel Ring - [daniel.ring@live.com](mailto:daniel.ring@live.com) to arrange an audition time. Encourage your friends or other young people who you know have musical talent to share with the Parish. If you can't make that date, another time can easily be arranged too.

#### GET CONTACT WITH US!

For all the latest event updates and youth notices, find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/bateman.parish> or also feel free to contact us at [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

## Parish News

### CONGRATULATIONS—FR CHRISTIAN IRDI

Congratulations Fr. Christian Irdi on your ordination to the priesthood. May God bless and guide your priestly ministry and all the people you are called to serve.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION—FRIDAY IN AUGUST

The Feast (Solemnity) of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 15th August. This is a Day of Obligation in our Church where all Catholics are obliged to celebrate the Mass. Our Mass times are as follows: **9.00am, 10.30am (RAAFA Chapel), 5.30pm and 7.30pm.**

### CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next Children's mass will be celebrated on Sunday 7th Sept. at the 9.30am Mass. We would like the children to be involved. Please register at the foyer.

### MORECARE

Morecare is requesting for parishioners who attend the 11am Sunday Mass to help take a parishioner living in Booragoon to the 11am Mass. For further details please contact Bernie on 9417 7931.

### RCIA (Wanting to be a CATHOLIC?)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic faith. We would like to invite you to our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) gathering this Thursday at 6.30pm at the parish hall. We have just begun our instructions. For more information, please contact either Fr. Philip, Fr. Jeronimo or Deacon Bruce on 9310 1747.

### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's Parish Annual General Meeting will be held after the 11.00 am Sunday Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. We will be looking for nominations for the Parish Pastoral Council. Nomination forms are available at the foyer.

### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

This powerful, prayerful, sung devotion is held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 commencing at 7.30 pm. It will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and followed by Benediction and Anointing. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493(h) 6242 0702(w).

### SVDP CAKE SALE

The St. Vincent de Paul Cake Stall will take place on Sunday 17th August after all the morning Masses. We are looking for savoury items, curry/rice and cakes. Please come to socialise and meet mew friends. The money raised is to help the needy people. Thank you for your support.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: CHILDREN'S WORK DISPLAY

This week in the foyer, we have a wonderful display of our children's work which they have completed in class. The display commences with work from our pre-school class through to our Confirmation class. Please take the time to have a look at the great work our parish after school children are doing. We are very proud of them all.

## Catechist Course: Rockingham

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catechist and sharing your faith with the children of our Parish? It is a very rewarding and important role in the Church. Our Parish is always in need of catechists for our after school program, whether on a weekly basis or on a relief basis. Maybe this could be the Ministry for you? The Initial Formation Course itself is a thought provoking, informative and extremely interesting course.

The course will run at the Rockingham Parish on Saturday mornings and will consist of two 5 week blocks, the first block commencing on Saturday 6th September from 9.30am until 1pm. The second 5 week block will be held early next year.

If you require more information, please contact Jenny on 9310 1747 (Tues/Wed) or 0435 695 399.

## WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Inviting all who have been Encountered on a WWME Weekend – a big reunion and celebration of 40 years of WWME in Australia will be held on Sunday 17 August starting with Mass at 11.00am celebrated by Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey. Mass will be followed by lunch in the Bateman Church Hall – please bring a plate of food to share. There will be a video and nostalgic photo's of WWME people from way back, and there will be some stories – old and new.

Enquiries/RSVP to Christine & Gerry Bent [cgbent@bigpond.com](mailto:cgbent@bigpond.com) / 0419 484 887

## MEN ALIVE CHOIR

Men, join the Bateman MenALIVE Choir. We meet at **6.45 pm every Monday** for an hour of singing, followed by fellowship. No skills or experience required, just enthusiasm. Contact George Lopez on 041 991 0039.



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY OF WA

The Christian Meditation Community of W. A. are having a Community Day on Saturday 16th August 2014 from 10am to 3.30pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Parish Centre, 154 Canning Highway, (cnr Preston Point Road), East Fremantle (parking at rear). BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided. Cost: \$10 donation. Presenter: Dennis Ryle—Minister, Church of Christ. Enquiries: CMC 0429 117 242. Web: [www.christianmeditationaustralia.org.au](http://www.christianmeditationaustralia.org.au)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### VOCATIONS ENQUIRY EVENING

If you think and feel that the Lord may be calling you to dedicate yourself to a life of fruitful service of God's holy people as his Priest then do not delay.

St Charles Seminary at 30 Meadow Street Guildford will once more host its annual **Vocations Enquiry Evening on Sunday 17 August 2014 starting at 4.00 pm**. Come and meet our Seminarians and join other young and not so young men who are also discerning a possible call to the Priesthood in a serene and prayerful setting. To register your interest, please call St Charles Seminary on 9279-1310, *Fr Jean-Noel Marie (Vocations Director)*

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT 5-7 SEPTEMBER 2014

***Hope and Healing After Abortion*** : "Rachel's Vineyard went far beyond anything I could imagine. It was an incredible journey from grief to joy. The Living Scripture exercises brought depth and meaning to our experiences. I felt like God was very much in our midst. Rachel's Vineyard was a long awaited answer to years of prayers and immense need."

Are you or someone you love suffering spiritually or emotionally after an abortion? Experience hope and healing in a non-judgemental, compassionate, Catholic and interdenominational Christian setting. Contact Jenny for details on 9445 7464 or email [rachelsvineyardwa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardwa@gmail.com)

### MARANATHA CENTRE FOR ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Enrolments are now open for Term Three courses at the Maranatha Centre. Maranatha offers daytime and evening courses as well as Sunday Sessions. Courses run for 3, 6 or 8 weeks and range in cost from \$20 to \$50. Deepen your understanding of your faith in a friendly, interactive environment with no exams or assignments! For further info or to register visit [www.maranathacentre.org.au](http://www.maranathacentre.org.au) or call 9241 5221.

### PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

at Queen of Apostles Parish Riverton at 2pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Dominic Perissinotto (organist at St Patrick's Basilica) will be performing along with a few of his students from Trinity College. Tickets cost \$10 p/p including afternoon tea are available from the Parish Office. Phone: 6188 6877.

### MOVIE FOR CHARITY

Mary, Mother of Sorrow Prayer Group invite you to support us for our charity movie night on August 15th. Film will be "**The Hundred Foot Journey**" starring Helen Mirren and will be at Cygnet Cinema, Como at 8.30 pm. Cost \$15. Ticket can be obtained from Judy Phillips **9364 9249**, Barbara Frost **6103 8526** or Marie Davis **9332 8179**.