

First Reading — Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

[Job](#) began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Second Reading — 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

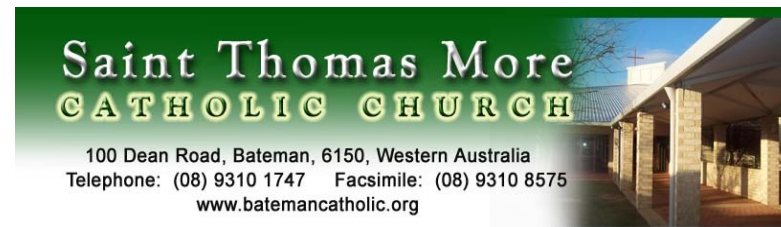
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel — Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through [Galilee](#), preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

February 8 2015

God's love for us

In 2014 we were reeling from revelations of the extent of sexual abuse in the Church and the horrific tactics of ISIS terrorists, among other things. Contrast that with a few days holiday at the idyllic Clarence River estuary at Yamba on the northern NSW coast and the healthy pursuit of some leisurely fun with family, such as playing cards. Despite the family fun, when I was caught out accidentally 'tabling' a playing card, I remonstrated with passion. I had no intention of playing the card and losing that trick. My good-natured son astutely recommended a mutual agreement for further games and I was reminded of the different ways of 'being there'.

Have you ever played a game of chance? Cards with friends? The Lotto? Scratch-its? Bet on the races? If so, you understand how such a pastime can engage our minds and emotions — even fill or empty our wallets.

In the great Greek civilisation, two-and-a-half thousand years ago, people believed their gods such as Zeus, Apollo and Athena sported with humans in the same way. They could manoeuvre events or manipulate lives according to their whim. In fear of the gods' capricious actions people placated them with rituals and sacrificial offerings. How far from this kind of servile fear is the confidence won for us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We depend on Jesus' demonstration that God is a loving divine parent, fully engaged in the striving and suffering of human lives — indeed in the whole of life. The journey of the cosmos is no mere game or ingenious experiment. Rather, it is an expression of love that includes infinite commitment and promise of ultimate union with the divine.

This extraordinary belief is the basis of today's readings. Poor Job bemoans his torturous existence that seems to signify impending death.

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
Saturday: Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)		
Sunday: 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm		

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



Fr. Philip Perreau
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Resident



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

However, the psalmist rejoices that despite the rigours of earthly existence, God continually blesses us with loving kindness. Paul's missionary discipleship means enduring constant pain and suffering and yet this only strengthens his faith in the promise of the joy of final union with Christ. Like us, he is spurred on by the gospel, the Good News of God's Kingdom of justice and peace that we find in Jesus' words and acts, such as his supreme generosity and wonderful healings proclaimed today.

We cannot afford to make the pain and struggle of life an excuse for lesser being; for narrowing our perspective; for being less welcoming, less generous and less courageous. It is a call to the reverse. We are called always to a greater, larger way of being. To exercise faith in the face of an apparent lack of divine intervention, hope in the midst of discouragement and charity when injured, means to grow in virtue.

Despite the trials of our present times, to practice patience, peace, welcome and hospitality is to assist one another along the path that is the way to God.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Hudson James Tucker and Kyron Rugdee into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Noel O'Neill and Sam Ramasamy who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Tony Daly, Wu Ah Lan, Abe Mourad and Lai Khuing Sin whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 15th FEB

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Sai Mascarenhas

Flowers : Rosemary Lui Yeo

Counter: 1. T Tloczek 2. J Portelli 3. T Cacciola

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	M Craggs S Dalby	J Fitzpatri M Golding	A Lauw E Orr	S Ip I Lum	E Connelly B D'Mello
Acolytes	D Morais	P McManus	L Papineau	M Tloczek	S Carrello
Altar Servers	K De Silva Q Hua S Hua	A Flexman N Sweeney	S Shandley L Shandley S Silvester	E Lau E Lau C Morais	R Machado Y Machado E Machado
Special Minister	L rego C Reutens A Ruban P Ruban S Ruban J See L Sequeira L Sequeira M Sequeira	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	P Murray C Nonis F Novana A Nugraha E Papineau JL Papineau JM Papineau G Parkinson M Reutens	L Spadanuda C Tan G Tedjakunt R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo M Cole W Cox	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	L Sequeira(Yrs 1-4)		J Coleman (Yrs 1-4) Kerry King (Yrs 5-6)		
Readers	L Rego L Rego	D Dennis M Fong	S Hart J Hendricks	R Sciascia K Vincenti	J Earnest A Jones
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:
Kim Gamba 9258 6263

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)

RoseGarden
February 2015

Section A
Sharon Vong

Section B
Craig McIver

More For Youth

Stronger Teens

Are you ready for 2015?! We sure are and can't wait to see you all on Friday 13th February to kick start 2015 in a big way. We're coming back together for a nice social evening on the 13th, a great chance to meet new people and reconnect again with each other and hear about all the amazing holiday stories!

Young Adults Bible Study

It's not too late if you want to come and join us for our bible studies. This will run for eight more Sundays ending on the 29th of March, after the 6pm youth mass in the hall. If you are coming, please bring a plate to share and \$25 for our very own bible study pack. Hope to see as many of you there!



Young Adults Shopfront

Thanks for all those who came to the induction. It was great to see so many young people ready to serve others. We have 16 young people from our parish who will be volunteering throughout the year, please keep them and all they come across in your prayers.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CYM Holy Hour Commences Again

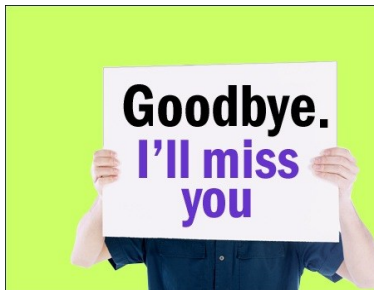
Don't forget that the Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth will start back again this week on Wednesday at the Office situated at 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Mass will be at 5.30pm, followed by adoration from 6.30-7.30pm, with fellowship and dinner after for a \$5 donation. Hope to see you there!

World Youth Day Info Night

CYM Perth will be having an information night for all interested in going to the 2016 World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland at Willetton Parish on February the 12th from 7-8pm. Even if you are not 100% sure if you are going CYM would love to see you there.

Sand Sculpture Competition

The annual Catholic Youth Ministry Sand Sculpture Competition is back! Prizes to be won and of course a chance to get your teams name of the shield! Teams of 2-10 people. \$20 per team. Registration close 27th February (No new teams accepted on the day). As a parish we will be looking at registering some teams. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet that is at the foyer. Don't miss out!



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PHILIP

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Parish News

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for your loving support of my ministry for these five years I have been with you. It is difficult to say goodbye but I leave with many wonderful memories and many more friends. You have been very much part of my faith journey and have become part of who I am today. May God continue to bless you and the many more people who will become part of the St. Thomas More story here in Bateman. Please keep me in your prayers and you will always be in my prayers. - Fr Philip.

NEW CARPETS—THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Building Management Committee for the new carpets. Thank you Ben Mc-Carthy, Dcn Bruce for supervising, Jeff Parker & Ray Cochrane for organising the pews

TUESDAY MASS CHANGE

The Mass time for **This Tuesday** has been changed from **5.30pm to 8.00am** due to the CEO having their Regional Mass in our parish in the evening. Please Note change.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Those celebrating the Lunar Year has been given Dispensation from the Lenten practice from 5.00pm Wednesday to Thursday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita) 8 February 2015.

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

A powerful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our church, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. It will be accompanied by Exposition and followed by Benediction and Anointing. The next devotion is to be held on Wednesday 11th February 2015. All are welcome. If you have not been before, why don't you come along and be uplifted? Enq: George Lopez on 9310 9493 (h) or 6242 0702 (w).



VALENTINE DAY'S RAFFLE

There are 8 beautiful prizes for the Valentine Day's fundraising raffle. Proceeds from this goes to the St. Emily's Hostel (orphanage in Thailand) to help the poor kids.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Please help support this worthy cause. Tickets will be on sale this weekend.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS LAWS OF THE HEART

In this series, Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB offers an honest and refreshing approach to the Ten Commandments unlike anything present today. Sr. Joan asks, "What are the Ten Commandments and what do they mean to us now in a world where Jew, Christians, and Muslim all claim to embrace Moses and the Tablets of Sinai as the foundation of our law, however many other laws we all add to them?" She invites us to think deeply about the moral fibres of our society and presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth—that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them.

The Bible study group commence on Wednesday night February 11th 7.30 pm and Thursday February 19th 1.30 pm. For further enquiries contact Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our parish runs an after school religious education program for children not in Catholic schools. This program prepares the children for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and commences in Year 1.

Classes begin on *Wednesday 11th February*. For enquiries, please contact Jenny on 9310 1747 (Tues and Wed).

Please note that fees for the year can be paid at enrolment.

◆ \$35.00 for single child (per year)◆ \$45.00 for family (per year)

SACRAMENTAL DATES for 2015

Reconciliation: 15/16 September 2015

First Holy Communion: 20/21 June 2015

Confirmation: 8/9 August 2015

Please note that Confirmation is a 2 year program.



MEN ALIVE CHOIR

Men, if you would like to:

- Participate more in Parish life
- Sing or learn to sing
- Meet more people with similar interest



The Bateman Men Alive Choir may be just the thing for you. We meet at 6.45 pm every Monday night at St. Thomas More, Dean Road, Bateman for an hour of singing followed by fellowship. You are most welcome to join us. No skills or experience required. For more information, please contact George Lopez on 041 991 0039.

CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES—menALIVE

Hear the Hon Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister and first Rome—resident Australian Ambassador to the Holy See. Thursday 5th March at the Duxton Hotel, Perth. Pamphlets available in Church foyer. Booking and Enquiries: Jim Brown 0417 972 030. Cost \$50 per head or \$475/table.

MORECRAFT

Morecraft has re-commenced for 2015. They meet at 12.30pm in the Meeting room on Tuesday during the school terms. All ladies are welcome.

VATICAN SURVEY ON MARRIAGE and FAMILY

Pope Francis is again asking all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Perth to respond to a survey on marriage and family. The survey's 30 questions address how the family is supported by both the Church and society and asks questions on marriage, divorce, same-sex attraction, parenting and other challenges that affect contemporary family life.

Participants are free to answer as little or as much of the survey as they wish.

Archbishop Costelloe is particularly keen that Catholics who no longer practice the Faith, or those who feel on the edges of the Church, are made aware of the survey and have the opportunity to respond.

The survey can be found online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PerthFamily/>, can be downloaded from www.perthcatholic.org.au or copies can be made available through the parish office. The deadline for responses is Thursday 12 February. Enquiries: 9220 5900.

OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to the parish for preparing ash for Ash Wednesday. There will be a box at the foyer of the church.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

St. Norbert College, Queens Park - 50th Anniversary

St Norbert College, Queens Park will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary throughout 2015 with a number of formal and informal events, commencing with a Community Mass at the College on 15 Feb 2015. Reunions will be held in five-year blocks during February and March. All details of these coming events are on our website— www.norbert.wa.edu.au.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH LITURGY CONFERENCE 2015 “WITH BURNING HEARTS”

Archdiocese of Perth Liturgy Office is having a Liturgy Conference titled “With Burning Hearts” on Saturday 21st February 2015 commencing from 9.00am to 4.15pm, at the John XXIII College, Mooroo Drive, Mount Claremont. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

BYO Lunch—Morning and Afternoon Tea/Coffee provided.

The Keynote Addresses:

“Full, Conscious and Active”: The Church Participates in the Sacred Liturgy—presented by Sr. Margaret Scharf.

“Liturgy and the Arts” - presented by Dr. Angela McCarthy

See Notice Board for more details.

STUDY PROGRAM: *Priest, Prophet, King*

Jesus is the Anointed One— the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Join us as we deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ through Fr. Robert Barron's new DVD-based Study Program: *Priest, Prophet, King*.

Explore the biblical archetypes of priest, prophet and king and see how Jesus is the ultimate fulfilment of each one. Throughout this experience, you will better understand who Jesus really is and also realise your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission.

Starts Tuesday, 24 February at 7 pm.

Praying our Experiences—Growing Awareness of God in my everyday

February Theme: Lent—an invitation to renewal. The forty days of Lent invites us to look into our hearts, allowing a loving God to embrace those parts of us that we do not like. An invitation to renew our attitudes, to begin again, to become new and healthy, infused with God's spirit of courage and love. Do I want to be renewed in God's love?

Date: Friday 20th February 2015. **Time:** Commencing 10.30am—12.00noon. *Session is repeated 6.30-8.00pm. Tea/coffee available.*

Contact: Secretary. Phone: (08) 9334 0999. Email: laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Free & easy parking).

SON OF GOD: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader, offers the Gospel for every day of the Liturgical Year B-1 (Sunday Year B, weekdays Year I), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. It contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any B-1 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their respective reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney.

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1 may be accessed at the following address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/