

First Reading — Gn 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

God spoke to [Noah](#) and his sons, ‘See, I establish my [Covenant](#) with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my [Covenant](#) with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.’ God said, ‘Here is the sign of the [Covenant](#) I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the [Covenant](#) between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the [Covenant](#) between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.’

Second Reading — 1 Pt 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when [Noah](#) was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people ‘by water’, and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God’s right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel—Mk 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into [Galilee](#). There he proclaimed the Good News from God. ‘The time has come’ he said ‘and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.’

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First Sunday of Lent, Year B

February 22, 2015

A fresh start

Today is about making a fresh start. People like the idea of making fresh starts, as evidenced by resolutions we make at the beginning of each New Year. For example, after a season of bad form or plagued by injuries to key players, football or cricket teams look forward to putting the past behind them and making a new start.

When I was preparing today’s reflection, I googled ‘fresh start’ and received thousands of hits. Groups and organisations used ‘fresh start’ to promote all kinds of programs: from drug rehabilitation and weight problems — to fitness clubs and improving school results. Human beings are attracted to the idea of making a fresh start. If we’ve had a bad year due to health, family or financial problems, we look to the New Year and starting afresh.

But it’s not just people who want to make a fresh start. As our first reading tells us, God also made a fresh start with his creation of the world. The story of Noah and the flood is an old and familiar one — maybe so familiar that it’s easy to forget what it’s about. We read only a part of it in today’s Eucharist. The story, found in the book of Genesis, is a long one and it starts with God regretting what he had created. After all, his work had gone wrong.

Adam and Eve had to be thrown out of the garden and Cain committed the terrible crime of murdering his own brother. As the human race multiplies and

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



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Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

spreads, so does its wickedness. God comes to regret what has been created and decides on a fresh start. After the great flood, when Noah and company emerged from the ark, there was a new beginning. As is the case with the first chapter of the book of Genesis, the man and woman are told to “multiply and fill the earth”, Noah and his family are given the same command by God who is making a fresh start.

We read this story about a fresh start because we are now in the season of Lent, and are preparing for Easter and the celebration of new life. We hear and read about new life and leaving our bad habits behind. For people who will be baptised at Easter, it's obvious that they are beginning a new kind of life.

But for those of us who are long-time Catholics, we can also make a fresh start. We can leave behind things like old resentments; taking God and people for granted; or being indifferent to the needs and the suffering of others. Lent provides us with the time and the opportunity to look into our hearts and to confess our sins. God offers us the grace to make a new start and to live life with a renewed faith and a heart more open to the needs of others.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Charlotte Ying Qi Koh, Saxon Joseph Lambson, Rogan John Lambson into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Colita D' Souza (mother of Bernadine D' Cruz) who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Sr. Albeus PBVM, Lora Paul Raj, Joseph Doss, Murray Gillett whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

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	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Bulletin:	NEXT WEEK Rose Montisci				
Flowers :	LENT				
Counter:	1. P Pickersgill	2. P.Golding		3. J Teo	
Greeters	L Humphreys C Lasrdo	J Hidajat M Ivanac	G Dunsford R Sinagra	J Ravina D Sudarsoi	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	P Doss	P McManus	L Papineau	T Roper	M Humble
Altar Servers	Z Cohen J Robless T Robless	T Blechynde M Roach	D Thompson J Widaja B Wylie	N Andrews J Pinto Yan Ni Sng	F Oetomo R Tantular P Kite
Special Minister	A De Souza J Doss E Fernandez M Fong K Gamba C Lasrado G Lopez V Marshall O Morias	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	E Cornejo I Cornejo J Downey A Fong L Fong L Ford D Garreffa Y Johan H Klass	A Mascarenh N Mourad M O'Brien C Poore K Prasetio J Roper S Saverimut L Spadanuda C Tan	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	B Pasquale (Yrs 1-4) B D'Sa (Yrs 5-6)		O Fuderer (Yrs 1-4) K Phua (Yrs 5-6)		
Readers	C Craggs M Craggs	L Gabriel J Horsfall	Jo Hendrick M Oliver	A Crossley R D'Annunzi	D Talbot S taylor
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Patrick	Poake	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:
Michele Doray 9310 4051

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

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

Rose Garden
March 2015

Section A
Mike Kelly

Section B
Bill Crossley

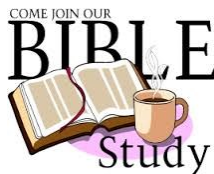
More For Youth

Stronger Teens

Stronger is back this week! We'll be having our next Stronger night on the 27th of February at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall, where we will have more awesome games, the chance to meet new people and learn new things about our faith.

Young Adults Bible Study

It's still not too late if you want to come and join us for our bible studies. This will be every Sunday from 8-29 of March in the parish hall, right after the 6pm youth mass. If you are coming, please bring a plate to share and \$25 for our very own bible study pack. We've had an awesome response, hope to see 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

If you've missed out on past World Youth Day info nights, St Vincent's Parish in Kwinana will be holding one on the 5th of March at 7.00pm. If you're not able to trek it down that far don't worry, just drop us an email at youth@batemancatholic.org or message our Facebook page www.facebook.com/batemancatholic for information. Please note that if you have attended any of the previous info nights, there is no need to attend—info is the same.

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 on 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!

Parish News

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I was so overwhelmed by your warm welcome to the parish last weekend. Thank you for making me feel at home. I truly appreciate the joyful spirit in this wonderful parish community here in Bateman. I look forward to walking along the journey of faith with you. I am so grateful to Fr. Jeronimo, Fr. Cyprian, Deacon Bruce and the Staff in the Parish Office, who have helped me settle into the Presbytery. May the Lord bless you all! - Fr. Phong.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This coming Friday we start the Stations of the Cross after the 5.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS

There will be a Chinese New Year Mass on Sunday 1st March at the 11.00am Mass. All are welcome.

INDONESIAN FOOD FAIR 2015

The Indonesian Catholic Community will be having their Annual Food Fair on Sunday 8th March 2015 starting at 9.00am at the Yidarra Primary School grounds. All are invited to come and taste the delicious foods on sale.

A DEEP, BIBLICAL LOOK AT JESUS CHRIST

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In Priest, Prophet, King, you'll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Fr Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture and realize your own priestly, prophetic and kingly mission, received when you are baptized "into Christ".

Our Lenten Reflection starts Tuesday 24 February 7pm at the Parish Hall.

VALENTINE'S RAFFLE

The raffle held for St Emily Hostel raised \$1732.50. THANK YOU for your generosity and hope the winners are enjoying their prizes. Many of you made donations and we acknowledge that with deep appreciation. The hostel is near completion. The children will move in very soon. The furniture will arrive soon as it takes some organisation to transport it through the hill country. Your generosity has purchased the beds and mattresses and this raffle will help to equip the kitchen. The Sisters and the children grow their own rice and have had a good harvest. Thank you to the team of sellers led by Anne Marie Burke.

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.



BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious education program for those children in Years 1 to 6 who are not attending Catholic Schools. The program will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation (2 year program). There is also a comprehensive program commencing in May for high school children who may not have received all of their Sacraments.

Classes run each Wednesday during the first three school terms starting at 4pm in the church. **Enrolments** are now being accepted. For enquiries please contact Jenny on 93101747 (Tue and Wed) or on 0435695399. Please note that fees for the year can be paid at enrolment.

\$35.00 (Year) for Single child. \$45 (Year) for Family.

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.



POSITION VACANT—WEB AND MULTIMEDIA DESIGNER

Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is seeking a part-time (2-3 days per week) Web and Multimedia Designer to join their team. The successful applicant will be maintaining the CYM website, social media, e-newsletters, multimedia at youth events and youth ministry video projects. A background in youth ministry is also desirable. Full job ad & job description is available on www.cym.com.au. Submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees incl Parish Priest to: Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry. Phone: (08) 94227912 or Email: anita.parker@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au

Applications close Monday 2nd March 2015.

THOUGHT!

One great lesson I learned from my life.....
There is no market for your emotions,
So never advertise your feelings,
Just show your attitude.... By unknown.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN

Announcing the **Mary MacKillop Foundation's 2015 BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN**. Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones....

When: 8am Saturday 14 March 2015

Where: Garden Venue—at the Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, tables, blankets, sun screen, smiles!

RSVP: Before Friday 27th Feb to: Laurie Mayne, 92715649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au or John McCormack 93832615, johnmccormack@westnet.com.au

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/

CCR TOGETHER

Charismatic Renewal invite all to attend our first monthly 'CCR Together' gathering for 2015. To be held on Friday, Feb 27th, at the Orana Catholic Primary School hall, 38 Querrine Ave, Willetton. Evening commences with the Rosary at 7.00pm and Prayer & Praise at 7.30pm. 'CCR Together' evenings are an opportunity for power-filled praise, excellent teaching (from national and international guests), healing prayer, and the opportunity to share with others in the Renewal. A collection will be taken up to support the work of the Renewal. The evening will conclude with a light supper. Queries to Dan—9398 4973 or daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com.

PENOLA BY THE SEA PRAYER DAY

March 12th "Penola by the Sea" prayer day:

Where: Please note change of venue:

Como/Kensington Parish Hall, 45 Thelma Street, Como (Same block as the Church).

Theme: Discipleship **Presenter:** Sr Wendy Lailey rsj **Time:** 10.00am– 3.30pm

Cost: Donation Morning tea (served at 9.30am) & light lunch provided.

RSVP: Please contact Laura McCarthy: 93340999 or lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au (numbers are needed for catering, thank you)

MARY, MOTHER OF SORROWS PRAYER GROUP

Commenced for Term 1 on Thursday at 1.00pm in the Albert Lynch Room, St Benedict's Parish. All are invited to attend (no children please). We usually start with some calming music to settle as we have probably rushed to get there, then we have Prayers of Thanksgiving, a short teaching give by one of our group, followed by intercessory and more formal prayer. We finish at 2.30pm and then enjoy a cup of tea finishing at 3.00pm. Enquiries Judy 93649249 or Elspeth 93645800