

**First Reading — Gn 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Second Reading — Rom 8:31-34**

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel — Mk 9:2-10**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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Second Sunday of Lent—Year B

March 01, 2015

**A mountain reflection**

Ray has always been the most outspoken one in our group. Sometimes his comments go right to the heart of things. Recently, he was heard to say that “if the transfiguration happened today, someone would try to capture it on a smartphone”.

Isabel couldn't believe her ears. “Well, that wouldn't make any sense, because the transfiguration was a deeply spiritual happening, something way beyond human experience. We're dealing with mystery here.”

“Agreed,” said Ray, “but what was it all about? And why couldn't it have been recorded?”

Lou chipped in at this point, “Did you notice that it took place on a high mountain, where Jesus and the apostles were by themselves? Those details signify a place of prayer and reflection. Something remarkable and mysterious took place there, enabling the apostles to see Jesus in a way they'd never seen him before.”

“That's right,” agreed Deb, “I think the gospel writer underlines the idea that they had to go separately to experience Jesus in that way. Initially the apostles didn't really know how to react. They were overcome, just as we might be. You couldn't have recorded the event because it was really about an understanding of Jesus that would gradually come to them.”

Deb's done a course in scripture, so she had everyone's attention. “They didn't really get who Jesus was until a while after his death. The transfiguration was a big moment for them,

**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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Parish Priest



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Assistant Priest



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Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

but its meaning only dawned over time.”

“So, what eventually helped them to understand?” Ray queried.

“Well, they kept pondering their experiences over and over until the significance gradually seeped into their hearts. That’s how come we have the New Testament.”

“This makes so much sense,” piped up Chris, who’d been silent up to this point.

“Sometimes really major things happen and it’s only when we build some reflection time into our days that we eventually come to understand how those events impact on us. I think Jesus wants to invite all of us to the mountain, the place of reflection, to ponder our lives with him at our side.”

“It’s not always easy to make time to go to the mountain,” said Ray, “but, surprise! Our phones and tablets can actually help us to do that. There are free spiritual apps that can help us look after our inner life. So even if our phones couldn’t have recorded the transfiguration, they can help lead us to the high mountain, where we find opportunities to be more open to meeting Jesus in our lives. It’s important that we never stop seeking the mountain!”

Sue Kane

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### Baptisms:

We welcome Thompson Christopher Tulat, Aloysius Ng Eng Khiam, Vanessa Chuah Ng, Christopher ng, Gabrielle Ng into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Eileen Shaw, Richard Oon, Eustace S Singam, Ernest Alagaratnam, Thomas Phillip, Cedric Simons and Francesco Spadaro whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 08 MAR

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Rose Montisci				
Flowers :	LENT				
Counter:	1. L Thomett	2. S Lau	3. G Galipo		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	D Kumala D Kumala	G Jones I Kearney	K Tan M Tan	A Sciascia R Sciascia	J Murphy E Ring
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	C Dowsett	M Tloczek	P Moore
Altar Servers	S Gill J Ng G Wan	A Flexman N Sweeney	N Arumugam J Bachiller L Cariccio	A Teixeira J Teixeira D Atmadaja	K Tan J Radici J Basilio
Special Minister	L Morzenti A Mourad V ng R Oetomo L Rego L Rego C Reutens A Ruban P Ruban	R King Ira Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersgi C price P Price M Woolford	M McFarlene P McMinn G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi M Murray P Murray C Nonis F Novana	G Tedjkunt R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo M Cole W Cox R D'Annunzi O D' Mello	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) K A King (Yrs 5-6)		D Radice (Yrs 1-4) R Rodrigues (Yrs 5-6)		
Readers	A De Souza M Reyes	J Gallimore J Hidajat	H Murray P Murray	A de Ridder M Doray	R Thomas D Tomizzi
Piety stall	Francis	Anne Marie	Pat	Rosemary	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:  
Carolyn Price 9310 2660

### 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

What a great turnout we had last Friday night! We hope you all enjoyed it and hope to see you back again on **13th March** at 7pm in the Parish Hall. As it is lent time, we had some quite time to reflect upon what it is that we will be giving up this year as well as learning a little bit more about lent. Next time we will also have some more awesome games, the chance to meet new people and learn other new things about our faith. Can't wait to see you all there!

### Young Adults Bible Study

Now that we are all well and truly into our bible study, we encourage you to keep up with your daily readings so that you are prepared for the next session on Sunday. It's still not too late if you want to come and join us for our bible studies. During the last weeks, we have studied about the early world period, which involves creation, the fall, the great flood and the tower of Babylon; the following week we looked at the period of the Patriarchs, which taught us about the covenantal structure of salvation history; and this week we will be looking at the period of Egypt and Exodus, come on down to find out all about it. Hope to see you at the Parish hall after the 6pm youth Mass on Sunday!



### Young Adults Shopfront

Thank you to those volunteers who took part at Shopfront last Monday 23rd February. We hope that this new experience was a blessing in your lives as well as all those who you served in the name of Christ.

### Youth Fundraising

It's the time of year again when the Youth at St Thomas More will begin to prepare themselves to travel to World Youth Day in Poland 2016 and to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide. One of the ways in which we will be fundraising is by having a Parish Quiz Night on **Friday 17th April**. For this we are asking if you could please donate things which can go towards being the prizes won during the night. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Further information will come out shortly. Thank you all in advance and don't forget to save the date!

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### CYM Holy Hour

Don't forget that the Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is held every 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!

#### A Thought for Lent

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." - Pope Francis

## Parish News

### COMMITMENT SUNDAY 2015

The parish will be having our annual Commitment Sunday on the weekend of 21st/22nd March. Please take some time to reflect on your talents and time and please be generous with them, when Commitment Sunday comes.

### LIFELINK—THANK YOU

The Archdiocese "LifeLink" caring agency would like to thank the Bateman Parish Community for their generosity with the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. The total donation amount received for the Bateman parish for 2014 is \$36,187.45. Thank You!

### MORECARE—CO-ORDINATORS REQUIRED

### 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.

### 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 11th March 2015 commencing at 7.30pm. 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 002(w)

## 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.



## 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](http://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](mailto:anita.parker@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au)

**Applications close Monday 2nd March 2015.**

## THOUGHT!

What a Menu for Fasting!

- “Lenten diet—1) Eat your words
- 2) Swallow your pride
- 3) Digest God’s teachings
- 4) For dessert, indulge in prayer.”

And to complete the Lenten trio: “SHARE WITH THE POOR.”

## 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](mailto:ljmayne@optusnet.com.au) or John McCormack 93832615, [johnmccormack@westnet.com.au](mailto:johnmccormack@westnet.com.au)

### 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](mailto: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



### Feast of the Annunciation Rosary at Fremantle Mausoleum

A Rosary to commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation will be held at Fremantle Mausoleum on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at 6pm. The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board welcomes all parishioners to this spiritual occasion. For further details, please contact Fremantle Cemetery on 9319 0400. All visitors are asked to park in the Carrington Street car park at the front of the cemetery.