

**First Reading — Ex 20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

**Second Reading — 1 Cor 1:22-25**

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel — Jn 2:13-25**

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

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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

Third Sunday of Lent — Year B

March 08, 2015

## New beginnings

The gospel gives us a new image of Jesus, angry that his Father's house had been turned into a market place. He drove out the cattle, overturned the tables of the money changers and caused complete chaos. Jesus was a formidable opponent, so the traders fled.

In the new millennium what things would Jesus oppose and what would he wish to cleanse his church of? First, there would be the terrible scandals engulfing the church in so many countries. Not in our wildest dreams could we have believed that some religious would be responsible for such terrible crimes against the children in their care.

Another area in need of cleansing is the treatment of women. For centuries, the church has been governed as a patriarchal society. In general, the women most favoured by church authorities have been subservient to male superiors, meekly accepting the dictates of more senior church figures. We remember the ongoing trouble of Mary Ward, foundress of the Loreto Sisters because she intended her sisters to teach and not to live as closeted nuns. Nearer to home, there was the persecution of St Mary MacKillop by some senior church figures in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Frequently, the authorities have failed to tap into the enormous spiritual, intellectual and emotional gifts of women, and for that we are the poorer.

### 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



Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

A third area of concern is the lack of real communication between the teaching church and the laity. Through our baptism, all members of the church have a share in the ministry of Jesus. We have different tasks according to our state in life but all are called to spread the Good News of God's love for the world in whatever way we can.

The laity have so much to offer but are so often ignored. Yet Pope Francis said in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The church ... exists concretely in history as a people of pilgrims and evangelisers, transcending any institutional expression, however necessary". (n.111)

With Pope Francis leading us, we sense a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and a new reaching out to all peoples to share with them the wonderful news of God's love. As we witness the world around us — engulfed in hatred, violence and cruelty, we pray that Christ may once again cleanse his church and through her offer to the world the true peace and joy of God's family.

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# ROSTERS

## for 15 MAR

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Bulletin:	NEXT WEEK Su Siau Chai				
Flowers :	LENT				
Counter:	1. M Woolford	2. R Scia Scia	3. T Huxtable		
Greeters	H Low C Morais	J Kendrick N Kendrick	A Faleira H Hofmeeste	E Tweed Y Wargdra	S Taylor M Tiamson
Acolytes	D Ng	T Basile	J Nonis	P Doray	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	J Ye R Ye K Zaccheus	L Cherry O Mapfumo	P Cockrell V Chong E Hart	B Doray L A Doray K Ferraz	S Broderick O Cahill C Correa
Special Minister	J See L Sequeira L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen P Taylor M The J Voon J Voon	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	A Nugraha E Papineau JL Papineau JM Papineau G Parkinson M Reutens A Sudjana G Sudjana F Sukmono	H Dumbell S Dyer M French Y Johan G Knight A Loo J Loo A Mascarenh N Mourad	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) S Ruban (Yrs 5-6) J Roper		(Yrs 1-4) G das Neves (Yrs 5-6) Ira Kusnadi		
Readers	B D'Sa K Gamba	F Ling A Martin	E Orr L Papineau	G Fisher J Fisher	B Vague V Vague
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Patrick	Iris	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:  
Kim Gamba Ph 9258 6263

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Deaths:

Please pray for Monica Parr who passed away recently.

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Christopher Georgio whose anniversary occurs around this time.

### MORE CARE

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

† Geraldine	9332 8795	(Visiting)
† Monica	9364 8398	(Transport/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

### Parish Events

#### **Stronger Teens**

Is back on next Friday night! Come on down and join us as we learn more about our faith and ways in which we can live it out each day of our lives. Make new friends who will be there for you as you take up on your journey and meet the leaders who are always there ready to listen if you need them. 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. Last weeks we studied about the period of Egypt and Exodus and this week we will be looking at the period of Conquest and Judges and Royal Kingdom, come on down to find out all about it. Hope to see you at the parish hall after the 6pm youth mass on Sunday!

#### **Youth Fundraising**

It is 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 17<sup>th</sup> of 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!



#### **Thought...**

At this time when it becomes a bit hard to truly follow on what we have decided to give up for lent, we should remember that in Joshua 1:9 it says: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Let's not let fear, discouragement, laziness rule us, but instead the promises that God has made encourage us to live our lives for him doing what is best for all as he is with us always.

## Parish News

### **24 Hours for the Lord**

In responding to Pope Francis' call on Catholic Communities throughout the world to dedicate March 13 and 14 to the theme of mercy and to conduct "24 Hours for the Lord", our Parish Community will be holding a special time of prayer and Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament soon after the Stations of the Cross on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. During this time of prayer and quiet reflection, the "Five Mysteries of Mercy" will be recited. We will conclude Adoration to the Blessed with **Benediction at 10.00 pm**. All are welcomed to spend some quiet moment with the Lord.

### **CHILDREN'S MASS**

Our first Children's Mass for the year will be celebrated on Sunday 22 March at 9.30am. We would like to invite all children to attend. Children who would like to be involved in the mass can register at the Church foyer. There will be an Choir practice for the children interested in singing for the mass on Saturday 21st march at 2.00pm.

### **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. Ministry booklets will be distributed next weekend.

### **MORECARE—CO-ORDINATORS REQUIRED**

Our parish care program "Morecare" requires a few more co-ordinators. We meet once in six weeks. If you can help or want to know more, please contact Geraldine on 9310 1747.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

### **INDONESIAN FOOD FAIR 2015**

The Indonesian Catholic Community will be having their Annual Food Fair this 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 every Tuesday 7pm at the Parish Hall.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## St Vincent De Paul Cake Sale

Cake Sale is on Sunday 15th March. Please donate cakes/savouries. Enquiries please ring Geraldine on 9332 8795 or 9310 1747.

## CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE TOUR DAYS

Corpus Christi College will be hosting TWO Tour Days this year. Please register your intention to attend - [communications@corpus.wa.edu.au](mailto:communications@corpus.wa.edu.au) or 6332 2517.

**Thursday 19 March 9—11.30am / Tuesday 24 March 9—11.30am**

## 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)

### 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/](http://www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/)

### 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)

### 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.