

First Reading — Ezek 17:22-24
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Second Reading — 2 Cor 5:6-10
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel — Mk 4:26-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B

June 14, 2015

Expect the unexpected

The old lady lived alone but rarely did she feel threatened by anything until new neighbours moved in next door. They were a Muslim family. The old lady was worried because of what she had seen about Muslims on television and read in the newspapers. What sort of people were the new neighbours and would they cause her any trouble? As time passed she became more used to them. While they seemed nice people, she still held onto some of her fears and suspicions.

Then one day she felt unwell. She managed to get out of bed, get herself a cup of tea and a piece of toast, before going back to bed. Feeling better the next morning, she got up and had breakfast. During the morning there was a knock at the door. To her surprise when she opened the door her neighbour, the Muslim woman, was standing there. The neighbour explained that she had not seen the old lady for a day or two and wondered if she might have been sick.

The old lady told her that she had been off colour but was now feeling better, and thanked her for her concern. When she closed the door and went back inside the house, she felt surprised and a little overwhelmed. She had received a kindness you would expect from a neighbour but from a Muslim?

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. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

After all, she had never met Muslims. All she knew about them came from the news on television. Her attitude was based on the stereotypes presented in the media. She was surprised to receive kindness and concern from them because they seemed different to her.

Today's gospel relates to that old lady's experience. God's action in our world is surprising and often unseen. Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Although it is not much bigger than a pinhead, the mustard seed grows into a surprisingly large bush. God's action in our world is just like that. We find that God works in ways that surprise us and through people that surprise us. People sometimes think that God's action is confined to the Catholic Church or to the Christian churches. It is not hard to believe that God works through people that we feel comfortable with, people like us. But the point of the today's gospel is that God also works in people that we might not feel comfortable being with: they may have a different language, culture, religion, skin colour or way of life. God works in unexpected ways and through unexpected people. Today we pray that God opens our hearts and minds, so that we can see his hand at work in life's unexpected happenings.

John Hill CSsR

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Baptisms:

We welcome Skyla Goh and Haley Parlapiano into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Dino Trevisiol (husband of Itala & father of Julie Galbraith), Maria Keenan who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Geoffrey Gale, Francis Pang, Neville McManus, Antonio & Felice Zoiti, Gabriel Vong, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 21st JUNE

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Clare Talbot				
Flowers :	Holy Communion				
Counter:	1. P Pickersgill	2. P Golding	3. J Teo		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Stephen M Stephen	E Temmen R Bydder	A Lauw E Orr	S Ip R A D'Silva	S Taylor M Tiamson
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	C Dowsett	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	C latif R Lasrado C Ma	A Flexman B Boudville	C Goh S Ho A Ho	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	S Hwang A Dinata A Dinata
Special Minister	J See 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	L Ford D Garreffa Y Johan H Klass A Lai M McFarlene P McMinn G Mo	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) (Yrs 5-6) L Humphreys		(Yrs 1-4) G das Neves (Yrs 5-6) Ira Kusnadi		
Readers	K Gamba V Ng	C Banasik N Banasik	G Mascarenh G Munro	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	D Tomizzi G Lynn
Piety stall	Jessica	Mary	Pat	Iris	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:

Kim Gamba 9258 6263

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

† Geraldine	9332 8795	(Visiting)
† Monica	9364 9358	(Transport/Meals)
† Caroline	9313 5452	(Transport/Meals)
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
June 2015

Section A
Elizabeth Ross

Section B
Craig McIver

More For Youth



STRONGER TEENS

Our next Stronger Teens Youth Group is on next Friday!

This will be our last bible study session for the term so come on ready to keep learning about scripture and how it all relates to you and your everyday life! See you all then!

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING

Thank you for all those who supported us last weekend by joining us at the sausage sizzle. We hope you enjoyed it.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VERITAS is latin for TRUTH.

This July 2015, the Catholic Youth Network and Catholic Youth Ministry Perth presents VERITAS Youth Festival in Perth. The FIRST in Perth!!

We want to invite all young people ages 16-30 years old to experience 3 days of festivities with live band, dynamic speakers, youth rallies, faith expo, workshops and many more.

Keynote Speakers: Mario Borg | Ryan Shelton | Anita Parker | Vincent Haber

Date: 10-12 July

Location: Santa Maria College, Stoneham Road, Attadale

Cost: \$50.00 (3 days pass) includes food, workshops and festival pack

CYM Holy Hour

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!

CYM BALL

Young adults from across Perth are invited to the Catholic Youth Ministry Hearts of Gold Charity Ball on Saturday, 8th August. Come along for an unforgettable night - meet other young adults and enjoy delicious food, beverages and entertainment while supporting a worthy cause. We're looking to make some tables for our parish at the ball. Contact us at youth@batemancatholic.org if you're keen!

Cost: \$110 per ticket – includes buffet meal + beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks)

Dress: Formal Attire



Parish News

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Parish on the **20th and 21st of June 2015**. Posters with photos of the Parish children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year are now in the church. We ask the Parish community to support through their prayers the First Holy Communion Candidates, their families and teachers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2015/2016

Available for collection from this weekend. Please pick up your envelopes.

ONE DAY WINTER RETREAT: Bateman Parish Hall

'The Way of Forgiveness'

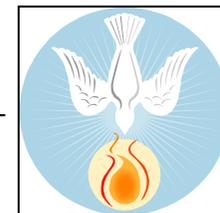
Saturday 20 June 2015 9am-2pm. BYO lunch; Morning tea will be provided.

Cost: Free

This is an opportunity to take some time out for yourself. Have a break from your daily demands, clear your mind, listen to your heart and be refreshed spiritually and emotionally at this retreat. Flyers are available in the church foyer and you may book by phoning Juliana at the Parish office on 93101747.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT

This weekend is the Confirmation Commitment Weekend. We ask the parish community to support, through their prayers, the Confirmation Candidates, their families and teachers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.



KEYBOARDISTS

The main music ministry requires some new keyboardists. We are very grateful for those who give generously of their gifts and talents but now is a time when we need to develop new keyboardists to support our wonderful music ministry. If you are interested, please contact Angela McCarthy 0407089224 or Stephen Wong on 0408167400. If you know someone who could help us please encourage them to do so.

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK 2015

The World Refugee Week 2015 falls on 14th - 20th June. As Catholics, we are called to care for refugees and migrants in their trials and to welcome the stranger who knocks at our door seeking refuge. St Vincent De Paul Society supports the special needs of migrants and refugees with understanding, compassion and generosity as they try to cope with the many difficulties of settling in a very different society. If you wish to support the Society, please donate through the St Vincent De Paul Poor box. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—URGENT NEED OF GOODS

The SVDP Shop in McCoy St., Myaree is in urgent need of goods such as good quality clothes, bric-brac etc. If you have any goods for them, please drop off at the store.

CAKE STALL

St Vincent De Paul cake sale is on 28th June. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For enquiries please contact Geraldine at 93101747 or 93328795.

8am MASS—MORNING COFFEE

It has been decided to move our gathering into the Hall during the winter months. As of this Sunday, 14th June, we will be found in these warmer conditions. We welcome your company, come along and join us.

"A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS" ... *FINAL SESSION, TUESDAY, 16 JUNE!*

We are invited into to receive Jesus in the Eucharist but why does the priest say "... we dare to say Our Father" before this, what do we mean by the words "the Kingdom, the Power and Glory are Yours...", where does the "Lamb of God" fit into the mass and why are we called blessed when we are invited to the "Supper of the Lamb"? Finally "fed with the bread from heaven" what does scripture in the mass ask of you and I? **Come learn the biblical roots of the Mass. Don't miss the final session of "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" - 7pm, Tuesday, 16 June. For details email stthomasmore.faith@gmail.com**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES—GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

This focused prayer and contemplation time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of one's faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this experience.

Theme: The Sacred Heart of Jesus – an image of love and forgiveness. Do I believe this about Jesus? Date: Friday 26th June, 2015. Time: 10.30am – 12.00noon. Session repeated at 6.30pm-8.00pm Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. RSVP by Wednesday 4th June, phone 9334 0999 or email: laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart

THE SCHOENSTATT MOVEMENT

Join us for
A Presentation Revealing
THE COVENANT OF LOVE

at
The Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday 21st June 2015 — 1.30pm
9 Talus Drive, Armadale
Rsvp. Sister M Georgina 9399 2349

DON'T MESS WITH MARRIAGE - Summary of the Bishops' Letter on 'Same-Sex Marriage'

We, the Australian Catholic Bishops, are compelled to highlight the meaning of marriage as "same-sex marriage" is discussed nationally. Marriage:

- is a personal relationship between a man and a woman, *and* the protective institution for their children,
- includes an emotional union,
- involves a comprehensive bodily and spiritual union of a man and a woman,
- is the natural reproductive and protective environment for raising children,
- is the foundation of the family unit, which in turn is the first cell of society.

The union of a man and a woman is different to all other unions, and needs treating with justice.

Supporting fidelity between two people of the opposite sex and the children of their union is *not* discrimination.

Every man, woman and child is created and loved by God, with unique dignity and worth and must be treated with respect, sensitivity and love irrespective of sexual attraction.

Redefining marriage would dramatically reduce it to a committed, affectionate sexual relationship, diminishing sexual complementarity and potential fertility.

Husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, will be wholly interchangeable social constructs. Gender will no longer matter.

It is seriously unjust to use legislation to lie about the distinctive nature of man and woman, or father and mother, and to ignore children's need for a mum and a dad committed for the long haul.

Children's rights must override the deliberate exclusion of them growing up without either their mother, their father, or both their parents.

For civil law to define marriage will gravely undermine the common good for which the law exists.

To read the full Media Release and to download the Pastoral Letter, please visit www.perthcatholic.org.au.