

First Reading - Is 50:5-9**A reading from the Prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Second Reading - Jas 2:14-18**A reading from the letter of St James**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel - Mk 8:27-35**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 13, 2015

Jesus the paradox

Religious teachers sometimes talk about the 'upside down law' when trying to help us understand the message of the gospel. Unless we are open to the topsy-turvy nature of Christ's message, we will forever be baffled by the paradox; that is, the seeming contradiction of his teaching and of his life and death. When Jesus confronts us with his ultimate paradox, "anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it", he is inviting us to confront the temptation to escape into dream worlds.

Understandably some people will always challenge those of faith with the paradox of why does a just and loving God permits evil and unhappiness. No amount of philosophical reasoning about the nature of love and hatred will convince sceptics. The only way in which we, as believers, will touch the minds and hearts of those who do not believe is by living this life of love. St James leaves us in no doubt that there is no point in claiming to believe if we do not live out our belief by acts of love.

It is obvious that even Jesus' disciples were caught up in the dream world, believing the role of the messiah was to free them from their oppressive enemies. No sooner has Peter made his

Weekly Mass Times:

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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Parish Deacon

profession in Jesus as the Messiah, than he is falling into the trap of trying to dissuade Jesus from living in the real world and confronting the evil. And what is Jesus' response: "Get behind me, Satan!"

Peter will learn the hard way. Having denied Jesus three times he has to come to terms with his human weaknesses and allow Christ to be his source of strength: the paradox highlighted by St Paul who reminds us all that it is when we are weak that we are strong. This is the lesson we all have to learn if we are to accept Jesus' invitation and follow him.

St Paul describes death as the last enemy to be destroyed. The great English Cardinal, Basil Hume, wrote about this towards the end of his life: "First thoughts about death are normally ones of fear and dread. Some thoughts tell us there is no future, only a blank nothing, we are no more ... But there is another voice that speaks within us ... It has a different message. You have loved so many people in your life; are you to be frustrated and denied that love which you have sought throughout your life? This is an instinct which speaks of hope leading to life after death ... That instinct beckons us ... Then faith finally takes over and triumphantly declares 'It is so.'" Lord, deepen our faith.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:
Please pray for Warren Lambert who passed away recently.
Anniversaries:
Please pray for Lam Choi Tho, Deceased members of the Correia Family, Violet Shreeve, Barney Pereira whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 20th SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEK
Bulletin: Agnes Widjaja
Flowers : Tania Herbert
Counter: 1. J Ingrassia 2. G Oldenhof 3. N Kristianto

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	A Mourad R Oetomo	L Montague G Moriarty	A Lauw G Dunsford	C Wibisono A Wijaya	T Mancinone A Christophe
Acolytes	V Tan	P Cox	M Braganza	M Tloczek	A Taylor
Altar Servers	L Apango Z Cohen C Budiman	L Cherry O Mapfumo	N Arumugam D Bourne L Cariccio	B Doray T Carbone K Ferraz	J Basilio S Broderick Carlos
Special Minister	A De Souza J Doss E Fernandez K Gamba C Lasrado G Lopez V Marshall O Morais	R King Ira Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersgi C Price P Price M woolford	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi M Murray P Murray C Nonis F Novana A Nugraha E Papineau	J Roper S Saverimut L Spadanuda C Tan G Tedjakunt R varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) J Roper (Yrs 5-6) L Humphreys		(Yrs 1-4) D Radice (Yrs 5-6) C A Norris		
Readers	C Morais G Munro	A Martin G Moriarty	J Vivian P Weston	A Tjoe E Tweed	C Banasik N Banasik
Piety stall	Francis	Anne Marie	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	(Meals)
† Caroline	9313 5452	(Transport)
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
September 2015

Section A
Claude Ianello

Section B
Bill Crossley

Youth

Parish Events

STRONGER YOUTH GROUP

Our next Stronger is on Friday 25 September for another session of the Bible timeline! Starts at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Don't miss out.

“WHY BE CATHOLIC?” CONFERENCE SESSION 3 (23RD OCT) – AN EVENING WITH THE YOUTH (FREE NIGHT)

What does it mean to be a young Catholic in this day and age? Is our faith really our own? Or do we just come to Church because our parents drag us along?

Tim Staples will spend the evening with the youth, drawing from his own experience in the Marine Corps and relating the importance of our faith in our lives. Make sure to come down and be part of this amazing experience and kickstart/continue growing in your faith life!

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Thank you to all who attended the dinner, we hope you enjoyed it and see you next time!

Community Events

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!

STRONGER TEENS RETREAT

Stronger Teens Camp 2015 will be an amazing three days of friends, fun and faith! This year we're heading down to Fairbridge Village in Pinjarra, where we'll enjoy huge games and adventure activities; be inspired by talks from youth leaders about faith and life; take some time out for prayer and reflection; and make heaps of new friends. All high school aged teens are invited to attend.

When – Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2015

Cost – \$150 – includes all accommodation, food, bus transport, and incredible adventure activities!

To Register or for more info visit – <http://cym.com.au/stronger-teens-camp-2015/>

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT FOR EMBRACE THE GRACE

Put your trivia hats on because the Fundraising Quiz Night for Embrace the Grace is back! Catholic Youth Ministry and Respect Life Office invites you to join us for a night of trivia, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes! Get your friends together and register a table of eight for a great night out in support of a great cause. Individual tickets are also available. Tickets are only \$20 a person. RSVP by Friday, 30 October to admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. Places will fill up fast so register early. Proceeds will subsidise registration fees to enable young people to attend Embrace the Grace Youth Conference. Quiz Night 7th November 2015

Who will be crowned quiz masters this year?!

Parish News

FIRST RECONCILIATION—15 TH & 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Bateman Parish on the 15th and 16th September 2015, commencing at 6.30pm.

All the students who have been preparing for First Reconciliation have their photos on the Reconciliation banner in the church. This is to remind us, as Parish Community, to support them by our prayers. You are invited to pray for one or more of the students by remembering these students when you say your family prayers before meals or when you say your evening prayers with your children. Let us all, as a Parish community, support them with our prayers.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM MASS: 24TH SEPTEMBER 2015

The end of year Mass for our Parish children's Religious Education Program will be celebrated on Thursday 24th Sept. 2015 at 6.00pm in the church. We warmly welcome all parishioners to this celebration Mass of thanksgiving for another wonderful year.

FORMATION OF “WELCOMING COMMITTEE” FOR ST THOMAS MORE PARISH

Friday 25th September 2015 at 7.00pm held in the Parish Hall.

Please register in the foyer to express interest, if you feel you are called to this ministry to Meet and Welcome New Parishioners. For more information, please phone Greer on 0408 911 428.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Christian Health Aid Team thanks all who helped make the Raffle a success: the prize donors and displayers, the ticket sellers and to Father Phong for drawing the prizes. The prize winners in order of drawing were: Rapanaro; Julie Hughes; Catherine Tan; Deacon Bruce; Anna; Monica; Dhivyen; Jerry; Xavier; Edwin; Amelia; Martin; Delfino; Carol and Richard Norris; Ayeni Family; Janet Lee; Eileen; and Elmur Demberger. The raffle raised \$2,250.15 This includes the \$80.00 for the soft toys.



CAKE SALE

St Vincent De Paul cake sale is on Sunday 20th September. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries.

For enquiries please contact Juliana at 9310 1747 during office hours.



PLANT SALE



Thank you to all the kind people who have donated empty plant pots for us to use. We now have enough, so please do not bring any more. If you have been preparing plants, please bring them to the Church before the Saturday evenings Mass October 3rd or on the day of the Plant Sale, Sunday October 4th.

YIDARRA 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS—24th September 2015

Yidarra Catholic Primary School in Bateman is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. Past staff, students and community members are invited to join us for mass at 9am on Thursday 24th September 2015 in the St Thomas More Church followed by Morning Tea and Classroom Open morning.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

18th SEPTEMBER 2015—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.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Parking is free. RSVP: Laura 9334 0999 or laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

20th SEPTEMBER—TAIZE MEDITATIVE PRAYER

When: Sunday 20th Sept, 7—8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm) Where: St. Joseph's Chapel, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Bring: Invite your friends and pray in a relaxing meditative way (Bring a torch)

Theme: Peace

Enquiries: Sr. Maree Riddler rsj 0414 683 926, mriddler@sosjwa.org.au

WA YOUNG SALESIAN QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Join us for a memorable night filled with fun, laughter and trivia. Starting at 7:30 pm sharp and held in the multi purpose area at Our Lady of Grace School in North Beach. \$10 each (Tables of 8). For more information, email: admin@wayoungsalesians.com, contact Graham on 0418 979 600 or visit our website at www.wayoungsalesians.com

ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA INC.

Volunteer training to reach out to women, men and families wounded by abortion. Training will also focus on community engagement in responding to those traumatised and those at risk, not just crisis line work. Volunteers (male/female) need to be mature, compassionate, good listeners with a desire to learn. Evening weekly training begins Tues 13th Oct, 7 weeks. Contact person: Erica 0432 879 826 Email erica.williams@abortiongrief.asn.au

ONE YEAR TO GO FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016!

Young people aged 18 – 35 yo are invited to express their interest in travelling to World Youth in July 2016. Join millions of young Catholics from around the world who will gather in Poland next year with Pope Francis. Catholic Youth Ministry have 2 pilgrimages on offer for young people. For more information or to express your interest: go to www.cym.com.au, email admin@cym.com.au or call 9422 7912. Start fundraising & start saving for the trip of a lifetime!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE RESTING PLACES OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Join Fr. Richard Smith of North Beach Parish on 24 day tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Particularly visiting the 2 resting places of Bateman's patron saint, St. Thomas More. For more information or booking, contact Debra Johnston at djohnston@mtatravel.com.au or 0417 929 982.

“COME AND SEE” - 28TH SEPTEMBER 2015

An Invitation to young women and men. Come and enjoy an evening of reflection, sharing and prayer followed by a light meal.

Theme: 'Living Community'

When: Monday 28th September 2015 from 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth

RSVP: Alma Cabassi rsj, cabassi@gmail.com, 0419 044 136 or Leonie Mayne rsj, leonie.mayne@sosj.org.au, 0437 120 337

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PRAYER!

O God, the Creator and Giver of all good things,
Bless our Parish and St. Thomas More
And the community that worships here.
Inspire us to work together to spread your love.

Strengthen our faith and grant us
The spirit of service so that, with your grace and
the help of Mary Our blessed Mother,
We may glorify You, provide for the needs
Of our wider community and make ourselves holy.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

