

First Reading - Wis 2:12, 17-20
A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves,
 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life,
 reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our up-
 bringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
 If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the
 clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and
 put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his
 word for it.'

Second Reading - Jas 3:16 – 4:3
A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of
 every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially
 something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of com-
 passion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy
 in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in
 holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the
 desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so
 you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to
 get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray
 for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly,
 you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel - Mk 9:30-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and
 he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was tell-
 ing them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to
 death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did
 not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were
 you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing
 which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If
 anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then
 took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them,
 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and
 anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 20, 2015

Fame and fortune

We live in a time when fame seems to be all important. Newspa-
 pers and magazines constantly portray models, movie-stars, pop
 idols, sportspersons or members of the royal family as living
 legends. They have made it to the top of the tree of life. The
 rest of us are just the also-rans, those who have tried and
 mostly failed.

Even though we may go along with this charade – after all, we
 buy and read the newspapers and magazines – we know deep-down
 that true human greatness has little to do with celebrity
 status. Even Shakespeare's oft' quoted piece from Twelfth Night
 is a less than satisfactory explanation of greatness: "Some
 are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have great-
 ness thrust upon them." These words, taken to heart by the love-
 -sick Malvolio from a fabricated letter, deliberately confound
 'greatness' and 'foolishness' ... which is much the same as con-
 fusing greatness with fame and celebrity.

It is perhaps heartening to know that Jesus' disciples also
 failed to understand what it means to be genuinely great. They
 were so busy arguing among themselves about "which of them was
 the greatest" – by which they meant status and power – they had
 completely missed what Jesus had been telling them about his
 impending death and resurrection. Like the disciples, we too
 often close our ears to things we do not dare or want to

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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understand. In some ways, the disciples had turned Jesus into a celebrity preacher and did not understand what he said and were too afraid to ask.

The response of Jesus, in words and actions, is solemn, radical and confronting. His words: "If anyone wants to be first (or great), he must make himself last of all and servant of all." In other words, true greatness has nothing to do with human egos, fame, power or prestige, but humility, service and love. He then enacts his vision of human greatness by picking up a little child, symbol of weakness and dependence, calling on the disciples to be similarly accepting of the "little ones" and wounded people in our world. This is another illustration of the "great reversal" of Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor, the suffering, the sorrowful and those committed to peace-building and works of mercy.

Greatness is found in the ordinariness of human life, as in the often near-heroic but barely noticed ongoing love of parents caring for a disabled child, or with those confronting suffering or death with dignity and acceptance. We also know people with mental illnesses or those whose life-experiences give them every reason for despair. Yet, so often, such people remain hopeful, courageous, prayerful, continuing to live their lives with simple, faith and practical love. These are the "little ones" who teach their fellow humans what it means to be truly human and genuinely great.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Emma Morgan Mitchell, Charlotte Elizabeth Common, Taj John Johnston, Kai Daniel Johnston, Essie Maree Johnston, Kael Matthias Jayalaksana into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Maria Basso, Francisco R. Coelho, Ethel Lee, N D' Souza, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 27th SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Su Siau Chai				
Flowers :	Shauna Taylor				
Counter:	1. T Tloczek	2. J Portelli	3. T Cacciola		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	B Ensell K Chapman	B Bydder B Bydder	S Hedley A Lauw	D Basuki R Lasman	E Connolly B D' Mello
Acolytes	P Doss	T Basile	L Papineau	T Roper	M Humble
Altar Servers	R Dellaca O Dellaca K De Silva	T Blechynde M Roach	P Cockrell A Chong V Chong	R James R James N Andrews	Andres O Cahill C Correa
Special Ministers	L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng R Oetomo L Rego C Reutens A Ruban P Ruban J See	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel L Gabriel	L Ford D Garreffa Y Johan H Klass A Lai M McFarlene P McMinn G Mo	L Spadanuda C Tan G Tedjakunt R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo W Cox	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Readers	V Ng R Oetomo	C Morzenti H Murray	M McFarlene R Augustin	J Vincent K Vincenti	M Bautista V Hodgson
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:

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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
October 2015

Section A
Craig Mclver

Section B
Bill Crossley

Youth

Parish Events

STRONGER YOUTH GROUP

FINAL STRONGER NIGHT FOR THE TERM & FINAL BIBLE STUDY!

Come down and join us 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 & 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

THE WAY FORWARD

Archbishop's Vision and Priorities for the Archdiocese of Perth

At each Mass this weekend, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September 2015, a short DVD presentation of Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will be shown. The Archbishop would like to share with every member of the Catholic community a brief overview of his vision and priorities for the Archdiocese of Perth, as we look to the future.

As a member of a Catholic parish community, you are invited to participate in the consultation process, should you choose to do so in one of three ways:

1. Complete the online questionnaire.
2. Request a printed version of this questionnaire be sent to you.
3. By calling a dedicated telephone support number where a “Way Forward” will assist you to complete the questionnaire.

Your input will be critically important in preparing “The Way Forward”.

Information on how to participate in the Consultation Process is available in the Church Foyer.

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.

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.



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.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the 86 students from both Yidarra Primary School and our Parish R.E. Program who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. As Parish priest, and on behalf of Fr Jeronimo, Fr Cyprian and Deacon Bruce I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of this very important celebration. Whilst so many people are involved and their efforts are so much appreciated, I would especially like to thank the children's teachers; Mrs Greer Screen, Mrs Amy Faleiro, Mrs Sally Hart, Mr Tony Del Grossi and Mrs Natasha Rich, Yidarra Principal, Mrs Carmel Costin, Yidarra Deputy Principals, Tanya Giovannangelo and Rosemary Paparella, as well as Jenny Figliomeni, the Parish Religious Education Coordinator. Also special thanks to Mrs Jodie Chiappini, Mrs Shawna Osborne and Mrs Peta Lanza who did such a wonderful job sewing the Reconciliation sashes, Louis and Eugenie Papineau, Stephen Choi and our creative Liturgy team for dressing the church and to all of the Yidarra staff who came to assist with ushering and cutting the cake. Thank you all for making this such a wonderful celebration for our Parish. - **Fr. Phong**

“Knowing God Even Better”

The new DVD series titled “**Knowing God Even Better**” is vital for parents and grandparents as it gives lots of tips on how to live in peace with everyone. You may think that is impossible; well come and hear David Payne change your mind. We welcome parents and grandparents from Yidarra School and Parishioners. The session is titled “**Knowing Jesus as Lord**”. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship over a cuppa, as well as giving one hour to grow more in your faith.

Date and Time: Wednesday 23rd. September 9.15-10.30am in the Bateman Church hall. You are welcome to bring your children and some toys, they can play at the end of the hall. For further information contact Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Carolin on 0432 855 605.

Bible Study groups

Our groups have decided to study the Encyclical Letter on Ecology and Climate titled LAUDATO SI'. Pope Francis has appealed to all of us as follows “The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change”. By studying the document together we will be enriched by the sharing, so why not join one of the groups. First session commences Wednesday 30th September 7.30pm and Thursday 1st October 1.30pm. Thursday 1.30pm at Kathy's place, ongoing. To purchase the book ring Peter at Rich Harvest. Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 and Kathy Mowatt on 0433 011 333

PLANT SALE

Thank you to all the kind people who have donated empty plant pots for us to use. We now have enough. 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.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

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. From 7th—30th May. 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 Sept. 2015 from 4pm to 8pm

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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INAUGURAL MULTICULTURAL MASS

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth invites you to the Inaugural Multicultural Mass. Thursday 1st October 2015, at St Mary's Cathedral, at 7.00pm. Presider: Archbishop Costelloe SDB. Everyone is invited to come in their national dress, also bring a plate to share and celebrate our unity in the Parish Centre after Mass.