

First Reading - Nm 11:25-29**A reading from the book of Numbers**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Second Reading - Jas 5:1-6**A reading from the letter of St James**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel - Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 27, 2015

Us and them

When Jesus says, "whoever is not against us is for us," he's teaching the disciples about being a part of an inclusive community without an 'us and them' mentality. The disciples wanted to protect their identity by separating themselves from others who didn't follow them: an 'us and them' attitude, if you like. For example, the clearest definition of Labor could be, 'not Liberal', just as many AFL football fans would happily support any club but Collingwood. The 'us and them' attitude can also include nationality, religion, race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality, as we often define ourselves by those whom we identify as others or outsiders. "Whoever we are," we say, "we are not them."

Even if we see the error in the 'us and them' mentality, we often insist on drawing at least a few lines in the sand. So, we compare ourselves to some people because their way of living seems dreadful to us. If we do not hate the sinner, still we can and must hate the sin. A simple enough solution, so it seems, as we look to the next part of the gospel: if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off; if your eye, pluck it out; and if you cause someone else to sin, then you are in all the more trouble. Thinking this way we measure Christian identity according to a strict moralism and separate ourselves from lower, more crooked paths.

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



Fr. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

But Jesus does not think this way. He defines his community according to his invitation and our willingness to join him in carrying out the Father's will rather than by membership in his group. He tries to teach this way of self-understanding to his disciples, but they struggle to understand his meaning because of their fixation on being 'the greatest'. When Jesus refers to causing "one of these little ones ... to sin," he continues to teach them about true community.

The "little ones" are people who are routinely abused and dismissed; they are not the greatest in their world's judgment. They are caused to sin, or "to stumble" (more closely translating the Greek), if they associate their faith in Jesus with an identity that seeks power over others. Here we find the clearest path to exclusion from Jesus' community: when we devalue other people, when we seek to belittle or banish them, then we exclude ourselves from Jesus' company. His community must be wary of members who act in this way, for they put the whole body in peril of losing his presence.

When Pope Francis was once asked in an interview who he is, he replied, "I am a sinner." The question of Christian identity is not about moralistic perfection. It is about mercy and hospitality. In Jesus' presence everyone has a place at the table.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Harrison George Luckhurst, Aiden Christopher Mattock, Isabella Strickland into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Maxine McManus, Mary Rose B., Peter Liebeck, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 4th OCTOBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Su Siau Chai				
Flowers :	Wedding				
Counter:	1. M Craggs	2. P Moore	3. A Munro		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	W Hadianto E Hadianto	J De Silva J De Silva	E Mo G Dunsford	A Lau S Mitchell	J Grochal Iman
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	C Dowsett	M Tloczek	P Moore
Altar Servers	J Grosse Q Hua S Hua	A Flexman B Boudville	E hart O Fuderer C Fuderer	E lau E lau J Pinto	Y Deandra A Dinata A Dinata
Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen P Taylor M The J Voon J Voon J Basilio M Davis	R King Ira Kusunadi 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 JM Papineau	R D'Annunzi O D' Mello S Dyer M French Y Johan G Knight A Loo J Loo	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Readers	Giok Liep M Reyes	P Murray M Oliver	A Ayeni D Booth	K Wasley E Yustira	N Dias
Piety stall	Jessica	Anne Marie	Pat	Poake	Ayenis

Readers' Coordinator:
Carolyn Price 9310 2660

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 McIver

Section B
Bill Crossley

Youth

Stronger Youth Group

Stronger has finished for the term we hope that by studying the bible it has helped you in some way to understand how it all fits into your personal journey of faith. Don't forget that there is the Stronger Teens Camp during this coming holidays so don't miss out! Hope to see many of you there!



“Why be Catholic?” Conference Session 3 (23rd Oct) – An evening with the youth

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 kick-start/continue growing in your faith life!

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!

Register or for more info– <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! Saturday 7th November 2015.

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 Proceeds will subsidise registration fees to enable young people to attend Embrace the Grace Youth Conference. Who will be crowned quiz masters this year?!

admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. Places will fill up fast so register early.

Parish News

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Mass this Monday 28th September will be at **9.00am** as it is a Public Holiday.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE—LIGHT PROCESSION FOR OCTOBER—3rd Oct.

Our Lady's Candle—light procession for October will take place on **Saturday 3rd October** after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome. White Roses are needed to decorate the float for Our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning at 10am.



HOME ROSARY— MONTH OF OCTOBER

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of October are invited to write their names on the list in the foyer. A Statute of Our Lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana on 93101747

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 **14th October 2015** commencing at 7.30 pm. 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 93109493 (h) or 62420702(W).

VOLUNTEER'S NIGHT—FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2015

The parish will be having our Annual Volunteer's Night on Friday 16th October 2015 after the 5.30pm Mass. All Volunteers are invited to this event. More details to follow in the coming weeks.



MISSING STATUTE OF OUR LADY

The Parish has lost a Statute of Our Lady since the last Home Rosary. It is about 14 inches tall. If anyone has it and has forgotten to return it to the Parish, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to say a big thank you to all parishioners for your generous support of Project Compassion 2015. The grand total donated by the parish was \$17,540. Your generosity has made it possible for Caritas Australia to support the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Together, we walk with them as they free themselves from the burden of food insecurity and develop income streams for a better future.



FORMATION OF “WELCOMING COMMITTEE” FOR ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

Change of date for the meeting—Please note now meeting is **Friday 2nd October** at 7.00pm in the meeting room. For more info call Greer 0408 911 428.

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

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.

MALE SUICIDE & ABORTION:

Abortion Grief Australia runs a number of programs to engage the community in the healing & prevention of abortion trauma. In the process of engaging the Men's Health Community, we are hearing of more and more abortion related suicide in young men. **Volunteer Training** for the Men & Abortion Trauma Helpline begins Tuesday evening 13th Oct for 8 consecutive Tuesdays. Be part of a team that is making a difference. Enquiries, Erica erica.williams@abortiongrief.asn.au or Ph 93131784.

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

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.

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL—FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2015

Catholic Faith Renewal Evening is on Friday 2nd October 2015 at Sts John and Paul parish, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Songs of Praise 7.30pm. Thanksgiving Mass 8.00pm, Sharing by Fr. Greg Carroll on "Blessed Louis and Zeilie Martin, a family of Saints" followed by light supper. Enquiries to Ann Loo 0412 166 164

"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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EMBRACE THE GRACE YOUTH CONFERENCE 9-13 DECEMBER

Embrace the Grace (ETG) is a must attend youth conference on 9-13 December in New Norcia for 16-30 year olds. At ETG you will explore faith and life's greatest questions through dynamic talks, workshops, music, drama and prayer. There will also be a mini-Olympics plus a dinner dance. Be part of this not to be missed annual conference and register now at cym.com.au/embracegrace

For general enquires contact Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM): admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. *If you would like to help with a donation toward sponsorship to assist a young person to attend, please contact CYM.*

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!

THOUGHT!

People are funny; they want the front of the bus,
Middle of the road,
And back of the Church.

Some minds are like concrete
Thoroughly mixed up and
Permanently set.

God promises a safe landing,
Not a calm passage.