

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Second Reading - 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

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

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel - Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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

4th Sunday, Year C

January 31, 2016

The real Jesus

Jesus spent the first 30-odd years of his life in the rural hill-country town of Nazareth. It was a life lived in obscurity. We know nothing about this period and, accordingly, it is usually designated the 'hidden years'. Nevertheless, our pious imagination has conjured up many idyllic pictures of the 'Holy Family' at work and play in the streets of Nazareth or out in the fields of the Galilean countryside.

Most of us have seen, and many may even have carried around in our prayer books, missals and wallets, holy pictures depicting the 'Holy Family' in poses of serene good humour. The few fragmentary remarks found in the gospels suggest that Jesus was not only an enigma for us, but also for his neighbours and his own family.

In today's gospel, we are told of Jesus' return to his home town after the initial stages of his public mission. We learn that his former neighbours at Nazareth were impressed, surprised and, then, offended by his preaching. Elsewhere in the Synoptic Gospels, we hear of Jesus unsettling his own family who at one point try to "take him in charge" (Mk 3:31-35; Matt 12:46-50; Lk 8:19-21). All of which gives weight to Jesus' comment that "no prophet is ever accepted in his hometown" (Lk 4:24); to which Mark's Jesus appends, "nor amongst his own relatives and in his own house" (Mk 6:4).

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

In terms of the plot of the Synoptic Gospels, this story of Jesus' return to Nazareth serves to prefigure Jesus' mission beyond the bounds of his home territory in the house of Israel. In Luke's gospel, this episode appears at the outset of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this affair is positioned much later, after Jesus has preached and taught throughout the Jewish homeland in Galilee. In Luke's version of the incident, Jesus compares his mission with that of the prophets of Elijah and Elisha who also eschewed their homeland and went to the Gentiles.

It is the expanse of Jesus' missionary vision that so unsettles his family and friends in Nazareth. For those who knew him as the carpenter's son, Jesus' cplans appear dangerous; possibly even deranged. After all, as Jesus himself will lament later in Luke's gospel, most prophets end up martyred in Jerusalem (Lk. 13:33). His family's fear is confirmed when, enraged by Jesus' words, his erstwhile neighbours attempt to throw him from a cliff.

This short and dramatic episode could be characterised as the gospel story in microcosm. Jesus preaches universal salvation, is misunderstood, persecuted and threatened with execution. Yet, ironically, it is through his suffering and death that Jesus' message of hope and forgiveness will be carried beyond the obscurity and narrow confines of his ancestral home to reach "all the nations on earth" (Lk. 24:47).

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Baptisms:

We welcome Urick Jona Lebr, Aasha Rose & Everly Rae Woodlock, Caiden James Scammell, Celeste Taylor Davis into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Margaret Platt and Irena Domagalska who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Caroline Vong, John McDonnell, Brian Taylor, Teresa Lau, Olive Marley, Jordan Filoia whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 7th FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Ratinda Oelomo				
Flowers:	Shauna Taylor				
Counter:	1. L Thornett	2. S Lau	3. B Galipo		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	W Hadiano E Hadiano	J De-Silva J De-Silva	E Mo G Dunsford	A Lau S Mitchell	J Grochal Iman
Acolytes	P Doss	T Basile	J Nonis	T Roper	F Norton
Altar Servers	R Dellaca O Dellaca K De Silva	T Blechyndé M Roach	P Cockrell A Chong V Chong	R James R James N Andrews	Andres O Cahill C Correa
Special Minister	P Ruban J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen P Taylor J Voon J Voon	R King Ira Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersgi C Price P Price M Woolford	P McMinn G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray F Novana A Nugraha	C Tan G Tedjakunt R Varen L Yeo R Yeo W Cox R D' Annunz	Youth Special Ministers
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) K King (Yrs 5-6) M Sequeira		(Yrs 1-4) R Rodrigues (Yrs 5-6) S Fuderer		
Readers	R Craggs A De Souza	C Banasik B Bydder	M Chong G das Neves	M Doray G Santhou	M Bautista V Hodgson
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Pat	Iris	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)
† Silvia	9417 7131	(Transport)
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
February 2016

Section A
Glenn Trim

Section B
Bill Crossley

Youth

STRONGER TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Stronger will be back on again on Friday 12th of February 2016! We had a massive year in 2015 topped off with the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and we're looking forward to seeing you all again!

YOUNG ADULTS JEWELLERY SALE (WYD FUNDRAISER)

We will be having a **jewellery sale on the morning of Sunday the 7th of February** after all morning Masses and Sunday evening youth Mass. Lots of beautiful jewellery will be up for grabs at affordable prices! ;) So come down and find that something special in the lead up to Valentine's Day (Looking at all you males) #stepyourgameuplads



YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER (28th FEB)

Our very first Young Adults Dinner for 2016 will kick off in style at **Il Cio in Applecross!** (771 Canning Highway, Applecross) Dinner will be straight after Youth Mass on the 28th of February, so come down and join us for Mass and we can head there after. Come along and meet others in the parish (always awesome to meet new people) and learn about what will be going on for Young Adults in our parish this year!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP



Catholic Youth Ministry Perth will be holding a Youth Leaders Training Course over a weekend down in Busselton from the 26th to the 28th of Feb.

Cost – \$80 – Includes all accommodation, meals, training, and activities.

This will be a great opportunity to head down south to Busselton and enjoy some time out on the beach while getting to know and network with other youth leaders. By taking part in a number of workshops and discussion forums youth leaders will enhance their leadership skills and learn more about their faith.

Registration is direct with CYM, however they do require interested candidates to be endorsed by Fr Phong, Aura or Josh, so if you are interested please speak to any of the 3 of us or contact us at youth@batemancatholic.org

Parish News

ASH WEDNESDAY—OLD PALMS REQUIRED

Old palms are required to make the ASH for Ash Wednesday which falls on 10th February 2016. Please bring in your old palms from last year or before, next week to church and place them in the box in the church foyer.



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating the Chinese New Year on the 21st February 2016 at the 11.00am Mass followed by Lion Dance and lunch in the courtyard.

Please bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

ST THOMAS MORE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2016

Religious Education Classes for students not attending (or who didn't attend) a Catholic primary school will begin on Wednesday the 10th February 2016 at 4.00pm.

Enrolment day for these classes will be on Wednesday 3rd February from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in the church hall. You may also enrol at the church office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Classes are available for pre-primary, primary and secondary students.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2016

EUCCHARIST: 25TH & 26TH June 2016

CONFIRMATION: 20TH & 21ST August 2016

RECONCILIATION: 18TH October 2016

Students must attend at least one full year of instruction prior to the Sacrament year and complete the full year of instruction in the year they receive the Sacrament. Fees: \$35 for one child, \$45 for family. There is also a small additional fee for a child in a Sacramental year.

If you would like to know more about these classes please contact Jenny Figliomeni at the Church office either on 9310 1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or 0435695399.

PREPARATION FOR LENT—Starting Wednesday 17th February at 7.00pm

Why was Jesus required to undergo such dreadful suffering on the cross? What is the important link between suffering and love? Why are we called to redemptive suffering and what is in it for us? To prepare for Lent, we invite you to join us for five sessions on **Jesus' Passion: The story of Redemptive Suffering**. Each week in the Parish hall, we will watch part of the movie The Passion of the Christ, followed by reflection and sharing. Please make available the five consecutive Wednesdays starting 17 February from 7—8pm. If you have any queries, please contact stthomasmore.faith@gmail.com.



Parish News (continued)

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you have recently moved into this area and have not registered with the parish, please register in the foyer and make yourself known to the priest after Mass. We warmly welcome you to our Parish.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

This year millions of young people will gather with Pope Francis in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day in July 2016. You are invited to join us on this unforgettable pilgrimage experience travelling with our Perth Bishops and other young people through Poland. The pilgrimage is open for 18—35 year olds. Details of the cost and itinerary are available on www.cym.com.au. Register now as places are limited, don't miss out on this amazing event in 2016. For more info email adin@cym.com.au or call 9422 7912.



Diocesan Notices

LENTEN PRAYER DAY—Wednesday 3rd February

Time: 10.00am—1.00pm (9.30am morning cuppa. 1.00pm lunch included)

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Cost by Donation)

RSVP: essential (for catering purposes) by Friday 29th January 2016 to Laura.McCarthy@sosj.org.au, or on (08) 9334 0999.

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN

Save the date for the 2016 "Breakfast in the Garden". Come and join in the fun, meet old friends and make new ones on Saturday 12 March at 8.00am. To be held at the Garden Venue, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St. Joseph's Convent) Cost:\$15. All proceeds go to the Mary MacKillop Foundation. BYO chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen and smiles. Further info. and to RSVP by 9 March: Laurie Mayne 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au; or John McCormack 9383 2615, johnmccormack@westnet.com.au

Diocesan Notices

WEEKEND RETREAT

A daytime people's retreat will be held on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January 2016 from 10.00am to 4.00pm with Fr. Doug Harris at 59 Newton Street, Spearwood. Topic will be on praying and living in depth the Lord's Prayer. Contact Jenny on 9494 2604 or 0458 153 184 or email jtroy@inet.net.au

LOOKING FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT?

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a great variety of short courses available at several locations throughout Perth and online (no need to travel). No prior studies are required, courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment, and there are no exams or assignments. For further information, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221 for a brochure.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR (8 WEEK COURSE EACH THURSDAY EVENING)

A series of talks and discussions on how to draw closer to God, how to recognise and be open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, and how to deepen our prayer and faith life. Join us at the Barry Whitely Hall (St Jerome's parish, Spearwood) commencing on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 7.30pm. Come and meet others in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. For more information: email lissreg@bigpond.com or call Frank 0435 383 384

"COME AND SEE"

Theme: Love leaves a mark. Come and enjoy an evening of reflection, sharing and prayer, followed by a light meal
Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.
Time: 4.00pm—8.00pm
RSVP: For catering purposes, please RSVP to Sr. Alma Cabassi: 0419 044 136 or cabassi.alma@gmail.com
Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

A CAPPELLA WEST JOINS MATER CHRISTI IN CONCERT

Come support A Cappella West Chorus (National Champions) as they prepare to represent Australia in Las Vegas, October 2016.

Tickets include Show and Afternoon Tea. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Singing, Laughter and meeting the Sweet Adeline's Australia Gold Medallist as well as raffles, silent auction and more.

The profits from tickets sold will contribute towards both the world Championships in Las Vegas for the Chorus and the air conditioning for Mater Christi Church.

Where: Mater Christi Church Hall, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. Date: 13th March.

Time: 1.30pm—4pm. Cost: Adults \$20/Pensioners \$15/Children (12 yrs & under) \$5/-

Tickets: Purchase by using one of the links below

<http://www.trybooking.com/KBBK> OR <http://www.trybooking.com/176472>

Or contact Lisa 0439 972 220