

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a fire-brand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Second Reading - Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

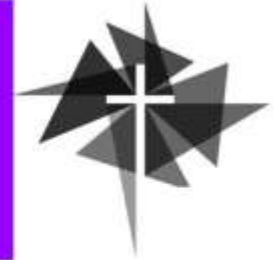
Gospel - Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

February 21, 2016

Children of God

Jesus chose Peter, James and John to be present at his Transfiguration in order to strengthen them for his approaching sufferings and death at Jerusalem.

For the only time during his earthly life, Jesus allowed the glory of his divinity to shine through his human body. Luke tells us that "the appearance of his countenance was changed and his raiment became dazzling white." Two of the greatest men of the Old Testament times, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with him about what was to occur in Jerusalem. As Moses and Elijah began to depart, the three disciples were covered with a cloud and the Father spoke, "This is my Son, my Chosen. Listen to him." Then Jesus led the three disciples down the mountain, back to their ordinary, messy, sometimes dangerous, life. The time for celebration had not yet arrived.

It was only after the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit that the three disciples understood the significance of the Transfiguration. Peter never forgot it; years later he mentioned it in one of his letters, "We were eye-witnesses of his majesty." He and his companions realised that they were to walk the road to Calvary as their divine master had done. Their life on earth was to be one of joys and sorrows, triumphs and failures, rejection, suffering and death.

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 awaiting them was the glory of the resurrection.

The Transfiguration is as much for us as it was for the three disciples. Just as his first disciples were changed from ambitious, power-hungry and self-seeking men to humble, zealous and loving followers of Jesus, so the Lord wants to change each one of us. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that can change us. St Paul gives us a wonderful enumeration of the fruit of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

As always, God respects our free will. He will never force us to love Him and to serve Him, even though He has made us to be perfectly happy only with God. More than anything, He values our freely-offered love and service.

If we accept the Holy Spirit as our guide and mentor, gradually, wonderful things will happen. The spirit will help us to overcome the obstacles to God's love, the sinfulness in our lives. As we surrender our lives more and more to the Holy Spirit, his glory will shine through us on to those we meet. Not in the dramatic way of the Lord's Transfiguration but in little ways. Our love, peace, kindness and gentleness will have a powerful influence on all we meet. That is how the Lord loves to work: with people through other people, because we are all children of the one God.

May He transform us as He transformed his apostles.

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ROSTERS

for 28th FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Alan Phoon				
Flowers:	Rosemary Yeo				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. C Iannello	3. P Murray		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	L Humphreys G Mascarenh	S Gresham G Gunawarde	A Faleiro J Hendricks	D Basuki R Lasmana	S Taylor M Tiamson
Acolytes	V Tan	P Cox	L Papineau	P Doray	S Carrello
Altar Servers	K Lim K Lim S Gill	T Blechynde M Roach	T Moeljadi D Lobo D Lobo	D Atmadjaja A Varen Jerone	S Hwang S Jones R Joseph
Special Minister	P Ruban J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen P Taylor J Voon J Voon	B Auret M Banasik B Bydder B Bydder C Cox A Gabriel D Gabriel L Gabriel	D Garreffa Y Johan H Klass A Lai M McFarlene P McMinn G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi	G Tedjakunt R Varen R Wong L Yeo R Yeo W Cox R D'Annunzi O D' Mello	Youth Special Minister
Catechists	(Year 1-4) K King (Year 5-6) K Phua		(Year 1-4) C Plottke (Year 5-6) B D' Sa		
Readers	K Gamba G Dunsford	J de Silva G Emslie	C Marinovic G Mascarenh	A Loo R Liu	C Talbot A Taylor
Piety stall	Isabelle	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	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)
† Silvia	9417 7131	(Transport)
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
February 2016

Section A
Glenn Trim

Section B
Bill Crossley

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Richard Oon, Murray Gillett, Lora Paul Raj, Joseph Doss, Thomas Phillips whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Youth

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER (28th FEB)

ONE MORE WEEK TO GO! MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

Our very first Young Adults Dinner for 2016 will kick off in style!

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. The venue has been changed to Sandrino's Cafe (16 South Tce, Fremantle) to accommodate our large group. It is also important that you bring cash as we won't be able to do split billing, so please do come prepared with some cash for the night.

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 28th of February.

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

STRONGER TEEN YOUTH GROUP

As the leaders will be heading to the CYM master class on the 26th February there won't be a stronger night. Stronger will be back on the 11th March instead! We hope you guys had fun at the last Stronger night and hope to see you then!

CYM HOLY HOUR

CYM Mass and Holy Hour has returned for the year! Held every Wednesday, mass is at 5.30pm followed by Holy Hour at 6.30pm, with dinner provided for a small donation of \$5.

The first session of the Lenten Program kicked off on Ash Wednesday, reflecting on each of the 7 corporal and spiritual works of mercy over the next 7 weeks.

VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL

In 2015, we saw over 400 young people from across Perth gather for one of the biggest Catholic Youth gathering in Perth. The 2016, Veritas Youth Festival will be bigger and better, with an amazing line up of speakers, workshop presenters and stall holders.

Held from the 22-24 of April, it promises to be quite an experience! Save the dates and commit to what will change your life!

Visit the VERITAS website for more information: <http://www.veritasperth.com/>

Parish News

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY – PARISH 24 HOUR ADORATION

To mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy during this season of Lent, we are encouraged by Pope Francis to spend some quiet time in adoration and gaze on the merciful face of Christ in prayer. Our Parish 24 Hour Adoration will commence soon after the Stations of the Cross on **Friday 4th March 2016 and end with Novena and Benediction at 6.00pm on Saturday 5th March**. Please invite your friends and join in with the parishioners of St. Thomas More Bateman to pray and immerse yourself in the merciful love of God.

EASTER — 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

We will be having our Second Rite of Reconciliation for Easter on Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the church with about twenty priests. All are encouraged to come to this service in preparation for Easter.

MARIAM PILGRIMAGE 29 AUGUST—12 SEPTEMBER 2016

Fr Phong will lead a Mariam pilgrimage to the Jewels of Portugal, Spain and France. Places of visit include Fatima, Santarem, Santiago de Compostela, Garabandal, Lourdes, Carcassone, Monserrat and Barcelona. Optional extension to Rome is available. There are only a few places left for this pilgrimage. For reservation please contact Serina at 0420 991 868 or Sheila at 0433 771 979 or Sue at 0421 835 408.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday there will be Stations of the Cross during the season of Lent at 6.00pm immediately after the 5.30pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to attend the Stations as part of their Lent.

ST THOMAS MORE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY GROUP

Recommended on Tuesday 9th February, 2016

Meets **Tuesdays during school term at 8.50am-9.20am** in the church (or shrine).

Easy to follow books are used, so no experience is necessary.

All welcome (including children of any age).

Hope to see you there or for more information please contact:

Patricia Taylor: 0422 770 730 or Clare Cox: 9310 7989



PREPARATION FOR LENT—Passion of the Christ

Come and join us as we continue to reflect on **Jesus' Passion: The story of Redemptive Suffering** on Wednesday 24 Feb at 7pm in the parish hall. In this session we reflect on the false witnesses accusing Jesus before Caiaphas, the chief priests and elders. The Jewish religion leaders unwittingly conspire to put Jesus to death exactly in accord with God's plan for salvation.

Parish News (continued)



LADIES CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Ladies Craft and Friendship Group meets every Tuesday of the school term in the parish meeting room at 12.15pm. All ladies are welcome to come and join us for craft, fun and friendship. For enquiries please contact Veronica on 9414 5267.

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY.

The Next devotion will be on 9th March 2016. It will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? All are welcome.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039.

BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY OUR MOTHER

A biblical walk with Mary our Mother for Parents of Children attending Yidarra school. How well do we know the young woman of Nazareth who was called to a most extraordinary mission and led by God step by step into deeper trust and surrender to his plan and her Son's Mission? As we walk with Mary through her life, we will consider what the Bible tells us about her journey of faith. All Mums and Dads are welcome to attend these sessions in the meeting room in the Parish Hall (Enter via Parish hall). Parishioners are also most welcome.



REFLECTION WEEKEND FOR WOMAN

Theme: "How can we open the spaces within, for God's healing and wholeness, as we travel our Pilgrim Journey?"

This weekend is open to women of all ages. It is an opportunity to have some time to reflect on one's life and continue in the spirit of Easter. The weekend is designed to experience God's healing, wholeness and mercy.

When: April 8-10th

Venue: St John of God Retreat Centre, 47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater

Cost: \$220

Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418130 200 or annsjg@gmail.com

BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious education program for those children in Years 1 to 6 who are not attending Catholic Schools. The program will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (2 year program). There is also a comprehensive program commencing in May for high school children who may not have received all of their Sacraments.

Classes run each Wednesday during the first three school terms starting at 4pm in the church. Enrolments are now being accepted. For enquiries please contact Jenny on 9310-1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or on 0435695399.

Please note that fees for the year can be paid at enrolment.

\$35.00 (Year) for Single child.

\$45.00 (Year) for Family

Diocesan Notices

LOOKING FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT?

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a great variety of short courses available at several location 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.

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

ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA

Furniture Needed for crisis Centre: Abortion Grief Australia now has a house in Booragoon for training, counselling and crisis lines for women, men and families struggling with abortion related mental illness and/or pregnancy crisis. This tremendous opportunity for AGA to better serve those in crisis is only possible due to the extraordinary generosity of a volunteer. However we need quality furnishings for the office, conference room and patio. The work of AGA is doing is ground breaking internationally www.abortiongrief.asn.au Ph Mary 9414 8589/0410 680 427

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL—CCR TOGETHER

CCR together will be held on Friday 26 Feb 2016 at Orana Catholic Primary school, cnr Vahland/Querrin Avenue, Willetton. This is an opportunity for all CCR members and friends to come together for an evening of praise, teaching and fellowship. It will commence with Rosary at 7.00pm and Prayer & Praise at 7.30pm. Please encourage your members to come along and bring family and friends, especially those yet to find Jesus in their lives. Further details contact Dan on 93984973.

COMMEMORATING THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF THE SACRET HEART SESQUICENTENARY (150 years) ANNIVERSARY—1866-2016

You are invited to join the South Perth Taize praying community to celebrate the 150th Anniversary. We give thanks and Praise for the founding of the Josephites in Penola SA in 1866-2016 by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian T Woods.

Where: St Joseph's Convent Chapel, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth

Time: 7pm– 8pm, Chapel doors open 6.30pm

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

Bring a small torch, a plate to share for the celebration supper and invite a friend.

GREETINGS FROM OUR SHRINE 'HOLY DOOR' in this year of MERCY!

Shrine Time Holy Hour for Young Adults 18-35 years is on Sunday, February 28th at 7.30pm, 9 Talus Drive Mt. Richon. Please feel very welcome to join in for prayer; praise and worship followed by a social.