

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Is 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Second Reading - Phil 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - Jn 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and [Pharisees](#) brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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

5th Sunday of Lent, Year C

March 13, 2016

Judge not, fear not

It would be a wonderful experience to go through life without being judged! Not judged by others, not even by ourselves. Not judged by what we have done or have failed to do, by what we presently do or cannot do, or by who we are or who we are not.

For some people the playground of their childhood is a place of cruel judgement. However, playgrounds aren't meant to be places of judgment. They should be places where children can go without fear of being judged to have fun, laugh and play.

In today's gospel there are two people being judged, a woman and a man. Jesus had been put on the spot by the scribes and the Pharisees. They wanted to see what Jesus would do and what would happen. "They did this to test him." In life some people feel put on the spot, trapped and hung out to dry. Others around them are waiting and watching to see what will happen. To be tested like that is quite frustrating, very distressing and isolating. In moments like that people feel as though they are being set up for failure and disappointment.

Jesus is set up by the scribes and the Pharisees. They think they finally have him in a corner from which there is no escape. St John says they did this, "So that they could have some charge to bring against him." But Jesus looks around him and sees the

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

arrogant faces, the judgemental eyes and the accusing fingers, as surely as the woman standing in the middle saw them. Then Jesus delivers one of the most striking questions in the gospel: he asks the woman, "Has no one condemned you?" And this question to the crowd; "Do you really think that you are better than she is?"

People sometimes feel that others are better — better looking, better qualified, better skilled. Just better! But here Jesus turns all that around and as the gospel records, "They went away one by one."

Today and every day there is an invitation to enter God's 'playground'. It does not matter who you are, where you come from or what you have done. The person you are is what matters.

God loves every person, and the gospel shows that God's love does not condemn and does not judge. That is what God is like. God's love is liberating. "Go", go and play, Jesus seems to say, look to the future with fresh hope. Do not let the past hold you back but learn from it. And when you feel like you are being judged, or that others are better than you, wouldn't it be wonderful to have the courage to straighten up beside Jesus! Wouldn't it be marvellous to understand that in God's 'playground', every person matters! So, go and play.

Mark Chia CSsR
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Baptisms:

We welcome Oscar John Fitzgerald into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Joseph Siow who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Tommaso Boccando, Bill Curran, Peter Francis Law, Helen Taylor, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 20th MARCH

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Brenella Pasquale				
Flowers:	Palm Sunday				
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	A Ruban J Santosa	G Moriarty N Morzenti	E Orr R Sinagra	A Sciascia R Sciascia	J Grochal I Iman
Acolytes	P Doss	B King	J Nonis	T Roper	F Norton
Altar Servers	G Wan R Ye K Zaccheus	T Blechynde M Roach	S Ng P Nikolic G Paltridge	R James R James N Andrews	J Teixeira A Gan K Tanr
Special Minister	P Ruban J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen P Taylor M The J Voon J Voon	R King I P Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersqí C Price P Price M Woolford	I Cornejo J Downey A Fong L Fong L Ford D Garreffa Y Johan H Klass A Lai	R Varen R Wong L Yeo R yeo W Cox R D'Annunzi O D'Mello S Dyer	Youth Special Minister
Catechists	(Year 1-4) B Pasquale (Year 5-6) P Ruban		(Year 1-4) C Plottke (Year 5-6) R Rodrigues		
Readers	M Dorray B D'Sa	D Dennis J De Silva	C Correa S Hart	G Santhou A Gunawan	D Talbot A Taylor
Piety stall	Jessica	Mary	Pat	Poake	Ayenis
Readers' Coordinator:	Lilian Sequeira 9331 5552				

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)
- † Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
March 2016

Section A
Francis Chai

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

STRONGER TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Stronger will be back again after only a week! This FRIDAY we'll have another Stronger night due to the 25th being Good Friday!! Make sure to come on down to the parish hall for yet another exciting night of prayer, learning, fellowship and food! We hope you guys had fun at the last stronger night and hope to see you this week.

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.

2 more sessions of the reflections on the 7 corporal and spiritual works of mercy run by Fr Brennan after Wednesday Holy Hours are left! They will be held this Wednesday (16th March) and the 23rd of March to see out the Lenten season. Be sure to come down and join us for some fellowship and learn about the faith.

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. This 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/>



YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

The Youth Music Ministry is looking for singers and musicians to join our team. In particular we are looking for guitarists and male singers, but anyone is welcome! If you are interested, come and chat to Rachel or Belinda after Mass or contact us via Rachel.hicks001@gmail.com, or Belinda.norris@svdpwa.org.au, 0412046916 or 0406922944.

THOUGHT!

We still love ourselves even after doing many mistakes.
Then how can we hate others for their single mistakes?
Seems strange but true

One great lesson I learned from my life..... There is no market for your emotions,
So never advertise your feelings, just show your attitude.....

Parish News

EASTER — 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

All are encouraged to come to this service in preparation for Easter.

Riverton	- Tuesday	15th March	7.00pm
Applecross	- Tuesday	15th March	7.30pm
Willetton	- Wednesday	16th March	7.00pm
Attadale	- Thursday	17th March	7.30pm
Langford	- Thursday	17th March	7.30pm

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.



30th ANNIVERSARY MOVIE NIGHT—Friday 1st April 2016

Come meet and mingle with our parish community at our 30th anniversary celebration FREE movie night on Friday 1st April 2016. BYO dinner immediately after the 5.30pm Mass—bring a plate to share. The movie "A Man For All Seasons", based on the life of our great parish patron St. Thomas More will commence at 7.00pm. Drinks and snacks will be available on sale. Places are limited, so please register your names ASAP on lists in the church foyer.

CAKE SALE— Sunday 13th March

St Vincent De Paul cake sale is on **Sunday 13th March**.

Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For further enquiries please contact Geraldine at 9310 1747 during office hours.

MORECARE COMMITMENT—12 & 13 March

Morecare commitment will be held on 12th and 13th March at all Masses.

Please support this Outreach Programme volunteering in providing Transport, Emergency Meals, Visiting and Home help. Thank You. More Care co-ordinators.

ICCP INDONESIAN FOOD FAIR—20th March

The annual ICCP Indonesian Food Fair will be held on Sunday 20 March 2016 at 9am at Yidarra School Canteen. All kinds of Indonesian authentic food will be available e.g. satay, noodles, fried rice, spring rolls and many more. For more info contact Elizabeth at 0404799 923.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Our first Children's Mass for the year will be celebrated on Divine Mercy Sunday and we would like to encourage all children and their families to attend.

Date: 3 April 2016

Time: 9:30am

Mass Rehearsal: 2 April @ 1:45pm

Choir Rehearsal : 2 April @ 3:00pm

Children who would like to be involved in the Mass can register their names in the Church foyer.

YIDARRA 3YO & KINDY 2018 APPLICATIONS

3YO 2016—Term 2 Class

•Applications can be downloaded from our website: web.yidarra.wa.edu.au, alternatively they are available from the Yidarra office.

4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN 2018

•Soon interviews will be conducted for children due to commence Kindy in 2018

•Applications are available on our website or from the office.

Parish News (continued)

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 on **11 May 2016** for **high school children** who may not have received all of their Sacraments. The closing date for Eucharist classes is March 9th.

Classes run each Wednesday during the first three school terms starting at 4pm in the church.

Enrolments for all classes are now being accepted, although enrolments for the Sacramental years will be closing very soon. 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

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, Carcassonne, 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.

LENTEN PROGRAM — Passion of the Christ

Come and join us as we continue to reflect on Jesus' Passion:

The story of redemptive Suffering Session 3 on Wednesday 16th March at 7pm in the parish hall. In this session we reflect on "What is Truth?" Jesus tells Pontius Pilate: "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice" (Jn 18:37). When Jesus is condemned to death by the crowd, the vast majority are disbelieving because He has failed to live up to their ideas of the Messiah.

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 Cost: \$220

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

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

Diocesan Notices

Feast of the Annunciation Rosary at Fremantle Mausoleum

A Rosary to commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation will be held at Fremantle Mausoleum on Wednesday 23 March 2016 at 6pm. The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board welcomes all parishioners to this spiritual occasion. For further details, please contact Fremantle Cemetery on 9319 0400. All visitors are asked to park in the car park on Sainsbury Road.

GROWING IN GRACE CONFERENCE

Only 5 more weeks till the inaugural Growing in Grace Conference! This five day conference provides a place and time for anyone over 18 who wants to learn more about themselves and about God, in the spirit of St John Paul II. We are meeting in beautiful Swanleigh from Wednesday 13 - Sunday 17 April 2016. Full registration including accommodation \$445; part-registration Friday-Sunday only, \$245. For more information, visit: <http://mg.org.au/growing-in-grace-conference/>

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MERCY – One Day Lenten Conference with The Catholic Guy

Lent can be the most powerful time of our year. This is a time when we come into contact with God's mercy and that changes everything about us. We are inviting people of all ages and backgrounds to come and spend 'One Day' with us and experience God in a special, powerful and personal way. 'Mercy' is an event for people of all ages and walks of life. Whether you're single or married, whether you go to Church regularly or perhaps haven't been for a while, 'Mercy' is for you.

DATE: Saturday 19th March 2016 (1pm-9pm)

VENUE: Chisholm Catholic College Chapel, 1104 Beaufort Street, Bedford.

COST: FREE (Dinner included)

CHILDREN: Pre-register for the special FREE daytime program for children aged 2 to 15 years.

Parent's room also available.

REGISTER ONLINE: www.perth.thecatholicguy.com/mercyG

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: mercy@thecatholicguy.com or ph 1300 734 880

THE SISTERS of ST JOSEPH of the SACRED HEART 150TH CELEBRATION MASS

The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart invite Associates, Ex-Students and Friends to a 150TH CELEBRATION MASS at 10am at St Columba's Church, Forrest Street, South Perth, followed by morning tea in the Convent Gardens at 16 York St, South Perth.

Date: Fri March 18

RSVP appreciated (for catering) to laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au, 9334 0999 before 9 March

THE SISTERS of ST JOSEPH of the SACRED HEART TAIZE PRAYER

Commemorating the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Sesquicentenary (150 years) Anniversary (1866 – 2016).

Date: Sun March 20

Time: 7pm - 8pm, Chapel doors open 6:30pm

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

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

Please bring a plate to share for the celebration supper and invite a friend... and a torch!



Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413