

## Sunday Readings

Year C

### First Reading - Acts 13:14, 43-52

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,  
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

### Second Reading - Rv 7:9, 14-17

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

### Gospel - Jn 10:27-30

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;

I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life;

they will never be lost

and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,

and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

April 17, 2016

## Following Jesus

Loyalty isn't discussed much these days. It can seem like a rather strange question: where do your loyalties lie? An older generation might still point to country or church, but the current generation would likely associate their loyalties with what matters to them more personally, their families or friends, or even themselves. Either way, their loyalties indicate what they choose above other things.

The question about loyalty asks us to think about the kinds of relationships that define us, that move us to act for something, and that give us something meaningful and worthwhile. Loyalty is really about an exchange of gifts. It's about living according to the authority of something good.

If we focus on relationships, choices and exchanges of gifts, we can probably see loyalties around us every day. There's a mother who turns down a promotion and a more demanding job so she can drop off and collect her daughter from school; a teacher who takes the time to listen to his/her students when they need it; and a woman with a bad hip who allows herself an hour to walk to morning Mass each day. Loyalties to people, virtues, values – these we can see quite easily (and thankfully) when we look for them, even if the word 'loyalty' isn't used.

### 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

When Jesus presents himself as the shepherd in today's gospel, he uses words and ideas that also aren't often used anymore: "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish." But even if people tend not to think of themselves as 'sheep' or 'followers', or even of receiving eternal life (at least in the here and now of this life), they know something about loyalty. They also know about relationships that are crucial to who we are and who we become, about exchanges of gifts, and about choice and sacrifice for something good. And because they know about living for the people they love and the genuine values they affirm, and because they know all too well about walking in dark valleys and needing and praying for comfort, they also know something about following Jesus.

Maybe the most Christian thing we can do this Easter season is to discern in others the ways their loyalties express and anticipate the reality of new life that Jesus promises to those who follow his way of self-sacrificing love for others. The church's language may not be what they use, but the sound of his voice may yet resonate in their tenderness, their perseverance, their commitment and their forgiveness. He knows them. And with Easter eyes we can see that they follow him by the life of love that they live.

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# R O S T E R S

## for 24th April

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	George Lopez				
Flowers :	Mayang Gazali				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. C Iannello	3. P Murray		
	<b>Saturday</b> 6.30pm	<b>Sunday</b> 8.00am	<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>Sunday</b> 11.00am	<b>Sunday</b> 6.00pm
Greeters	W Hadiano E Hadiano	J Fitzpatri F Foster	E Orr R Sinagra	C Wibisono A Wijaya	T Mancinone A Christoph
Acolytes	P Doss	B King	L Papineau	P Doray	F Norton
Altar Servers	C Heslop C Latiff	B Boudville A Flexman	J Sinagra D Thompson J Widjaja	Joel J Yeo O Mumbi	J Basilio S Broderick Carlos
Special Minister	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Readers	J Law J Lee	J Horsfall F Ling	C Plottke L Papineau	L Loo R Liu	N Dias K Dias
Piety stall	Isabelle	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayenis
Readers' Coordinator:	Vivian Ng 9314 7414				

### 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  
April 2016

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Deaths:

Please pray for Jenny Paul (wife of Alan Paul) and Maria Teh who passed away recently.

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Francesco Zagari, Filomena Iovine, Tommaso Boccando, Connie De Sousa whose anniversaries occur around this time.



## Youth

### STRONGER TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Our next Stronger teens youth group meeting will be on the 6th of May. We hope you all enjoy the school holidays and stay safe. Hope to see many of you back on the 6th!

### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER (POTLUCK)

Our next young adults dinner will be a POTLUCK DINNER held on Sunday the 1st of May. The dinner will be held at the parish after the 6pm Youth Mass so please come down and bring a plate to share!

Event will be put up on Facebook too so keep an eye out!

### DIOCESAN NOTICES

#### 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

#### VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL

In 2015, we saw over 400 young people from across Perth gather for one of the biggest Catholic Youth gatherings 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 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/>

If you are attending the Veritas youth festival, please register directly with CYM and email your registration to the following email so we know who from our parish will be attending: [Goh.clarence@hotmail.com](mailto:Goh.clarence@hotmail.com)



## Parish News

### SVDP CAKE SALE—17th April

St Vincent de Paul cake sale is on Sunday 17th April. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For further enquiries, please contact Geraldine at 9310 1747 during office hours.



### CLEANING UP PARISH KITCHEN—Saturday 23rd April 2016

In order to meet the health and safety regulation, the Building and Maintenance Committee will clean up the Kitchens from both the parish Hall and Meeting Room on Saturday 23rd April 2016. All unused equipment, kitchenware, old plates, cups, utensils, food and drinks from the fridges will be thrown out. Should any member of the parish committees or groups wish to retain anything, please inform the Parish Office by Friday 22nd April. Thank you for your cooperation!  
Building and maintenance Committee.

### SENIORS' MASS & MORNING TEA—5th May

Following a wonderful response to our gathering late last year a similar get together will take place on Thursday, May 5th. Mass will commence at 10am followed by morning tea in the Parish Meeting Room. Please place your name on the list in the foyer of the Church. All welcome and please bring a plate.



### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible! - 10th May at 7.00pm

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. We will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on 10th of May at 7pm.

The study includes a series of seven informative and engaging half-hour videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be followed by a lively group discussion. You can sign up for the study on the sheet in the foyer of the Church. It is recommended that you purchase the Bible study workbook.

### BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious Education program for 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. Enrolments for the Sacrament of the Eucharist classes have unfortunately closed. For enquiries please contact Jenny on 9310-1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or on 0435695399.



## Parish News (continued)

### 2016/2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK NOW ON SALE

Yidarra Catholic Primary school is again fundraising with the Entertainment Book (vouchers plus a gold card) or also available on multiple phones as a DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP that puts all the offers in the book on your smartphone to redeem at the touch of a button. All pre-orders will receive BONUS early bird vouchers that you can use straight away. Order online at [www.entbook.com.au/8g3295](http://www.entbook.com.au/8g3295) or phone Alex Rossi 0419 962 963.

### 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.



### 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. An optional extension to Rome is available. There are only a few places left. For reservations please contact Serina at 0420 991 868 or Sheila at 0433 771 979 or Sue at 0421 835 408.

### SMILE!

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here 's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, Brother and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up." At that moment, the substitute organist played "God Save the Queen."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

When you get to your wit's end,  
You'll find God lives there.

## Diocesan Notices

### Nourish Your Faith:

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a great variety of short courses available (including "Exploring the Mass," "Grace-Filled Parenting," "Last Things" and many more!) 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 more information, visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au) or call 9241 5221 for a Term Two brochure.

### Praying our Experiences – growing awareness of God in my everyday

This focused prayer time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of our faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this prayer time. Ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart

Theme: Contemplation - making space for God.

Date: Friday 22nd April, 2016 RSVP Essential by Wednesday 20th April

Time: 10.30am-12.00noon Repeated 6.30pm– 8.00pm

Contact: Secretary: Phone {08} 9334 0999

Email: [laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au](mailto:laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au).

Venue: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Parking in York Street

### YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE

With the encouragement of Pope Francis to take a pilgrimage in the Year of Mercy, we invite you to join us from 4th to 28th September 2016. Countries: Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland: 25 days; \$6,890.00

Includes return airfares, accommodation in four star hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees at place mentioned in the itinerary and tips for guides and drivers.

For more detailed information and a copy of the itinerary, please feel free to contact Judy David Mobile 0423 167 585; Email [J.david494@gmail.com](mailto:J.david494@gmail.com) or Fr. Emil Phone: 0408 447 062.

### THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Our Home for the Aged in Glendalough Perth, currently has 73 residents. There is a need now to completely rebuild a new home to meet the required standards to ensure the quality of life. We are embarking on raising the enormous amount that is needed. As such, can you help?

A FOOD FAIR would be held on Sunday, 15th May 2016 from 10am till 4.00pm at our Glendalough Home grounds, 2 Rawlins St. All are invited to participate and tickets would be sold and if you could help further by operating a stall or two please call Sr. Margurite at 94433155 or sms Bernadette Robert at 04-23958123 for more info

