

## Sunday Readings

Year C

### First Reading - Acts 15:1-2, 22-29.

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

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### Second Reading - Rv 21:10-14, 22-23.

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

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

### Gospel - Jn 14:23-29.

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

May 1, 2016

### Not lost but found

Neville married his childhood sweetheart Betty. On the day of their wedding, Neville couldn't contain his joy at the thought of spending the rest of his life with the girl he described as "gracious, charming and beautiful". They became the proud parents of two children, Anthony and Josephine.

Sadly, just after Betty turned 41, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and spent much of the rest of her life in a wheelchair; eventually being confined to bed. It was tough for Neville and Betty, but somehow they managed with help from nurses and carers. At 68, Betty could no longer battle her illness and with Neville by her side she died peacefully at home.

About three months after Betty's death, Neville's son Anthony died from a sudden heart attack aged 44. Three years later, Neville also buried his daughter Josephine who was tragically killed in car accident on her way home from work. She was 45. Neville has endured more than his share of suffering. The loss of his wife and children in the space of a few short years took a huge toll. His grief was overwhelming and he often just sat on his verandah, sobbing uncontrollably or staring into space.

#### 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

Yet, Neville never gave up. He found within himself the strength to carry on and to find meaning in his life. With the 'closing of doors', new ones were opened. He discovered lawn bowls, joined the local historical society and got back into the garden. Now, as an old man, Neville lives in an aged care home. His greatest joy comes from his four grandchildren who visit him regularly, take him for outings and include him as much as possible in their lives. For all that Neville lost and takes delight in what he still has: his grandchildren and many happy and precious memories.

In today's gospel, Jesus is opening new doors for his disciples. Jesus speaks about his departure, knowing that the disciples will feel lost and dismayed when they begin to understand more clearly the fate that awaits him and that he will no longer be with them as before. Jesus' advice is not to panic. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Jesus promises the disciples two gifts: The Holy Spirit and peace. The spirit, the advocate will be a constant presence for the disciples, who will continue to inspire, motivate and bring life. Peace is the gift that will enable the disciples to remain in love with each other and with the Father.

It is easy to be tempted to focus on what we have lost. The challenge for all of us is to see what remains, not what is gone, and to discover the 'new doors' of peace, strength and life which the Holy Spirit opens for us.

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Jasmine Ellen Tawill into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Robert Ross, Amy de Silva whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 8th May

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Ratinda Oetomo				
Flowers:	Shauna Taylor				
Counter:	1. T Tloczek	2. M Tloczek	3.		
	<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	D Kumala D Kumala	F Ling L Montague	E Orr R Sinagra	D Sudarso E Tweed	J Grochal I Iman
Acolytes	D Ng	T Basile	C Dowsett	T Roper	F Norton
Altar Servers	F Oetomo R Tantular M Murray	T Blechynde M Roach	P Cockrell A Chong V Chong	R James R James N Andrews	Y Deandra A Dinata A Dinata
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	(Yrs 1-4) C Adams (Yrs 5-6) M Sequeira		(Yrs 1-4) B Pasquale (Yrs 5-6) Ira Kusnadi		
Readers	L Moniz S Moniz	A Martin M Oliver	A Thomas G Thomas	R Rasmana S Ratnasing	G Lynn D Talbot
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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/Meals)
- † Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden  
May 2016

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver

## 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

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – LOVE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS (4 WEEK SERIES)

UNDA's program on dating and relationships commenced on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. Come down and join students from across the University for their ongoing discussion series as they ask and attempt to answer the important questions about life, love and relationships.

Food and drinks will be provided along with LIVE MUSIC.  
May 3 and 10.

3rd May, Kamila Soh - Lies Single People Believe  
10th May, Daniel Lazaroo - Red Flags in Relationships.

### THOUGHT!

"Mercy is the divine attitude which embraces, it is God's giving himself to us, accepting us, and vowing to forgive".

Pope Francis

## Parish News

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of Fr. Jeronimo and everyone from the Parish, we would like to thank the members of the Building and Maintenance Committee, **Jeff Parker, Ben McCarthy, Eamon Broderick** and his children **Darcy and Safiah**, who came to clean the kitchens last Saturday morning. We truly appreciate their time and tremendous efforts. Fr. Phong



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013 commencing at 7.30 pm. 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? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493(h) 6242 0702(w).

### OUR LADY'S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION FOR MAY - 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for May will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome.

White Chrysanthemums 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 MAY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of May are invited to write their names on the list in the church foyer. A statue of Our Lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana at the Parish Office on 9310 1747.

### 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.

## Parish News (continued)

### 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.

### 2016 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT)

The Parish will participate in the 2016 National count of Mass attendance over four weekends in May starting from 30th April 2016. This is a simple headcount of all Mass attendance by the appointed counters at every Mass celebration in our church throughout May. This is a national exercise throughout the Archdiocese and Australia wide to determine the number of people in attendance including language and frequency of celebration. Thank you.

### 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.



### A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY OUR MOTHER

Parents of Children attending Yidarra School, Corpus Christi and Parishioners are welcome.

Our next session is title "The Nativity from Luke 2:1-20". St. John Paul 11 reflecting on this Mystery said: "Mary experiences childbirth in a condition of extreme poverty; she cannot give the Son of God even what mothers usually offer a newborn baby; instead, she has to lay him 'in a manger', an improvised cradle which contrasts with the dignity of the 'Son of the Most high'. How do we respond when we are not treated the way we think we should be?"

We welcome all mums and Dads from Yidarra, Corpus Christi and the Parish to join us at the Parish hall.

When: Wednesday, May 11th. 9.15 -10.15am. Enquiries: Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Carolin on 0432 855 605.

## 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.

### TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER – Thanksgiving Prayer in honour of Sr Irene McCormack's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death in Peru

You are invited to join the South Perth Taizé praying community to celebrate and give thanks to God for Sr Irene's life.

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. When: **15<sup>th</sup> May** from 7-8pm (Chapel doors open 6.30pm). Bring: a small torch, and invite a friend. Further info: Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, [mriddler@sosjwa.org.au](mailto:mriddler@sosjwa.org.au).

### EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

The **World Apostolate of Fatima** invites you to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour, with prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction, on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm**, at Sts John and Paul Church, Willetton.

The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be present.

Fr Christian Irdi will officiate.

All are very welcome to attend. Enquiries: 9339 2614

"We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's Prophetic Mission is complete." [Pope Benedict XVI, at Fatima, May 2010]



### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

**Catholic Faith Renewal** invites you to bring your family & friends to enjoy the evening on Friday 6 May 2016. Song of praise & worship (7.30pm) Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm) Talk by Fr Mark Baumgarten on "Genesis 2 : The First Romance" ( 8:00 pm ) Fellowship & Light supper ( 9:00 pm )

### MONSTER BOOK SALE 2016

Pater Noster Parish Myaree

When: 9am To 4pm on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th June

Where: School Parish Hall; Entrance: Evershed St, Myaree

### WE NEED BOOKS.

If you have any to donate please contact:

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(No Encyclopaedias or Text Books please)