

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Second Reading - Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised; he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel- Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

17th Sunday, Year C

July 24, 2016

Importance of prayer

From the earliest days of his ministry St Alphonsus, the founder of the Redemptorists, gathered beggars on the street corners of Naples. He taught them to pray. Alphonsus also began 'Evening Chapels', where simple folk could gather for prayer in the back rooms of local shops. Alphonsus believed that "you can pray anywhere, at any time – even at work or at recreation. Prayer consists simply in lifting your mind to God."

In today's gospel, Jesus also teaches us about prayer. Jesus' teaching has three parts; each about a different aspect of prayer. The first part is a prayer very well known to us, the 'Our Father'. It is the prayer we are taught from our earliest years. Jesus is teaching that we pray to God who is a generous and caring Father. It is through prayer that we enter into a loving and personal relationship with God. Likewise, Alphonsus said that prayer is "nothing but a friendly relationship and frequent solitary converse with God who we know loves us."

The second part calls for perseverance in prayer; especially when we ask something of God. Jesus uses the image of a man asking his friend for bread to feed his guest. The man persists in asking despite many refusals. The man trusts that in the end friendship will prevail. Unlike the friend however, God does not refuse to answer our prayer because God can't be bothered. God patiently waits for us to discern whether we are asking for the right thing, and inspiring us to do it.

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. Garner Vergara
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

In responding to a family man who asked about developing a spiritual life, Alphonsus said, "Ask without ceasing for the love of God, perfect conformity to the divine will and perseverance in prayer." The third part is the well-known instruction of Jesus to ask, seek and knock. Jesus promises that if we look after our children (our friends), then we ought to trust that God will be even more generous towards us. It is a call to grow beyond specific needs to focus on the gifts of God. Alphonsus says it this way: "Consider that no one, friend or lover, father or mother, sister or brother, loves you more than your God."

Both Jesus and Alphonsus show us that what is always granted through prayer is a deeper relationship with God and others. The One to whom we pray is our "Father" whose love and care for us is unlimited. It is this deeply intimate and personal relationship with God which inspires in us the confidence to persevere in prayer.

Alphonsus invites us to pray with him: "Jesus, my Redeemer, I feel within me a great desire to love you. This is a gift of your grace. You desire my love; I also desire yours. Let us love each other from now on and forever. You will never leave me and I will never leave you. You will always love me and I will always love you."

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Baptisms:

We welcome Magnus Carsten Hein, Nash James Lockett, Maria Tan, Daisy Rynae Noorwood into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Amy Thomas who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Fred Skelton, Magdalene Shao, Nola Antoinette Powell, Phyllis McDonnell, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 31ST JULY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Alan Phoon				
Flowers :	Margareth Koh				
Counter:	1. M Woolford	2. R Scia Scia	3. T Huxtable		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	C Lasrado P Lasrado	L Mosking E Temmen	A Faleiro J Hendricks	A Wijaya P Zulkifli	B D'Mello J Grochal
Acolytes	V Tan	D Bianchini	D Klass	T Roper	S Carrello
Altar Servers	K De Silva R Dellaca O Dellaca	T Blechyndé M Roach	P Cockrell A Chong V Chong	R James R James N Andrews	M Franyne E Hasan E Hasan
Special Minister	Only Those Special Ministers with Work- ing With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Work- ing With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Work- ing With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Work- ing With Children's Card	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) K King		(Yrs 1-4)		
	(Yrs 5-6) S Tan		(Yrs 5-6) C A Norris		
Readers	K Gamba K A King	G Dunsford J Hidajat	A Thomas G Thomas	R Rasmana S Ratnasing	M Bautista A Jones
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Pat	Iris	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/Meals)
- † Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
July 2016

Busy Bee

Annual Prune
and clean-up

Youth

BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Our Bateman Teens Youth Group will commence again in Term 3 on Friday the 12th of August where we will continue the Chosen program. We hope you all enjoy your school holidays and hope to see you back on the 12th.

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Thanks for all those who came to the dinner last weekend. Our following get-together will be on Sunday, August 28th so be sure to keep the date free. Further details will come out closer to the date.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 PERTH FESTIVAL | SUNDAY 31 JULY

"You're only a screen away"

You are invited to bring your friends and family to Northbridge Piazza (Cnr Lake St & James Street) for a special screening of World Youth Day with Pope Francis and entertainment from Ignite Live Band and Kukuleczka Polish dance group. Come down from 1pm-3pm for an afternoon of festivities followed by mass at 5-6pm at St Mary's Cathedral. For further information contact Catholic Youth Ministry – admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912.

PLEASE KEEP THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ATTENDING WORLD YOUTH DAY IN KRAKOW(POLAND) IN YOUR PRAYERS!

SHRINE TIME - SUNDAY 24 JULY AT 7.30PM

Holy Hour for Young Adults 18-35 years is on Sunday, July the 24th at 7.30pm at 9 Talus Drive Mt Richon. Please do join in for prayer, praise and worship followed by a social.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Youth Ministry Worker (Full time position & 0.4 Part time position) both temporary positions relieving for long service leave.

The Perth Catholic Youth Ministry office is seeking two vibrant youth workers to join the Youth Ministry team. The successful applicants would be required to work to support parishes and youth ministry initiatives in the Archdiocese of Perth. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the West Australian Working With Children Check. Experience in previous youth ministry teams (eg YMT or NET) and/or parish youth groups is recommended. A full copy of the Job Advertisement and Job Description is available on www.cym.com.au

To submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees including a parish priest, please email: Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry. anita.parker@perthcatholic.org.au

Applications close Monday 8 August 2016.

Parish News

WELCOME FR. ELIO CAPRA!

We welcome Fr. Elio Capra to our parish community this weekend. We thank him for encouraging us to contemplate the merciful face of God at our retreat and inspire to us to live a life of mercy. We truly appreciate the spirit of joy that he brings to our parish at Mass this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless him in his ministry.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST 2016

The Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2016 will take place on Saturday 13th August at the 6.30pm Mass. All couples celebrating Significant Anniversaries 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, etc are asked to contact Juliana at the parish office on 9310 1747 to register for this special celebration. Closing date to register is Friday 29th July 2016.



COME & DISCOVER A RICHER, MORE FRUITFUL EXPERIENCE OF THE MASS

Have you ever wondered where the words, prayers and gestures that we use at Mass come from? Did you know that the Mass is a "true representation" of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the cross? Come and discover the answer to these questions and much more in A Biblical Walk Through the Mass starting on **Wed, 27 July from 9.15-10.15am** in the parish hall. This six-part video series by renowned Catholic theologian and speaker, Dr Edward Sri, will explain the biblical background and the profound significance of the Liturgy and explore the three key aspects of the Mass as Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion. It will give you helpful insights for getting the most out of every Mass and much more.

We welcome all parents and grandparents of students from Yidarra school, Corpus Christi College and parishioners to these sessions which will be held at the same place and time every fortnight during the school term.

Enquiries: Su 0413 560 033 or Carolin 0432 855 605

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - 20 & 21 AUGUST 2016

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Bateman Parish on the 20th & 21st August 2016.

Please take time to have a look at our Parish's Confirmation banners. All of our Parish children who have been preparing for Confirmation have their photo on the banners. The banners are to remind us, as a Parish Community, to support the children through our prayers. You are invited to pray for one or more of the candidates and to remember our Confirmation candidates when you say your family prayers.

Sacrament of Eucharist Photos 2016

The photos from this year's Sacrament of Eucharist are now available for viewing and orders. To view, please go to the website: www.maverickphoto.com.au, use the Login ID: 'communion' and Password: 'batecom2016'.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The new box of envelopes for the 2017 financial year are available for collection from the trestle tables in the foyer. Please collect these as soon as possible and return your commitment slips either to the office or in the second collection.

If you are not currently participating in the programme and would like to, please contact either George Lopez, Jeff de Silva or Delfino Morais who can record your details and provide you with a box of envelopes.

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.

Diocesan Notices

VOLUNTEER TRAINING ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA - 26 JUL & 3 AUG

Abortion Grief Australia has received a Mental Health Grant to integrate the community into the healing and prevention of abortion related mental illness. AGA has also received an international award for its ground breaking initiatives from the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. AGA is increasingly attracting professional/gifted volunteers for its different projects eg. Men & Abortion trauma, Education through compassion—targeting youth, Making a Difference team and Crisis Lines. Training begins this Tuesday evening 26th July and another Wed morning 3th Aug. Julie 9313 1784 or info@abortiongrief.asn.au

THE PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE AND THE SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM (IS IT SAFE?) - THURSDAY JULY 28TH 7PM at Church of St John & Paul parish hall, 5 Ingham Ct Willetton. Enquiries: Gillian Gonzalez (08) 9332 1803 M: 0415 678 005. The presentation is strictly reserved for those over 18.

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. When: **Friday 29th July 2016** Morning session at 10.30am - 12.00noon. (repeated) Evening session at 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Theme: I am the light of the world - the spirit of God, present in our daily lives. A reflection on our awareness and openness to God who dwells among us.

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Parking in York Street)

RSVP: Essential by 27th July: 9334 0999, laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

COURSE ON "DISCOVERING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE TOGETHER"

Restorative Justice is a way of building relationships in any setting—families, parishes, workplaces, etc. When we are harmed or we do harm, relationships are damaged. Learning how this harm can be addressed in such a way that we don't need to carry that hurt for the rest of our lives can be a long process. This course will help us to get started on that journey, restoring "right relationship" with others and with God. Restorative Justice is also proactive, which means it can help prevent harm happening. We can learn a new way of relating to people, where everyone communicates honestly with each other, really listens; and feels comfortable in letting others know our affective side. The principles of Restorative Justice can also form a basis for developing policies, running organisations, parishes, and families in many settings. **ALL WELCOME, free of charge.** It will be held at The Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate, over four Thursdays, once a month (**July 28, August 25, Sept. 29 & Oct. 25**). Courses will be held from 9am -12.30pm. Morning tea and lunch PROVIDED. **Register ASAP:** Claire Chew at **6104 3600** or agency_support@perthcatholic.org.au.

AN INTRODUCTION TO SCHOENSTATT AND THE COVENANT OF LOVE

Place: The Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive Armadale. Sunday 7th August at 2.00pm

RSVP: Sister M Elizabeth 9299 2349

SESQUICENTENARY EVENT INVITATION - SATURDAY 13 AUGUST AT 9AM

This year we are celebrating 150 years of our Foundation as The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. To mark this occasion, we have invited Dr Michele Connolly rsj from Lochinvar NSW, who presently lectures at the Catholic Institute of Sydney. Today we want to say thank you for all you have given to us. You are to gather, to share refreshments and listen to Dr Michele Connolly as we celebrate 150 years of God's faithfulness. Through the years we never lost sight of the strength of your love, your respect and support in accompanying us on God's mission. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. We would love you to accept this invitation in the Swan Valley. Where: La Salle college, 5 La Salle Avenue, Middle Swan
When: Saturday 13th August 2016, 9.00am cuppa for 10.15am start. Concludes 3.00pm
Topic: The Mission of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: Invitation into my mission as disciple of Jesus.

Transport: if you are using public transport, take Midland Line from Perth or Transperth buses to Midland Station. Transport to the College will be provided from 9-9.45am. RSVP: Essential to Laura 9334 0999, laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au (If you wish to use the transport from Midland service please indicate when you RSVP)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - 19 - 21 AUGUST & 21 - 23 OCTOBER 2016

Remember the early days of your marriage. Your honeymoon was a special time. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centres entirely on your relationship. It is a positive experience between you and your spouse, that revitalises marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Take a weekend out of the busyness of your lifestyles, where there is just the two of you, free of distractions. We invite you to join us on one of our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. **19-21 August at Dongara or 21-23 October 2016 at Swanleigh, Middleswan.** For information or booking contact: **George & Monica 0424 220 625** or Email: **WAb bookings@wwme.org.au** Website: **www.wwme.org.au**

WRL YOUTHCARE HIGH TEA - 20 AUGUST

The High Tea on 20th August needs supporters and volunteers on the day. You can help by purchasing a ticket, organising a table to be filled or by volunteering in the afternoon. Tickets are now available. The tickets are numbered and at this point in time, Glenys would like people to contact her to collect them so she knows how many have been sold. Contact: Glenys McKinnon at mckjag@iinet.net.au or 0437 744 056

DAYDAWN ADVOCACY CENTRE: SEEKING VOLUNTEER SOLICITOR

Daydawn Advocacy Centre, an agency of the Archdiocese, is seeking a volunteer solicitor to assist in supervision of our Restricted Practitioner Tenant Advocate. If you hold a current practicing certificate and are seeking a rewarding and interesting volunteer project, which would allow you to benefit some of the most vulnerable Director, day-dawn@perthcatholic.org.au, or 9218 8035.