

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Second Reading - Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel - Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of your inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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

18th Sunday, Year C

July 31, 2016

Life in death

A group of us were once asked what we wanted more than anything else. The person next to me grimaced when my friend said, "an ecstatic death." Her answer sounded to him rather like a dark and provocative reply, as if she were confessing some strange, morbid fascination with dying or attempting to merely startle the interviewer. But I knew that he missed her point. She was talking not just about her death, but essentially about the kind of life she really wanted.

I tend to think that our views of life and death go together. Or at least our disposition toward dying often reveals more about how we approach life than anything else. Thomas Merton, the famous Trappist monk, once wrote about this coupling of meanings. He said that when we separate death from life, when we try to hide from or oppose death, seeing in death a menacing figure waiting to pounce on us just around some unknown corner of life, then death becomes for us the fear of life.

It stands outside us and goads us into anxiously attempting to solidify ourselves before it snatches us away. Our life becomes overly determined by our desire to possess and do enough to make ourselves into something real and lasting. But knowing that death separates us from our achievements and possessions definitively leaves us in the fearful situation of not possibly being able to fulfill the task. When death is simply the end of life, its termination, it does just that, Merton says, and well before we die.

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

But Merton says that we view death differently when we live differently. When we give up the hopeless task of doing or consuming “enough” before our time ends, we can then shift our focus in life to something other than ourselves. And then we can start living for others and move toward a different end (or goal) of life.

The gospel paradox of passing from death unto life inspires his insight: living for others entails dying to our own greed, resentment and pride, awakening to the expanding world around us in new and fresh ways, and discovering a much fuller and richer life than ever we could previously imagine. A life lived in love is a true, good life and this changes the meaning of death. Merton says it beautifully. Describing physical death as a final act of self-surrender, he writes, “This is the ‘end of life,’ not in the sense of termination, but in the sense of a *culminating gift*, the last free perfect act of love which is at once surrender and acceptance.” (*Love and Living*, 103)

What do we really want? A larger barn for storing our rich harvest, as did the foolish man in the gospel or an ecstatic death? Either way, we can only live out our answer.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Benjamin Peter Barbatano, Tessara Quixiu Fong, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Ignatius Sugyanto Oetomo (father of Ratinda) who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray Alec McGonigle, Kathleen Foley, for whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 7TH AUGUST

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Juliana Doss				
Flowers :	Mayang Gazali				
Counter:	1. M Sequeira	2. P Foley	3.		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	A Mourad R Oetomo	A Vinci G Vinci	S Hedley A Lauw	E Connolly A Ford	I Iman C Jung
Acolytes	P Doss	T Basile	M Braganza	S McMahon	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	J Grosse Q Hua S Hua	A Flexman B Boudville	E Hart O Fuderer C Fuderer	E Lau E Lau J Pinto	S Hwang S Jones R Joseph
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) C Adams		(Yrs 1-4) B Pasquale		
	(Yrs 5-6) M Sequeira		(Yrs 5-6)		
Readers	C Lasrado J Law	J Horsfall F Ling	A Adeola D Booth	R SciaScia A Tjoe	K A King G Lynn
Piety stall	Jothi	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	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
August 2016

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

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016— MASS TIMES

Masses on Monday 15th August 2016 will be at **9.00am** (and not the usual 7.00am) and **7.30pm** for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please take note of the Mass times.

PARISH AGM FOR 2016—SUNDAY 14TH AUGUST, AT 12.15PM

The parish AGM will be held in the parish hall on Sunday 14th August at 12.15pm. All are welcome to attend. Those interested in nominating for parish Council or in joining any of the subcommittees, including the organising of parish events, faith formation, welcoming new parishioners, or building closer ties with Yidarra Catholic Primary, please speak to the priests or pick up a nomination form from the Parish Office.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy—Wednesday 10th August

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The next devotion will be on **10th August 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.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children, young people and the vulnerable. Any safety concerns about a person in our Parish or about child protection can be discussed with our Parish Safeguarding Officer - Fatima Basilio fatima_safeguarding@gmail.com
Parish Office: 9310 1747 Tuesdays 1.45—3.00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note new time for the Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It will now be from **8.30am to 10.00am ONLY** and not as previously from 8.30am—1pm.

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 'bateman2016'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Bateman parish on the 20th and 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.

Parish News (continued)

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.

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

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE INC. 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pregnancy Assistance celebrates 20 years of continuous HOPE & LIFE giving ministry to pregnant women and couples in crisis.

We are honouring our 20th Anniversary with a Gala Dinner to be held at the Pagoda Historic Ballroom on Saturday 17th September 2016.

Tickets are selling fast and seats are limited so please get in quick to secure your ticket or perhaps buy a table of 10. Enquiries: Lara Wynyard 9328 2926 or email info@pregnancyassistance.org.au

"CREATION SPIRITUALITY RETREAT IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY"

At Kilmolee at Safety Bay, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart. 29th Sept.—5th Oct. 2016.

For enquiries, flyer and registration, please contact: Sr Shelley Barlow rmdm 9271 3873 srbarlowrmdm@gmail.com or Brother Terry Casey cfc 0422 966 453.

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Praying that the Lord will grant us generosity to respond courageously to his call to become the person he is calling us to be, is everyone's sacred duty. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy let us all redouble our efforts in asking the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to his harvest. Therefore you are all invited to join His Grace Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB for **A Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 7th August 2016 at starting at 3.00pm**. The Holy Hour will include the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, some Spiritual Reflections and conclude with Benediction.

For more information, call Fr Jean-Noel Marie (Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Perth) on 9220 5901 or email vocations@perthcatholic.org.au

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

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**