

First Reading - Jer 38:4-6. 8-10**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Second Reading - Heb 12:1-4**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel - Lk 12:49-53**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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20th Sunday, Year C

August 14, 2016

The Way, the Truth and the Life

Things won't always be easy and comfortable for us as Christians. Jesus' words in today's gospel, I have come to bring fire to the earth and division among people, division even in families, strike a startling and unsettling note. After all, the angels who appeared to the shepherds at Jesus' birth proclaimed peace on earth. But here Jesus tells the crowd that he has come not to bring peace, but fire and division.

Yet, if we reflect on Jesus' life, it is clear from the very beginning and throughout his life that he does indeed bring division. While the shepherds and the wise men came to worship him, King Herod sought to kill him. While many are deeply moved by his teaching and preaching and his miracles, some responded by plotting against him and conspiring to destroy him.

The point of the gospel's message is that following Jesus makes real demands of us, demands that can be very costly, as exemplified by the many Christian saints and martyrs through the ages. The gospel reminds us that Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life necessarily throws into stark relief all in our world that is not right and true and good. It reminds that, as Jesus' followers, we are called to walk steadfastly and courageously in his way and to hold firmly and faithfully to the truth that he reveals.

But Jesus's words today are also a salutary reminder that our faith in Jesus and our commitment to live as Christians will sometimes bring us into conflict with others. It will cause divisions; because it will at times demand that we dissent from what might

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



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Parish Deacon

be very popular views. Our faith in Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life will not let untruths go unchallenged or what is wrong go unopposed; nor will it sanction violence and destructiveness. This dissent and conflict on account of our faith will cause us pain and suffering, just as it did for the prophets of old, and the many saints and martyrs who gave their lives for their faith.

Today, St Luke in his gospel wants us all to understand that things won't always be easy and comfortable for us as Christians. We will face opposition and rejection in various forms, perhaps even persecution. We will also at times face division and disension, even among our families and within our community because of our Christian faith and what we believe to be good, right and true. The peace the angels proclaimed will indeed come, but not yet!

So today we pray, as today's reading from the Letter to the Hebrews exhorts us, not to lose sight of Jesus who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection. And we pray for strength and courage, patience and perseverance to hold firm to our faith in Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt
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Baptisms:

We welcome Yuriel Alexander (Adelbertus) Widjaya into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Rosemary Forester, John Blackburn, Barbara Curtis, Michael Lim Chung Huat, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Gaotano Letizia, Tommaso Boccando, W Rajasingam, H S Christopher, Christine Papineau, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 21ST AUGUST

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Brenella Pasquale				
Flowers :	Confirmation				
Counter:	1. J Ingrassia	2. G Oldenhof	3. N Kristianto		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Standing W Cox	J Fitzpatri F Foster	E Orr R Sinagra	I Lum G Knight	E Ring R Rodrigues
Acolytes	D Ng	P McManus	L Papineau	CONFIRMATIO	F Norton
Altar Servers	S Gill K Lim K Lim	T Blechynde M Roach	T Moeljadi D Lobo D Lobo	CONFIRMATIO	E Metschukat A Louis A Moncrieff
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	CONFIRMATIO SPECIAL MINISTERS	Only Those Special Ministers with Working With Children's Card
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) L Sequeira		(Yrs 1-4) M Jones		
	(Yrs 5-6) S Fuderer		(Yrs 5-6) C Plottke		
Readers	C Morais J Limas	B Martin M Oliver	G das Neves S Hart	A Tjoe K Vincenti	E Temmen R Thomas
Piety stall	Jessica	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayeni

Readers' Coordinator:

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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

It was great to see everyone back last Friday night to kick off term three with our chosen program. Next time we will meet on Friday 26th of August to keep learning more about the faith, have some fun together and make more friends. Can't wait to see you all there J

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Please remember to keep the date free Sunday August 28th so that you can join us for our young adult's dinner. Further details will come out soon and a Facebook event will be up. J

Diocesan Notices

CYM HOLY HOUR

Come and join CYM for Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings!

They will have Mass from 5.30pm, to be followed by Holy Hour at 6.30pm then dinner (\$5 donation) from 7.30pm.

Reconciliation is also available for those who are looking for an opportunity to receive this wonderful Sacrament. We are located at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate. Entrance to the Chapel, Seminar Room and FREE parking is at the back of the building through Harold St. We are located at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St Highgate. Entrance to the Chapel, Seminar Room and FREE parking is at the back of the building through Harold Street. Located at the Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate. (Entrance from Harold Street)

CYM TEENS CAMP 2016

Catholic Youth Ministry presents Teens Camp 2016. Taking place during the October school holidays 7-9th Oct at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp. Look forward to huge games and adventure activities, inspirational talks from youth leaders, prayer and reflection time, and making heaps of new friends! All high school aged teenagers (grades 7-12) are invited to attend. Camp fee is \$150 and includes all accommodation, food, and activities. For more info: admin@cym.com.au 94227912 or visit cym.com.au

IGNITE LIVE

This will be the biggest and best Ignite Live yet! There is always a big crowd at Ignite Live, but this time it's been designated as the official reunion for Perth World Youth Day Pilgrims. Archbishop Costelloe will be the main speaker, and lots of World Youth Day highlights will be shared. If you didn't go to World Youth Day in Poland this is your chance to soak up the vibe! Like every Ignite Live event, expect lots of fun as well as a powerful prayer encounter, and an opportunity for reconciliation.

Where: Chisholm Catholic College

On Friday 2nd of September at 7pm. Can't wait to see you there!



Parish News

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2016— DAY OF OBLIGATION — 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 VOLUNTEERS NIGHT—FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

The Parish Volunteers' Night for 2016 will take place on Friday 26th August at 6.15pm in the Parish Hall. All volunteers are invited to register your names on the sheets in the Church foyer, if you are attending, for catering purposes. It is the Parish's way of saying THANK YOU for your services.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

SENIORS' OUTING—THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Following the success of our visit to Whitfords another outing has been planned. We will be visiting St. Mary's Church, Guildford for Mass, followed by lunch in the area.

Arrangements will be similar to our last trip with this one booked for Thursday 29th September.

A form to register your interest will be placed in the foyer of our church early in Sept.



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'

MOTHERS' PRAYERS MASS—SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

The St Teresa Mothers' Prayers group invites all mothers - especially members of other Mothers' Prayers groups and those interested in joining one - to their annual Thanksgiving Mass at St Thomas More Church, Bateman, on Saturday, 3 Sept at 8.30am.

In keeping with the Mothers' Prayer tradition, mothers will be invited to place the names of their children and grandchildren into a basket, which will be brought to the foot of the cross, offering them into Jesus' care.

Following Mass, there will be morning tea and fellowship and you are welcome to bring a small plate to share. The Mothers' Prayers ministry was launched in Kent, England in 1995 by two grandmothers who felt led by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children. It has now spread throughout the world and Mothers' Prayers groups in over 70 countries meet regularly in the firm belief that "united in prayer we save our children" and all children throughout the world.

For more information, please call Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 033

Parish News(continued)

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.

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.



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

DIOCESAN NEWS

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE, OPEN MORNING

Prospective families are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning to meet staff and students, followed by a guided tour of the College and morning tea.

Date: Tuesday 30 August 2016

Time: 9.30am—11.30am

Where: Iona Presentation College, Sport Centre

33 Palmerston Street, Mosman Park

Bookings can be made at www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmorning

Child Protection Week

5—11 September 2016



During Child Protection Week, the Safeguarding Office in partnership with Protective Behaviours WA will be hosting a series of *FREE* Protective Behaviours Workshops. One way in which parents can assist in increasing their child's safety is by teaching them the Protective Behaviours program and as such, we strongly recommend all parents to attend one of the workshops. Registration is essential. Forms are available in the Church foyer.

Mon 5 th Sept	St Mary's Cathedral	7-9pm
Tues 6 th Sept	Sts John and Paul - Willetton	7-9pm
Wed 7 th Sept	Our Lady of the most Blessed Sacrament - Gosnells	7-9pm
Thurs 8 th Sept	St Vincents - Kwinana	7-9pm
Thurs 8 th Sept	Mater Christi - Yangebup	7-9pm

The Safeguarding Office will also be running some Colouring In and Poetry Competitions.

Children from Kindy to Year 4 are invited to participate in the Colouring In Competitions.

Colouring Competition categories are : Years KK-PP, Years 1-2 and Years 3-4.

Children please collect your picture from the Church foyer.

Children from Year 5 and 6 as well as Teenagers are invited to write a poem about safety. *First prize is an iPad for each of these categories.* Please see the Parish notice board for details.



Closing date for all entries is 20 August. 2016.

All entries may be given to Fr Phong, Fr Garner or Fatima.

Overall winners for the Archdiocese will be invited to attend the Child Protection Breakfast to be held on 6 September 2016.

Need to ask a question? fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com