

**First Reading - Sir 3:17-20, 28-29****A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**Second Reading - Heb 12:18-19, 22-24****A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**Gospel - Lk 14:1. 7-14****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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

22nd Sunday, Year C

August 28, 2016

## The everywhere God

Those of us who are parents or teachers in Catholic schools often hear the complaint, "Why do I have to go to church? I get nothing out of going to Mass every Sunday! I can pray to God in my own bedroom! What makes going to Sunday Mass so special?"

It is true that if we believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God, then we must accept that no church, denomination or religion has a monopoly on God! Our claim is not that God became Catholic, but that God became human. We can find God in a Catholic church, but also in a Jewish Synagogue, a Muslim mosque, a Hindu temple, a family meal or a beautiful sunset.

So, what makes going to Sunday Mass so special? Today's gospel provides an answer. In this extract from Luke (14:1.7-14), we hear of an incident when Jesus shared a Sabbath meal in the home of one of the leading Pharisees. Jesus noticed how the guests jostled for the 'places of honour' at table, and he chided them by telling them a couple of parables that poked fun at their pretentiousness. Sharing meals with others – often called 'table fellowship' – was an important aspect of Jesus' ministry.

Jesus made the invisible God of love present eating with all: the rich and powerful; the poor and humble; and even his enemies. For Jesus and for us, table fellowship – expressed primarily in the Sunday Eucharist – is a radical sacrament of God's presence to all, regardless of their gender, financial means or social standing. We can fully express the Christian ethic of openness to all only by sharing communion. As

**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
<b>Saturday:</b> Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)		
<b>Sunday:</b> 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

members of the church we continue Christ's ministry to make God's love present through public action in prayer, worship, charity and social activity. In this mission, Eucharist is central.

Table fellowship is an indispensable sign of the Incarnation. With the coming of Jesus, all distinctions between peoples and all boundaries between nations were abolished. As St Paul points out, "in Christ there is no distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, woman and man" (Gal 3:27-28; cf. Rom 10:12; 1 Cor 12:13; Col 3:11). Christians are called to be people "without boundaries"; open to all.

One may say that "I live a good Christian life without needing to go to church". That is usually understood to mean that the person concerned is claiming to live according to Jesus' moral, charitable and ethical precepts. But can we really reduce Christianity to a system of ethical behaviour? In the words of the second Vatican Council, the Eucharist is both the "source" and "summit" of our lives of prayer and action. So, while it may be true that one can be "present" to God in one's bedroom, it is only in our Eucharistic "gathering" that God's "presence" through Jesus becomes available to the wider world.

Ian J Elmer

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Marie Therese Chong into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:**

Please pray for James (father of Fr. George James) who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Rosie White, James Klessens, Brayden De La Nougerede, Charlotte & Alex Dillion, Alessandro Ferraro, Gerard chow, Maureen Chow, John Correia, Peter Liebick, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# ROSTERS

## for 4TH SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Christina Tan				
Flowers :	Mayang Gazali				
Counter:	1. M Craggs	2. P Moore	3. A Munro		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	G Tloczek T Tloczek	F Ling L Montague	A Faleiro J Hendricks	N Mourad S Mitchell	T Mancinone A Christophe
Acolytes	P Doss	B King	D Klass	P Doray	F Norton
Altar Servers	J Robless T Robless B Mo	L Cherry O Mapfumo	F Spencer A Matthew J Gresham	T Carbone B Doray K Ferraz	R Machado Y Machado E Machado
Special Minister	C Craggs M Craggs M Davis J Doss S Fuderer K Gamba G Garreffa C Lasrado	C Cox C Derries G Dunsford D Gabriel R King Ira Ksnadi C Morzenti R Margawani	B Bucat H Klass M McFarlane P McMin L McMin G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi	R D'Annunzi A Loo J Loo A Mascarenh M O'Brien C Poore J Roper S Saverimut	Youth Special Ministers (Only With The Working With Children Card)
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) J Shales		(Yrs 1-4) B D'sa		
	(Yrs 5-6) L Humphries		(Yrs 5-6) B Pasquale		
Readers	G Munro R Oetomo	P Pickersgi A Santacate	C Maronovic G Mascarenh	A Crossley R D'Annunzi	M Want M Bautista
Piety stall	Jothi	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	Ayenis

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  
September 2016

Section A  
Francis Chai

Section B  
Mike Kelly

## Youth

### BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Please note that we will no longer be meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August for God Squad Youth Group. We will instead be heading to Ignite Live on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September as a group via bus. If you are attending please hand in your envelope with the money to the parish office or to Aura by the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. Can't wait to head there and have a great time together with the Archbishop! 😊

### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Next Sunday we will be heading to Clancy's Fish Pub on Canning Bridge at 7:30pm for our young adults dinner of the month! Remember to bring some friends along with you and the money to pay for your meal. Hope to see many of you there! 😊

### 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.

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 7-9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@cym.com.au) 94227912 or visit [cym.com.au](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> of September at 7pm

Can't wait to see you there!

## Parish News

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2016: THANK YOU

Last weekend 78 Parish children received the Sacrament of Confirmation. As Parish Priest, and on behalf of Fr Garner, Fr Cyprian and Deacon Bruce I would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of this very important celebration. Whilst so many people are involved and their efforts are so much appreciated, I would especially like to thank :

- The Most Rev. Barry Hickey, Emeritus Archbishop of Perth as celebrant
- Deacon Damien
- The children's teachers: Mrs Florence Ayeni, Mrs Saida Nikolic, Mr Jean-Paul Papineau, Mr Simon Overton and Mr Owen Connolly
- Yidarra Principal: Mrs Carmel Costin
- Yidarra Deputy Principals: Mrs Tanya Giovannangelo and Mrs Sally Hart,
- Parish RE Coordinator: Jenny Figliomeni
- Belinda Norris and the wonderful Bateman Parish Youth Music Ministry
- Mrs Diana Puspita and her parent helpers for the beautiful flower arrangements
- Louis Papineau and Stephen Choi from our Creative Liturgy team
- Mrs Beverly Bucat, Mrs Geraldine Mo, Michael and Clement Ayeni, Robert Ludlow as well as the staff and parent helpers who served as sash sewers, ushers, and cake cutters
- The Acolytes: Mathew Tloczek and Paul Doss
- The Special Ministers and Altar servers
- The photographer: Gerard de Souza.

Thank you all for making this such a wonderful celebration for our Parish. God bless! Fr. Phong

### FIRST RECONCILIATION: Commitment Weekend & Parent/Child Workshop

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Bateman Parish on **18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.30pm**. Commitment for Reconciliation candidates will be held at all masses over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September. At these masses Reconciliation candidates and their parents will take part in a prayer service committing themselves to prepare to receive the Sacraments. The Parent/Child workshop for Reconciliation will be held in the Sadler Building at Corpus Christi College on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6.30pm. At least one parent and the reconciliation candidate must attend.

### CHILDREN'S MASS—11 SEPTEMBER 2016

We invite all Primary School aged children who would like to be involved in the next Children's Mass, to register at the Church foyer.

Mass Date: 11 September 2016 Mass Time: 9.30am

Mass Rehearsal: Sat 10 September, 1.45-3.00pm

Choir Rehearsal: Sat 10 September, 3.00-4.00pm

### SVDP CAKE STALL

St Vincent de Paul cake sale is on **Sunday 28th August**. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. Contact Juliana at 9310 1747

## Parish News (continued)

### FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We will be selling tickets for the Father's Day raffle on the **weekend of 27 & 28 August and 3 & 4 September**. Tickets cost six for \$5.00 and will be drawn on Sunday 4th Sept after the 11am mass. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards the Christian Health Aid Team led by David Booth. We are also asking for donation of prizes for this raffle and they can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ARRANGE FLOWERS FOR WEEKLY MASS

To be on roster. No prerequisite skills required but interest in flower arrangements would be beneficial. Cost of flowers will be borne by volunteer when rostered (estimate \$40~\$50) approximately once every 2 months or when available. If anyone interested please contact Diana on 9266 4253.

### SENIORS' OUTING

Following the success of our visit to Whitfords, we will be visiting St. Mary's Church, Guildford on **Thursday 29 September** for mass, followed by lunch in the area. Arrangements will be similar to our last trip. A form to register your interest will be placed in the foyer of our church early in Sept.

### MOTHERS' PRAYERS MASS—SATURDAY 3RD 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 on **Sat 3rd September 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.

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

### 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](mailto:fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com)

Parish Office: 9310 1747 Tuesdays 1.45—3.00pm

### 2017 YIDARRA 3 YEAR OLD PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

We will be running our Pre-Kindy programme on Thursday from 8.55am-2.40pm for our 3 year old applications for 2017. Children must be 3 years of age before they can attend the program. **Note:** For those who have siblings currently in Yidarra, an application for enrolment form still needs to be lodged at the school, even though you have other children already at Yidarra.

An application form and enrolment information package may be collected from the Yidarra office between 8am—4pm Mon-Fri, or can be downloaded from our website at [www.yidarra.wa.edu.au](http://www.yidarra.wa.edu.au).

Please submit applications to the office by Monday 19 September 2016.

## 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. Parents and carers are encouraged to view a short DVD on Protective Behaviours, presented by Andrea Musulin, the safeguarding Project Co-ordinator for the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. The link to the DVD can be found on our Parish **Web-site**.

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

Invites you to bring family and friends to enjoy an evening of songs of praise at 7.30pm followed by thanksgiving mass at 8pm on **Friday 2 Sept** with Fr Sean Fernandez at Church of Sts John & Paul, Willetton, followed by fellowship and light supper.

### COME & SEE EVENING OF REFLECTION

An invitation to enjoy an evening of reflection with the theme 'Exploring different types & styles of prayer', a sharing & prayer session followed by a light meal on **Monday 26 Sept** from 3.30-8pm at Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.

RSVP: Alma Cabassi rsj, [cabassi.alma@gmail.com](mailto:cabassi.alma@gmail.com), 0419 044 136 or Leonie Mayne rsj, [leonie.mayne@sosj.org.au](mailto:leonie.mayne@sosj.org.au), 0437 120 337 Visit: [www.sosj.org.au](http://www.sosj.org.au)  
Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

### INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PERTH

is holding a seminar with theme 'Mary, the Ark of the New Covenant' by Romo Jusuf Halim, SVD from Indonesia on **Monday 29 August** at 10am at St John and Paul Hall, Willetton. It will be followed by mass at 2.30pm. The seminar and mass will be in Bahasa Indonesia. The fee is \$10 (Lunch is provided). For registration please contact Regina 0411