

## Sunday Readings

Year C

### First Reading - Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### Second Reading - 1 Tm 1:12-17

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel - Lk 15:1-10

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

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

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

24th Sunday, Year C

September 11, 2016

### The art of forgiving

The younger son was so lacking in respect for his father that he could not wait for him to die before demanding his share of the inheritance. Then he was off to another country where he soon wasted his money on high living. Penniless and starving, he decided to return home and ask his father for a job. Hunger, not sorrow, brought him to his senses.

Each day his father looked down the road to see if there was any sign of his son. When he finally saw him coming, the father forgot his dignity and ran down the road, threw his arms around his son and kissed him. Without knowing whether or not his son was really sorry, the father restored him to his former position in the family and organised a welcome-home party.

Enter the older son. He had been working in the fields all day and on arriving home he saw and heard the music and the dancing. A servant told him the reason for the celebration and the son was furious. So the father, for the second time, left his dignity behind and begged his elder son to join in the party. The elder brother was angry that his younger brother was being rewarded instead of punished for his conduct. We don't know how the story ends, as Jesus does not tell us.

This is where the parable makes its point. Will the older brother go in or will he continue his obstinate refusal? Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees, who had criticised him for eating with sinners instead of condemning them. He is also speaking to us. All too often, families are torn apart by disputes. Those who are closest in relationships become bitter enemies and these disputes often go unresolved and only end with someone's death. Am I like the elder brother, unable to forgive a grave injustice, or can I act like that over-

#### 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

indulgent father who saw, not two ungrateful employees but two beloved sons. While it is never easy to forgive deep hurts, it is possible.

At the beginning of the WW11, the Nazis built a concentration camp at Ravensbruck for women only. More than 50,000 women and children died, mainly from disease, ill-treatment, starvation and overwork. While medical staff were cleaning up the barracks, they found a piece of paper on which was scrawled what has become known as the Ravensbruck prayer:

*'Lord, remember not only the men and women of goodwill, but all those of ill will. Do not remember all the sufferings which they have inflicted on us. Remember the fruits we have brought forth – our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this. And when they come to judgement, let all those fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.'*

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Victoria Eva Lee into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Francisco Coelho, John Coelho, Tommaso Boccando, Rudy Tedjayadi, Lawrence Townsend, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# ROSTERS

## for 18TH SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Clare Talbot				
Flowers :	Diana Puspita				
Counter:	1. L Thomett	2. S Lau	3. B Galpo		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	W Hadiano E Hadiano	A Santacate P Sweeney	E Mo G Dunsford	A Sciascia R Sciascia	J Grochal I Iman
Acolytes	D Ng	P Cox	L Papineau	T Roper	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	R Ye K Zaccheua	A Flexman B Boudville	A Royal D Phoon S Ratnasing	E Lau E Lau J Pinto	C Batchelor J Da Cruz M D' Cruz
Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon C Craggs M Craggs M Davis J Doss	D Gabriel R King I Kussadi C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price	S Teo S Wong B Bucat H Klass M McFarlane L McMinn P McMinn G Mo	R D'Annunzi B D' Cruz O D' Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O' Brien	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	(Yrs 1 - 4) Mandy Jones		(Yrs 1 - 4) C Italiano		
	(Yrs 5-6) M Sequeira		(Yrs 5-6) C Plottke		
Readers	L Rego L Rego	C Tan E Tommen	E Orr L Papineau	M Doray G Vincent	A Jones G Lynn
Piety stall	Jessica	Anne Marie	Patrick	Rosemary	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  
September 2016

Section A  
Francis Chai

Section B  
Mike Kelly

## Youth

### BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

We hope that all who were able to join us for Ignite enjoyed the night as much as we did! We will be back at Bateman for some more Chosen studies next Friday night on the 9 of September. Hope to see you all there!

### Diocesan Notices

#### CYM HOLY HOUR

Catholic Youth Ministry is running a 6 –week Spring Speaker Series after our weekly Holy Hour at 7:30pm. Hear from some of the best speakers in Perth and overseas who will present interesting topics. The talks will be held on

Date: **14th September**

Speaker : Mariusz Grzech

Topic: A Church of Saints AND Sinners - scandal and sin

Venue/Time : Bateman Parish for Mass at 5.30pm; Holy Hour at 6.30pm; Dinner & Talk at 7.30pm

Date: **21 September**

Speaker: Fr Christian Irdi

Topic: Faith AND Reason - are science and religion opposed?

Venue: Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate. (Entrance from Harold Street)

#### CYM TEENS CAMP 2016

Catholic Youth Ministry presents Teens Camp 2016 during the October school holidays from **7-9<sup>th</sup> Oct at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp**. Participants can look forward to plenty of games and adventure activities, inspirational talks from youth leaders, prayer and reflection time and make 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)



## Parish News



### MESSAGE FROM FR. PHONG

Dear Fr Garner and Parishioners,

We have been in Fatima, Portugal and various places of pilgrimage. It has been a very fulfilling experience for all of us. We celebrated Mass and have kept you in our prayers wherever we go. Tomorrow (Tuesday 6th September 2016) we will be heading for Lourdes, France. Please continue to remember us at Mass and in your prayers for our Journey home. God bless from Fr. Phong and the pilgrims of St. Thomas More, Bateman.

### CHAPLETS OF DIVINE MERCY - Wednesday 14th September

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 **14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**. 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.



### 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 TO GUILDFORD—FINAL DETAILS—29th September

The bus will leave the Church carpark at 10am on 29th Sept. Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's, Guilford followed by lunch at the Rose and Crown Hotel. Lunch is a set menu at \$25 per head - there are no additional costs unless you wish to have a drink with your lunch. Details are with the sign on sheet in the Church Foyer.

### SVDP CAKE SALE— SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

St. Vincent de Paul cake sale is on Sunday 18th September. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For further enquiries, contact Juliana (Secretary) on 9310 1747.

## Parish News (continued)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION: COMMITMENT WEEKEND & PARENT/CHILD W/SHOP

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Bateman Parish on the **18th October 2016**, commencing at 6.30pm.

This weekend is Commitment weekend for our Reconciliation children. At all masses, our Reconciliation candidates and their parents will take part in a prayer service committing themselves/their child to prepare well to receive the Sacrament.

The Parent/Child workshop for reconciliation will be held in the Sadler Building at Corpus Christi College on Tuesday **15th September 2016 at 6.30pm**. At least one parent and their Reconciliation candidate child must attend.

### FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

The Fathers Day Raffle earned \$2,341.00. Thank you to all who gave gifts and bought and sold tickets. All winners have been notified. The list of winners are:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Marianne Pinto          | 2. Kerry Clohessy  | 3. Janti Santosa         |
| 4. Peter Williams          | 5. Desmond Gabriel | 6. Charlene Wong         |
| 7. Terry & Gabrielle Jones | 8. Irene Majid     | 9. Jupiter/Jupitor Salim |
| 10. Joe Basilio            |                    |                          |

### 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.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe on Saturday 24th September in St. Mary's Cathedral at 9.00am. This year the Institute of the Sister of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea are celebrating 170 years since the arrival of Ursula Frayne, the first Sister of Mercy in Australia. All are welcome!

### 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)  
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### WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour, with prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction, on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**, at St Jerome's Church, 36 Troode St, Munster.

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

### ST HELENA OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH, ELLENBROOK—PARISH SOCCER AND NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Ellenbrook Parish is organising a Soccer and Netball Tournament between different Parishes. Those who are interested to participate in these tournaments, please contact or register your teams by **Friday 16th September** to John Topliss at [jj.topliss@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jj.topliss@optusnet.com.au)

#### SOCCER TOURNAMENT

When: Saturday, 22nd October 2016

Where: Holy Cross College Sports oval  
Cnr Coolamon Drive & Strathmore Parkway  
Ellenbrook

Time: 8.15am Registration for a 9.00am start

Cost: \$100 for a Team of 10 (includes Sausage Sizzle and can of Drink for each player (additional drinks and sausage sizzle available in a \$3 Combo deal)

#### JUNIOR NETBALL SHOOTOUT

When: Saturday, 22nd October 2016

Time: 9.00—11.30am

Cost: \$5.00 per player includes Sausage Sizzle and Drink.

Note: Team Registration essential—Please email team registration by 16th Sept.