

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Second Reading - 1 Tm 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel - Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

25th Sunday, Year C

September 18, 2016

Cleverman

Cleverman is the heroic figure of a TV drama series. Cleverman lives between two worlds, representing a group of non-humans who battle for survival in a world where humans feel inferior and threatened. Cleverman is a 'chosen' one. He has special gifts and powers. The point of the drama is whether Cleverman can harness and exercise his powers before everything crumbles around him?

A similar drama is played out in today's gospel passage. We meet a character pretending to play Cleverman. He is a rather slippery character; a servant about to be sacked for 'fiddling' his master's accounts. What to do? He has to quickly come up with a plan to secure a future. He is aware of his limitations. He is not robust enough for labouring jobs; not humble enough to hold out a beggar's bowl. Cleverman decides to ingratiate himself with his master's clients in the hope of gaining employment with them. He offers the master's debtors huge discounts on their debts.

The master rues his losses. He has been defrauded. He assesses his situation. Grudgingly, he has to acknowledge the astuteness of his street-smart former employee. He rates Cleverman: morality-nil; cunning-ten. Jesus told this story for a purpose. It was not to encourage dishonesty but to challenge his followers to be as clever and astute in assuring their future with God, as Cleverman the steward was about securing his prospects of employment.

We modern followers of Jesus live in challenging times. Secular culture is often dismissive of religion and derisive of Christian morality. We are tempted to retire into

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

our shells and live somewhat timidly, if not tepidly. Or, take a path of least resistance and accept some of the false values of our society. In the end, we begin to become careless and somewhat indifferent to gospel values. We neglect the things of God.

Jesus says that this is not a clever way to live. A smart way to live is to be drawn into the eternal embrace of our heavenly Father and be a privileged member of God's family and to bring our human family into the embrace of God's love.

Jesus requires us to be Cleverman — spiritually street-smart. We do indeed need to acknowledge many of the good values of our contemporary world: security, personal achievement, relationships and social benefits among them. They are good in themselves but they are not an end in themselves. They are a means to the more critical goal of honouring God and loving our neighbour as ourselves.

It takes a Cleverman – a spiritually astute person gifted with faith and love – to recognise this primacy of purpose; to get into action; to overcome timidity; to demonstrate that people are more important than things; that love is more important than success; that now is more pressing and important than the past.

Jesus wishes every Christian to be a Cleverman.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Heath Gregory Coleman, Jamie, Billy and Danny Hernandez into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Phyllis Smith (mother of Lesley McMinn), Connie Doig, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Barney Pereira, Nelson D'Souza whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 25TH SEPTEMBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Jonathan Lim				
Flowers :	Shauna Taylor				
Counter:	1. M Woolford	2. R SciaScia	3. T Huxtable		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Doss P Doss	E Temmen D Gabriel	E Orr R Sinagra	D Sudarso E Tweed	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	V Tan	T Basile	D Klass	P Doray	S Carrello
Altar Servers	L Apango C Budiman Z Cohen	L Cherry O Mapfumo	A Salim J Sanmut S Silvester	Yan Ni Sng A Teixeira J Teixeira	J Basilio S Broderick Carlos
Special Minister	S Fuderer K Gamba G Garreffa C Lasrado D Liew L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng	P Price M Woolford C Cox C Derries G Dunsford D gabriel R King I Kusnadi	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S tan	C Poore J Roper S Saverimut C Tan G Tedjakunt R Yeo L Yeo B D'Cruz	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
Readers	L Sequeira M Sequeira	G Warman M Woolford	C Plottke M Reutens	A Gunawan V Hodgson	K A King D Talbot
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Pat	Iris	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
September 2016

Section A
Francis Chai

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

#GODSQUAD (Bateman Teens Group)

23rd of September 7pm.

We will continue the Chosen studies with lots of fun and games.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CYM TEENS CAMP 2016

Let's have the biggest Parish group this year!!

Catholic Youth Ministry presents Teens Camp 2016 during the October school holidays from 7-9th 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 94227912 or visit cym.com.au



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.

Mass at 5.30pm; Holy Hour at 6.30pm; Dinner & Talk at 7.30pm

21 September Speaker: Fr Christian Irdi

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

28 September Speaker: Fr Brennan Sia

Topic: Law AND Freedom

5th October Speaker: Fr Mark Baugarten

Topic: Scripture AND Tradition

12th of October Speaker Bronia Karniewicz

Topic: Body AND Soul

19th October Speaker Fr Leo Patalinghug

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

For more info: admin@cym.com.au 94227912 or visit cym.com.au

YOUTH RALLY WITH FR LEO PATALINGHUG

21st October at 7.00pm at St Lawrence catholic Church, Balcatta. THIS IS A FREE EVENT!!! Check out our Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/181558062247921/>

Parish News

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.



PIETY STALL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Piety Stall will be closed temporarily from this weekend

17th September 2016 to 5th November 2016.

The St Vincent de Paul Society apologies for the inconvenience caused.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM MASS—THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

The end of year Mass for our Parish and children's Religious Education Program will be celebrated on **Thursday 22nd September 2016** at 6pm in the church. We warmly welcome all Bateman parishioners to join us in this celebration Mass of thanksgiving for another wonderful year.

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

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.

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

Parish News (continued)

Don't miss the opportunity to send your son or daughter to the most sought after Catholic Co-Educational College south of the river – Corpus Christi College.

Corpus Christi College is pleased to be in the position to offer additional enrolments for parents seeking a Catholic education for students from Year 7 to Year 12.

Corpus Christi is a Catholic community committed to empowering every learner to serve and enrich our changing world. With a strong Talented and Gifted program which includes a Mathematics Acceleration Program from Year 7, offering a range of extra-curricular activities in Music, the Performing Arts and Sport, the College provides a distinctly Catholic education for parents who want a spiritual and faith-based experience for their child.

Please contact the College Registrar Mrs. Susanne Pass for additional information on the Enrolment process for entry into Corpus Christi College, who will be more than happy to assist you with your enquiries. Please visit www.corpus.wa.edu.au/enrolments for additional information, or Susanne can be contacted directly on 6332 2567 or by email: spass@corpus.wa.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you and your son or daughter to the Corpus Christi College community.



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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, 0419 044 136 or Leonie Mayne rsj, leonie.mayne@sosj.org.au, 0437 120 337 Visit: www.sosj.org.au Ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

18 Sept Taize Meditative Prayer

You are invited to join the South Perth Taizé praying community, Sunday 18th September, 7-8pm, St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth. Chapel doors open 6.30pm. Theme of evening is Praying for World Peace. Bring a small torch and a friend. Further info: Sr Maree Riddler RSJ, 0414 983 926 or mriddler@sosjwa.org.au

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to attend a Course provided by the Centre of Faith Enrichment's Mr. John Auer at St. Benedict's Parish, Ardross St., Applecross from 13th October - 10th November (exc. 3rd Nov) from 1pm to 3pm for four Thursday afternoons.

There will be a cost of \$20 per person for the course which will explore Thomas Merton's Life and Journey and the spiritual path he took. For Enquiries or Bookings, please call Elspeth O'Connor 93645800

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2016 eCONFERENCE MERCY: A WAY OF BEING IN THE WORLD



TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2016 Breakfast from 7.30am, Commencement at 8.00am INFANT JESUS PARISH, 47 WELLINGTON ROAD, MORLEY. This e-conference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith.

SPEAKERS:

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications

Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM, Scripture scholar and author

Mr. Phil Glendinning, Director of Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee council of Australia.

Streamed live over the internet with the opportunity for real time Q and A sessions.

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL – Phone Billie or Anna on 9276 8500

COST: \$5.00 for Breakfast.