

## Sunday Readings

Year C

### First Reading - Am 6:1. 4-7

#### A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

### Second Reading - 1 Tm 6:11-16

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

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

### Gospel - Lk 16:19-31

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

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

26th Sunday, Year C

September 25, 2016

### A friend in need

When a despondent woman shared her sad story with a priest, his wise advice to her was to go for a walk and help a needy person. She did and it worked. Assisting someone in need is good medicine for the giver. Significantly, another person's suffering reflects on humanity and diminishes all of life. Jesus' parable of Lazarus and Dives recorded in Luke's Gospel is deeply discomfoting. The message, however, vividly repeats Jesus' continual emphasis on compassion for those who are alienated through disadvantage.

Mary's Magnificat proclaims the same. However, there is sharper definition in the picture of the despised beggar sitting in the dirt, his only solace being the dogs licking his sores. And yet, Jesus' story tells us it is Lazarus on whom God lavishes infinite favour. The one happily supported by great comforts that his worldly wealth provides who does not reach out to help the poor man is separated from God forever.

Telling this parable, Jesus must have been fired up with righteous indignation; the same Jesus who tells us that if salt loses its taste it is thrown out and ground underfoot (Mt 5: 13), who describes those "goats" who do not respond to others' needs being condemned to eternal damnation (Mt25: 31-46), and who forces the buyers and sellers out of the temple with a whip (Mt 21:12-13). In his thirties, Jesus has observed and been around and one with the degradation and the misery of those left to rot by people who have the power to help but choose not to.

Clearly, Jesus identifies with the poor, the outcast and disadvantaged. In him, they

#### 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

are one with God.

This level of concern is an unbroken thread throughout our religious tradition. In the eighth century BC, Amos predicts ruin for the rich who reject the poor; in the fourth century AD St Ambrose says, "You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich."

It should be remembered that to engage with the needy, there needs to be a balance. We can neither neglect our nearest and dearest for those further afield; nor should our duty to family excuse us from responding to the cries for help from afar.

The 'Lazarus' character today may well be the refugee in the offshore detention centres at Manus Island and Nauru; it may be the small granddaughter who needs assistance with his/her studies; it may be a family member who needs encouragement with their faith; or it may even be church dues that have been neglected.

Christians have been "clothed with Christ" to have Christ-compassion for this task (Gal 3:27). Today is a wake-up call.

Bet Green

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### Baptisms:

We welcome Stirling Watae Sakala into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Deaths:

Please pray for Kathleen Constance Doig who passed away recently.

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Franciso Rodrigues Coelho, Maria Basso, Maria Dos Santos, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# ROSTERS

## for 2ND OCTOBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Ratinda Oetomo				
Flowers:	Margaret Koh				
Counter:	1. M Sequeira		2. P Foley		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	D Kumala D Kumala	J Fitzpatri S Gresham	K Tan M Tan	Y Wargdra C Wibisono	J Murphy E Ring
Acolytes	P Doss	D Bianchini	C Dowsett	M Tloczek	F Norton
Altar Servers	R Dellaca O Dellaca K De Silva	T Blechynde M Roach	L Shandley- S Shandley- P Sunarko	D Atmadjaja A Varen Jerone	Andresro O Cahill C Correa
Special Minister	D Nicholson R Oetomo L Rego J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon	C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price P Price M Woolford	C Tan J Tan S Teo S Wong B Bucat H Klass M McFarlane L McMinn	O D'Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O'Brien C Poore J Roper	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
Readers	J Wass M Reyes	B Bydder V Carter	C Simons J Tang	C Italiano G Librita	A Taylor E Temmen
Piety stall	CLOSED	UNTIL	5TH NOV.		

Readers' Coordinator:

Michele Doray 9310 4051

### 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  
October 2016

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver

## Youth

### BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

We have now seen another term go by us, we hope that you all have safe holidays and enjoy the time off school. Remember if you haven't already to sign up for the CYM teens camp which will be an amazing way to wrap up your holidays just before starting school again!

### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

NEXT Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October we will be heading to Sandrinos in Fremantle for our young adults dinner after the 6pm youth mass. Hope to see many of you 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 about topics of

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5.30pm: Mass, 6.30pm: Holy Hour, 7.30pm: Dinner & Talk

Upcoming topic:

28 September - Law AND Freedom - Christ sets us free yet we have so many rules and obligations. Presented by Fr Brennan Sia

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)

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS – NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY

Join with the Notre Dame community for an hour of prayer for the vocations of marriage, religious life and priesthood. Meet at the Holy Spirit Chapel to join in a Eucharistic Procession and Adoration, accompanied by the Holy Spirit Choir.

Meet at 12:30pm at the Holy Spirit Chapel or 12:40pm in Malloy Courtyard in the university grounds in Fremantle.

All are welcome!

## Parish News

### MONDAY—26TH SEPTEMBER 2016 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This Monday Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am as it is a Public Holiday and not at 7am. Please take note of the change of time.

### 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.

### THANK YOU FROM CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia would like to thank the Bateman Parish Community for their generous donation towards Project Compassion. The total donation for Bateman for 2016 is \$15,252.35. Please keep up the good work.

### 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.

### PLANT SALE - SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

The Bateman Church Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from the 8 am Mass to after the 11 am Mass. Please bring plants for sale on that Sunday or the Saturday evening before. Please leave them inside the main door if you don't see David Booth. If you have empty plant pots which you can donate, please bring them on the Sunday beforehand, on September 23rd (not on the day of the sale). The proceeds of the sale are for CHAT (Christian Health Aid Team).

### FIRST RECONCILIATION 2016

Please take time to look at the Reconciliation Banners which have gone up in the church. All the students who have been preparing for First Reconciliation have their photo on the banner. The banners are to remind us, as a Parish Community, to support the children with our prayers. You are invited to pray for one or more of the students by remembering these students when you say your family prayers before meals or when you say your evening prayers with your children. Let us all, as a Parish community, support them. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the Parish on the 18th October 2016.

### 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 Off: 9310 1747 Tues 1.45—3pm



## 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/](http://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](mailto: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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### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Sexualising Children from Kindy to Yr 12: Uncovering The "Safe" Schools' Strategy. Do you care about children? If your answer is Yes, then you will benefit greatly from hearing this insightful presentation by James Parker, who has lived first-hand the devastating effects of the material contained within this program. He will seek to help adults identify the hidden strategies being rolled out across the school curriculum to deliberately sexualise all children from Kindy to Year 12. Details - 7pm, Thursday, 20 October, 2016 at Saint Thomas More, parish hall. Hosted by concerned parents and families across Western Australia. For more info call Kenneth Phua 0413 643 233.

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the Parish, please pick up a registration card from the small table in the church foyer and fill that up and give it to one of the priests after Mass.



## Diocesan Notices

### 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

### 2017 JOSEPHITE MARY MACKILLOP CALENDARS

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### ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a great variety of short courses and one-off events on offer at several locations throughout Perth and online (very user friendly and no need to travel!). No prior learning is required, the environment is always relaxed and friendly, and there are no exams or assignments. For more information, visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au) or call 9241 5221 for a Term Four brochure.

### B.J. HICKEY BIBLICAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now invited for scholarships from the B.J. Hickey Biblical Foundation. The scholarships are for biblical studies of any length at any level, locally or overseas (such as Jerusalem or Rome). You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to know the Scriptures better and to help others with that knowledge. Applications close on Friday, 11th November 2016. For more information, visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au) and click on "The Biblical Foundation".

### WHY BE CATHOLIC? 20—22 OCTOBER 2016

Rediscover the Reasons for Our Hope in Jesus Christ and His Church.

St. Lawrence & Mary Immaculate Catholic Church,  
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Key Speaker: Fr. Leo Patalinghug

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