

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Second Reading - 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel - Lk 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

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

27th Sunday, Year C

October 2, 2016

Absent faith

Natalie and Mark have been trying to start a family since their marriage 10 years ago. Chelsea is battling depression and has twice tried to end her life. Vonnie is watching her husband Tom deteriorate as his dementia worsens. Robert lost his job after the company he'd been with for 20 years was declared bankrupt.

In each of these situations, the common questions shared with me were 'why' and 'how long' and the common feeling expressed was God's absence. Each one believes they have been faithful to God and have tried to live good, honest and loving lives. Yet now in their despair and time of need, they lament that God is distant and not listening and not answering their prayers.

Something similar is also happening in the first reading from the prophet Habakkuk. The prophet finds himself in difficult and overwhelming circumstances. All around him is violence, ruin, misery, destruction, strife and discord. He cries out and questions God: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help but you do not listen! Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery?" The prophet feels deeply the absence of God in a time of suffering and need.

Such questions and feelings are natural when we face life's challenges and difficulties. The psalms are also full of examples. "Why, O Lord, do you stand aloof? Why hide in times of distress?" (Ps 10:1). "How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me? How long will you hide your face from me?" (Ps 13:2) "O Lord, how long will you look on? Save me from the roaring beasts; from the lions, my only life." (Ps 35:17) Jesus

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

himself cries out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Ps 22:1)

These questions do not indicate a lack of faith, nor do they diminish faith. Rather, they highlight a searching belief. These deep, heartfelt cries acknowledge and recognise the limitations of human life, while professing reliance on and faith in the creative and divine power of God. Such laments are also an expression of hope and longing. One would not turn to God with such yearning and desire, if one didn't believe and trust that God can bring light to the darkness and make all things new.

The prophet Habakkuk's answer: "I will...keep watch to see what he will say to me." (2:1) There is no room for impatience, and even less for doubt: "The vision still has its time." Grace, new life and fulfillment will surely come. To wait in hope for these gifts is to prepare oneself to receive them. No matter what happens or whatever our present situation may be: God is faithful. All of us stand before doors that can lead to faith or despair. The question is which one will we open?

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Baptisms:

We welcome Amelie Louise Cave into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Gerard Emslie and Blaise Braganza who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Maxine McManus, B Mary Rose, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 9TH OCTOBER

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Tuty Basuki				
Flowers :	Rosemary Yeo				
Counter:	1. A Vinci	2. C Ianello	3. P Murray		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	H Low C Morais	M Golding P Golding	A Faleiro J Hendrick	A Wijaya P Zulkifli	R Rodrigues S Shim
Acolytes	D Morais	B King	J Nonis	S McMahon	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	J Grosse Q Hua S Hua	A Flexman B Boudvill	J Sinagra D Thompson J Widjaja	Joel J Yeo O Mumbi	Y Deandra A Dinata A Dinata
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 I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawan	P McMinn G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray E Papineau	S Saverimu C Tan G Tedjakun R Yeo L Yeo R D' Annunz B D' Cruz O D' Mello	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
	NO CHILDREN LITURGY		NO CHILDREN LITURGY		
Readers	C Craggs M Craggs	C Correa S Cox	A Thomas G Thomas	K Lingoh R Liu	R Thomas M Want
Piety stall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

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
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

THIS Sunday 2nd 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

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

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

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

MONTH OF OCTOBER—OUR LADY'S HOME ROSARY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of October, please write your names on the sheet in the church foyer. A Statute of Our lady and some books are available for you to use. Enquiries to Juliana on 9310 1747.

OUR LADY'S CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION FOR OCTOBER—22ND OCTOBER

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for the month of October will take place on Saturday 22nd October after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome. White Chrysanthemums are needed to decorate the float for our lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning at 10am.

PIETY STALL – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Piety Stall is closed temporarily until **5th November 2016**. The St Vincent de Paul Society apologises for the inconvenience caused.

PLANT SALE - SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER

The Bateman Church Plant Sale will be held on Sunday, October 2nd from the 8am Mass to after the 11am Mass. Please bring plants for sale on that Sunday or the Saturday evening before. **Please leave them behind the Shrine, next to the Bicycle Rack.** If you have empty plant pots which you can donate, please bring them beforehand, (not on the day of the sale). The proceeds of the sale are for CHAT (Christian Health Aid Team).

Bateman Parish Bush Dance – Saturday the 29th October 7:30 PM



Please join us in the courtyard for a night of fun and dance straight after the 6:30 Mass on Saturday the 29th October.

More than ever it's important to connect with our families and our fellow parishioners, so put away your phones, laptops and devices and get your feet moving.

This is a fun activity for kids and adults alike. No dance experience needed. All dance steps will be taught and called out.

Bring your own dinner, snacks and drinks. Tea and coffee will be provided.

This is a FREE event, so don't miss out.

Parish News (continued)

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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

This presentation is for parents and grandparents in regards to a program being introduced to some of our schools. 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—7.00pm, 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


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.

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 Off: 9310 1747 Tues 1.45—3pm

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

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL EVENING—7 OCTOBER 2016

Catholic Faith Renewal invites you, to bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening of Songs of Praise (7.30pm); Mass 8.00pm; Sharing by Fr. Philip Perreau on "The Virgin Mary's guidance in my faith journey" followed by light supper Friday 7 October 2016 at Sts John & Paul's Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Enquiries to Ann Loo 0412 166 164.

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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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 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, 392 Albert Street, Balcatta W. A. 6021

Key Speaker: Fr. Leo Patalinghug

Ticket Pricing: For conference— Normal \$50*

Early Bird (up to 18 Sept.2016) - \$40*

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