

## Sunday Readings

Year C

### First reading - Exodus 17:8-13

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

### Second reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

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

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

### Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

29th Sunday, Year C

October 16, 2016

## Talking to God

In today's gospel, Jesus wants to highlight God's unfailing justice and bountiful compassion. He takes the radically contrasting example of an unjust judge, who eventually accedes to a widow's persistent appeals for his intervention on her behalf. He does not care for the woman, but only wants to be rid of her continual pestering. God, on the other hand, is infinitely good and just, and listens attentively and responds generously with compassion to her plight.

Jesus' point is that our prayers and supplications never fall on deaf ears. God hears our cries. So don't lose heart, Jesus exhorts us. Hold on, hold out, hold fast, no matter how hard the situation. God does not desert us. But notice that Jesus also exhorts us to pray always and not just sometimes, not just at certain dedicated times or in certain places, or only when times are tough and we have urgent requests to make of God.

But what does it mean to pray always? Jesus himself exemplifies what it means. Through him, we see that to pray always means to live in such a way that our whole life, all that we do, indeed all that we are, becomes a prayer. It means that we are so attuned to the presence of God in our lives, so attentive and responsive to God's beckonings and subtle promptings, that God's will for us becomes second nature to us and shapes the very way we live our daily lives.

This indeed is the life of grace. It is what we see so clearly in Jesus and what we

### 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  
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Parish Deacon

glimpse in the lives of holy people, and what is indeed promised to each and every one of us. It is God, the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, abiding in us and we, little by little, becoming ever more God-like, as we grow ever more closely into God's image. In the process, we come to see, understand and love the world and all the people in it – if but dimly – as God sees, understands, loves it and cares for it. And the fruit of this grace-fuelled process in our lives is good works, works for the coming of the Kingdom, God-works, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

So to pray always does not mean spending our lives on our knees. This life of praying always, this prayer that is our whole life, is necessarily nourished and sustained by times specifically devoted to God in prayer, be it kneeling or otherwise. Those dedicated prayer times will include set prayers, the prayers of the Church, most precious among them the prayer that Jesus himself taught us, the Our Father. But it will also include time for spontaneous unrehearsed conversation with God, when we open our hearts and commune with God. And not necessarily with words.

Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt OAM  
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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Mia Martins, Ari and Eamon Lindner into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Thomas Chin Lee Hyen, Stephen Wong Kon Yee, Tommaso Boccando, Irene Ross, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 23TH OCTOBER

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Sai Mascarenhas  
Flowers: Geneveve Comejo

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Standing T Tloczek	M Ivanac G Jones	E Orr R Sinagra	D Basuki R Lasmana	A Christophe E Connolly
Acolytes	V Tan	P Cox	M Braganza	M Tloczek	D Da Cruz
Altar Servers	S Gill K Lim K Lim	T Blechynde M Roach	P Cockrell A Chong V Chong	R James R James N Andrews	S Hwang S Jones R Joseph
Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon C Craggs M Craggs M Davis J Doss	D Gabriel R King I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price	M McFarlene L McMinn P McMinn G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray	G Tedjakunt L Yeo R Yeo R D'Annunzi O D' Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie	Youth Special Ministers (Only with Working With Children's Card)
Catechists	(Yrs 1 - 4) C Adams		(Yrs 1 - 4) B Pasquale		
	(Yrs 5 - 6) M Sequeira		(Yrs 5 - 6) I Kusnadi		
Readers	B D' Sa M Doray	E Temmen M Fong	D Booth G das Neves	M Mareth S Nair	M Bautista A Jones
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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  
October 2016

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver



## Youth

### BATEMAN TEENS YOUTH GROUP

Sorry for the mistake but we would like you to know that there will be no Youth group on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of October as we would like everyone to attend the Why Be Catholic night rally with Fr Leo! We hope to see many familiar faces there as it promises to be a great night of learning about the faith! The following youth night back at Bateman will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November! See you all then!

### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER

Our next young adults dinner will be on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October after the 6pm youth mass, make sure to keep the date free and be on the lookout for further details! Facebook event will also be up with the information to remind you closer to the date.

### 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 interest.

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

### EMBRACE THE GRACE – WHO AM I?

(ETG is not just a place to learn about faith but an opportunity to experience a community that is a witness to this faith. Join us for an enriching and powerful experience where you will be exposed to the beauty of the Catholic faith to truly discover yourself through the discovery of God.

Who 16 – 25 year olds  
Date 7-11 December 2016  
Venue New Norcia

#### Date/Time

Date(s) - Wed 07 Dec, 2016 - Sun 11 Dec, 2016  
5:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#### Location

New Norcia Benedictine Community



## Parish News

### Sr. Ann's new appointment

We would like to inform you that Sr. Ann Cullinane SJG has already left our parish to take up her new appointment in Subiaco. Due to Sr. Ann's absence from the parish since late July up until two weeks ago, she has not been able to announce her new appointment publicly. We ask you to remember Sr. Ann in your prayers as she has officially commenced her new ministry on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Our parish community has certainly been very blessed to have Sr. Ann with us for 10 years. We wish her all the very best as she settles into her new place. Due to the short notice of Sr. Ann's appointment, we will no doubt invite Sr. Ann back so that we can have an opportunity to show our gratitude to her and express our deep appreciation for her ministry and contribution to our parish community at Bateman. We will be having **Sr. Ann's Farewell Mass on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm** followed by the **Farewell Party at the Bush Dance**. Bring your own dinner, snacks and drinks. A cake and Coffee/Tea will be provided. A card for Sr. Ann is available in the Church foyer, should you wish to write your name and offer your good wishes to her. Thank you!

**IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS!** Saint Thomas More Parish has organised a presentation that exposes the "Safe" Schools' Program and how it will adversely affect our children, from pre-primary all the way to senior high school. Entitled "Sexualising Children from Kindy to Yr 12" this presentation will uncover the strategy this program uses to spread its damaging effects through our schools' curriculum. Mark your calendar to hear James Parker's insightful presentation. He has lived first-hand the devastating effects of the material contained within this program and he seeks to help adults identify the hidden method used to roll out these materials across the school curriculum, a deliberate ploy to sexualise our children from their earliest years. Details -**7pm, Thursday, 20 October, 2016, Saint Thomas More, parish hall**. Hosted by concerned parents/families across WA. For more info contact Kenneth Phua 0413 643 233.

### 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 - 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.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Friday at 9.30am in the Meeting Room next to the Parish Hall. We are always looking for new members. If due to other commitments, you are not able to join as a member, you are still welcome to come and join us in prayer as a visitor whenever you can. October is the month of the rosary. Come and pray with us.



## Parish News (continued)

Bateman Parish Bush Dance – Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### FOR SALE – COLUMBAN CALENDARS+CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Columban calendars and Christmas Cards will be sold in the Church Foyer on Sundays after 8.00am, 9.30 am and 11.00 am Masses.

### INDONESIAN FOOD FAIR

The annual ICCP Indonesian Food Fair will be held on Saturday 22 Oct 2016 start at 12-4pm at Pater Noster Hall, 460 Marmion St, Myaree. All kinds of Indonesian authentic food will be available e.g. satay, noodles, fried rice, spring rolls and many more.

We will also be entertained by live acoustic bands. For more information contact Ika [0422 638 179](tel:0422638179).

### 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

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you looking for a weekend where you can spend time with your spouse, free from the usual distractions and focus on just the two of you. Remember the early days of your marriage. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centres entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, private experience between you and your spouse, that assists you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. There is NO GROUP sharing on the weekend. We invite you to join us on our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **21-23 October 2016 at Swanleigh, Middle Swan**  
For information or booking contact: **0424 220 625 – George & Monica** or Email: [WAb bookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:WAb bookings@wwme.org.au) Website – [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### 2017 JOSEPHITE MARY MACKILLOP CALENDARS

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### Talk on Hope and Healing

Presented by Norma Woodcock

We all seek hope, wholeness, integration and healing.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm to 8.30pm, St Benedict's Church, Cnr Canning Highway & Ardross St Applecross WA Cost: Collection All Welcome

[Catholic Education Staff can obtain hours for Faith Formation Accreditation— Registration fee \$10 per session]

Further info – [www.normawoodcock.com](http://www.normawoodcock.com), [norma@normawoodcock.com](mailto:norma@normawoodcock.com) – 894871772

### TAIZE MEDITATIVE PRAYER

**16<sup>th</sup> October TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER** - You are invited to join the South Perth Taizé praying community

**Where:** St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth.

**When:** **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, from 7-8pm** (Chapel doors open 6.30pm)

**Theme:** *Families around the World*

**Bring:** A small torch, and invite a friend!

**Contact:** Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, [mriddler@sosjwa.org.au](mailto:mriddler@sosjwa.org.au)

**28<sup>th</sup> October PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES** - growing awareness of God in my everyday

This focused prayer time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of our faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this prayer time.

**Where:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Parking in York Street)

**When:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. Morning session 10.30am–12noon. Evening 6.30–8.00pm.

**Theme:** "Let me take that splinter out of your eye..." (Mat:7) A reflection on awareness and self-knowledge. **RSVP: Essential by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October: 08**

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