

Sunday Readings

Year A

First Reading - Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Second Reading - 1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel - Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

5th Sunday, Year A

February 5, 2017

Salt of the earth

In today's gospel, Jesus commands us to let our light shine. The first and second readings illuminate just what this 'light' is and the Psalm celebrates the freedom and power of life and to live without fear of darkness. In Isaiah, the story is about practical charity, providing material help and relieving the burden of the needy in close proximity and those who live further away.

Paul, writing to the Christian community in Corinth, describes this as being one with the crucified Christ, a way of life that defies logical argument. This radical call is a great challenge for all of us. Yet, it is significant for Christians today, including here in Australia. Urgent cries for help compel us to respond with compassion. There are suffering Indigenous communities, refugees in off-shore detention centres and immigrants experiencing alienation who are all worthy of our attention and assistance.

Some might say, "These are complex issues that need careful discernment, so it best be left to politicians and others to make these difficult decisions." And leaving it to the experts may well avert 'compassion fatigue?'

Scripture warnings, such as Matthew 7:6 (pearls before swine) advise prudence. These views have merit, and we can indeed help those in need, perhaps by who we vote for and making financial contributions to charitable organisations. Another way to connect with those who suffer is to pray for them, either communally at Sunday Mass or by personal meditation. Such deeds keep us at a 'respectable' distance from

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. Philip Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Gerard
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

the mess created by others; yet, Jesus' cross, as Paul notes, is the complete opposite of respectable.

But does Jesus require more of us? There may be a message in the salt image Christ provided at a time when it was used for more than just seasoning. These days we take our fridges for granted. However, back in the fifties when I was a child, the ice vendor would bring blocks of ice wrapped in 'gunny' sacks which my parents bought for our ice-chest. But long before mass-produced ice-blocks, Jesus' mother, Mary, and the local traders would preserve food with salt and also use it to clean wounds.

Is the first step for us as individuals then to examine our hearts and weigh up our response to the needs of those around us, especially the poor and destitute, and look at how we can improve our lives? We need to ask ourselves whether we are engaged, listening and actively responding to those desperate cries for help. How can we be more like that "salt of the earth" that vitalises and heals?

To find ways to unite with the crucified Christ therefore is to remain relevant; to be visibly 'light for the world' and demonstrably 'salt of the earth.'

Bet Green

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Baptisms:

We welcome Venice Wan Rou & Caspian Min Ho Chan, Allan Lokang, Allen Xiu Zhe Kwok, Kayden Yu Kai Tan into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Wirahadi Kusumo who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for J.A. Tony Daly, Alain Geoffroy, Abe Mourad, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 12TH FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Yunita Damawan

Flowers: Tania Herbert

Counter: 1. M Sequera 2. T Hudabe 3. G Oldendorf

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	<u>S Dalby</u> <u>B Ensell</u>	<u>A Gabriel</u> <u>D Gabriel</u>	<u>E Orr</u> <u>R Sinages</u>	<u>I Luff</u> <u>G Knight</u>	<u>C Jung</u> <u>K A King</u>
Acolytes	<u>D Morris</u>	<u>T Basile</u>	<u>M Braganza</u>	<u>S McMahon</u>	<u>A Phoon</u>
Altar Servers	<u>R Gill</u> <u>S Gill</u> <u>J Grosse</u>	<u>L Cherry</u> <u>O Maffeo</u>	<u>A Dagg</u> <u>B Dagg</u> <u>E Hart</u>	<u>Joel</u> <u>O Mumbi</u> <u>L Nathan</u>	<u>Carlos</u> <u>Andreas</u> <u>O Cahill</u>
Special Minister	<u>L Sequera</u> <u>M Sequera</u> <u>J Stephen</u> <u>J Voyn</u> <u>C Craigg</u> <u>M Craigg</u> <u>M Davis</u> <u>C Dalisco</u> <u>A De Souza</u>	<u>G Dunford</u> <u>D Gabriel</u> <u>R King</u> <u>I Kuanadi</u> <u>C Marzetti</u> <u>R Margavani</u> <u>C A Norris</u> <u>R Norris</u>	<u>C Tan</u> <u>J Tan</u> <u>S Tee</u> <u>S Wong</u> <u>B Bucat</u> <u>C Derries</u> <u>A Faleiro</u> <u>H Klase</u>	<u>A Loo</u> <u>J Loo</u> <u>J Louie</u> <u>A Mascassah</u> <u>M O' Brian</u> <u>C Foggie</u> <u>J Roper</u> <u>S Sayarimut</u>	<u>D Talbot</u> <u>M Talbot</u> <u>C J S Tan</u> <u>M J Tan</u> <u>C Tan</u> <u>J Tan</u> <u>C Wilaya</u> <u>Y Yueting</u>
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) <u>K King</u> (Yrs 5-6) <u>K King</u>		(Yrs 1-4) <u>C A Norris</u> (Yrs 5-6) <u>C Italiano</u>		
Readers	<u>C Craigg</u> <u>M Craigg</u>	<u>M Woolford</u>	<u>S Hart</u> <u>J Hicks</u>	<u>M Mareth</u> <u>S Nair</u>	<u>M Bautista</u> <u>J Ernest</u>
Readers Coordinator:	<u>Lillian Sequera</u>		9331 5552		
Piety stall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Safeguarding Officer:	<u>Fatima Basilio</u> (fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com)				

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
February 2017

Section A
Bill Crossley

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

Seeking new Bateman Youth Volunteers

We are currently looking for young people who would like to volunteer to help at our teens group or young adults events. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who is interested in being part of this very rewarding and enjoyable experience, please write a short paragraph to explain your interest in helping out. Send your expression of interest & contact details to Fr Garner via email garner.vergara@perthcatholic.org.au as soon as possible. A valid working with children check card is required for all volunteers over 18 years old.

#GODSQUAD Teens group FRIDAY 10th OF FEBRUARY

Our first #GodSquad for the year will be on the 10th of February at 7pm in the Parish Hall! We look forward to seeing you all and new people too! For lots of fun, fellowship and faith.

The leaders are looking forward to seeing you all again!

MASTERCLASS - YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING WEEKEND 17-19

F E B R U A R Y
Are you a youth leader or an upcoming youth leader in your Parish? Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is conducting a 3-day training weekend at a beach side venue in Busselton, to equip those serving in Youth Ministry in their Parish or groups. There are beginners and advanced workshops, prayer sessions, fun activities and networking opportunities. Cost \$50, incl. food and accommodation. To register or for more information visit cym.com.au or contact CYM Perth via email admin@cym.com.au or 94227912 HURRY! Places are limited.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PERTH CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Catholic Youth Ministry Perth Mass and Holy Hour 1st of February (Image attached)
Come and join us in prayer on Wednesday nights with Mass at 5:30pm, Holy Hour (adoration 6:30-7:30pm) and dinner (\$5 donation) with other young Catholics. These Wednesday Holy Hours will recommence on the 1st of February 2017. At the Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate. (Entrance from Harold Street)

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IGNITE LIVE

Is back for 2017. More details to come or go to the website <https://igniteyouth.com/live-perth/>

Parish News

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY—WED 8th FEBRUARY

This powerful, prayerful, sung devotion is held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 8th February 2017 commencing at 7.30 pm. It will be accompanied by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and followed by Benediction and Anointing. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493(h) 6242 0702(w).



FR CYPRIAN'S FAREWELL MASS & CELEBRATION—SUN 12th FEB.

We will be having Fr Cyprian's Farewell Mass on Sunday 12th February at the 8.00pm Youth Mass followed by supper after the Mass in the courtyard. Please bring a plate of SAVOURY FINGER FOOD to share for the supper. Soft drinks and a cake will be provided by the Parish.

COME FOR A CUPPA & A SHOW—Wed 8th February

Come for a cuppa, stay for a show and leave an hour later refreshed in body, mind and spirit. This is the invitation to all Thomas More parishioners, their friends and families, and the Yidarra and Corpus Christi school community – come down to the parish hall on Wed, 8 Feb at 9am to enjoy a cuppa and watch a video on the Parables of Jesus in a friendly, relaxed environment.

You will see seven short dramas portraying the parables of Jesus through the lens of biblical times. The Bible will come alive, helping you to understand the customs and culture behind the parables, and feel the impact of Jesus' message.

Following the video presentation, there will be time for reflection and sharing for those who wish to do so. The session will conclude at 10am.

The second video session in this café-style spiritual enrichment program is entitled 'Lent and Easter' and will be held on Wed, Feb 22 from 9am -10am at the parish hall. More details nearer the date.

Details: The Parables of Jesus - Wed, 8 Feb in the Bateman parish hall 9-10am.
Enquiries: Caroline 0432 855 805 / Su 0413 560 033

ST THOMAS MORE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY GROUP

Recommencing Tuesday 7th February, 2017.

Meets Tuesdays during school term at 8.50am-9.20am in the church (or shrine). Easy to follow books are used, so no experience is necessary. All welcome (including children of any age).

Hope to see you there or for more information please contact:
Patricia Taylor: 0422 770 730 or Clare Cox: 9310 7989.

Parish News (continued)

Sacramental dates for 2017: St Thomas More, Bateman

Reconciliation: 14th/21st October 2017

First Holy Communion: 24th /25th June 2017

Confirmation: 19th/20th August 2017

All children (from pre-school age on) from within the Parish boundaries who attend Government schools are warmly welcomed to attend the Religious Education after school program. Special arrangements can be made for High School children and Catholic School children who may not have celebrated their age relevant Sacrament.

Please note that Confirmation is a 2 year program.

For further info, please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tues/Wed) or 0435695399

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? If you are, please register in the book on the small table in the church foyer and introduce yourself to one of the priests after Mass.



BISCUIT CONTAINERS FOR PICK-UP!

We still have some Biscuit Containers that have not been picked up since before Christmas. Those who very generously donated biscuits for the prisoners for Christmas and have not picked up your containers from the Parish office, PLEASE PICK THEM UP as soon as possible. We are trying to tidy the Resource Area up.

Diocesan Notices

BEGINNING OF PRAYER GROUP

We would like to invite you to join Our Lady Of Sorrows Prayer Group. We have been meeting together for nearly 30 years and have developed a wonderful support group for the development of our Faith Life and personally for all the ups and downs we have in raising our families and staying involved in Community and Parish Life. We meet on Thursdays (excluding holidays) at 1pm in the Albert Lynch Room at St. Benedict's Church, Applecross and break at 2.30 for fellowship and a cup of tea. This allows parents with children still at school to leave in time to collect their children at 3pm. We would like to pass on what we have learnt (our wisdom) to some younger people so invite you to join us and I am sure you would get a warm welcome! For further details contact either Judy Phillips 93649249 or Elspeth O'Connor 93645800.

Diocesan Notices (continued)

PERTH CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

'Year of Youth' Project Worker (Full time position – 2 year contract)

The Perth Catholic Youth Ministry office is seeking a vibrant project worker to join the Youth Ministry team. This role will be a temporary position for 2 years and will be working to provide support and training for adults to engage in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 'Year of Youth', across parishes, schools, communities and movements in the Archdiocese of Perth. A copy of the full job advertisement & job description is available on www.cym.com.au

To submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees including a parish priest, please email: Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry Phone: (08) 9422 7912 or Email: anita.parker@perthcatholic.org.au

Applications close Monday 6 February 2017.

The Mary MacKillop Foundation invite you to "BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN"

Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones....

When: 8am Saturday 11th March Where: Garden Venue—at the Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent).

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, bvo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles! RSVP: Before 7th march to: Laurie Mayne: 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Centre for Faith Enrichment has a 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 or simply call 9241 5221 for a Term 1 brochure.

GROWING VINE MINISTRY

Willetton Catholic Parish offers a ministry specially tailored for the seniors in the community. It offers companionship and outings. Seniors meet every Friday during school term from 10am to 2pm, where morning tea and lunch are served by volunteers and in between attend midday mass. Transport is provided to and from home, if required. Cost \$10 per week.

Enquiries to Irene Er-Smith, 9457 8891 or 0466 807 019



EAST CANNINGTON—FINAL MASS & CLOSURE

A final Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Parish, 56 Redcliffe Street, East Cannington on Sunday 19 February at 2.30pm followed by afternoon tea. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Sproxtton.