

Sunday Readings

Year A

First Reading - Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Second Reading - 1 Cor 3:16-23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel - Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

7th Sunday, Year A

February 19, 2017

Saintly

A tennis player in the 1980s gained unfavourable notoriety for his verbal stoushes with umpires and his use of the phrase, "You cannot be serious!" I sometimes wonder whether this phrase is our instinctive response when Jesus challenges us with his radical teaching in the gospel.

There were occasions when the apostles, mystified, questioned Jesus. It is worth remembering his response was that with God everything becomes possible. Paul reminds the Corinthians they are not dependent on human wisdom: they are temples of God's Spirit; God is living among them; they belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Old Testament people were not strangers to the call to love and forgiveness: Leviticus makes it clear the Lord had told Moses to teach the community to love and forgive and be holy, like God. And yet, by the time Jesus was speaking the same message, his own people were more familiar with an interpretation that meant they were only called upon to love their neighbour, not their enemies. Jesus more than takes them and us out of our comfort zone and culminates by insisting: "You must be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."

There are times we are inspired by some of the heroic examples of love and forgiveness in the saints who have risen above their human circumstances, either showing us how to reach out to those on the margins or how to heal the hurt when forgiveness seems all but impossible. This is why the Church cultivates our devotion to the

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 Vargasa
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lan
Priest in Residence

Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

saints, especially in our time. Hopefully, they are people with whom we can identify because they have lived in our times and overcome the challenges of today's world. But the danger remains that holiness can be viewed as something reserved for the exceptional few, not something to which all of us can aspire.

This is partly the result of our own temperaments, as well as the language of the gospel. For example, Matthew completes Jesus' teaching in this section of the Sermon on the Mount with the command: "You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew is writing for his own Jewish community, determined that they see the contrast with their former way of understanding God. But note how Luke, in his gospel, completes the same sequence of teaching: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." The perfection of the gospel is not the perfection of the person who has to get everything right – the perfectionist – it is rather the compassion of God.

Luke, the doctor, the friend of Mary, was writing for a non-Jewish audience. Like Pope Francis today he was desperate that we should encounter Christ, the healer and bring his compassion to others. Perhaps becoming a saint is not out of the question after all?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Dorothy Barker Jefferson, Maria Lim, John Chan, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Ronald Chapman, Tommaso Boccardo, P.O. Varghese, Maria Santini, Murray Gillett, Joseph Doss, Lora Paul Raj, Joseph Chan, Stanislaw Jurkowski, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

for 26TH FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Brenela Pasquale				
Flowers:	Diana Puspta				
Counter:	1. P Pickersgill	2. I Basuki	3. T Basuki		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	D Kumala D Kumala	F Ling L Montague	K Tan M Tan	N Mourad S Mitchell	M Tiamson T Mancinone
Acolytes	V Tan	P Cox	L Papineau	S McMahon	A Phoon
Altar Servers	C latiff K Lim K Lim	A Flexman M Roach	S Ho A Ho T Moeljadi	K Ferras A Varen J Yeo	E Hasan E Hasan S Hwang
Special Minister	D Nicholson R Octomo L rego J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon	R King I Kusnadi C Morsenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price P Price	P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S Tan C Tan J Tan S Teo S Wong	J Louie A Mascarenh M O'Brien C Poore J Roper S Saverimut C Tan G Tedjakunt R Triuntari	P Kite A Lu V Masara B Norris A Ring S Sutijono
Catechists	(Yr 1 - 4) J Shales		Yr 1 - 4 S Fuderer		
	(Yr 5 - 6) M Sequeira		(Yr 5 - 6) C Adams		
Readers	V Ng K Gamba	P Price C Price	M Reutens L Papineau	M Doray A Loo	Aura C Talbot
Readers Coordinator:	Kim Gamba 9258 6362				
Piety stall	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Safeguarding Officer:	Fatima Basilio (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 NEWBATEMAN 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 on Friday

The next GODSQUAD will be this Friday (24th/2) at 7pm in the church hall. We have many exciting things planned for the teens this year. So if you're currently still in high school come down this Friday and be sure to bring any friends along that might be interested as well.

"Christ is Risen" - CYM Young Adults Retreat, 21 – 23 April 2017

Need some time away for rest, personal reflection and to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Join other young adults for an incredible weekend away to reflect on the Easter theme of "Christ is Risen". The retreat will include inspirational Catholic speakers, music, prayer, mass, discussions and much more!

Who: Young Adults ages 18-35 Where: Eagles Nest Retreat Centre, Gidgegannup
Cost: Early bird \$100 (before 1st March). Standard registration \$130 (registrations close 7th April) includes food & accommodation.

For more details or to register visit cym.com.au, call 9422 7912, or email: admin@cym.com.au

YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM

For those of you who are 18+ and have finished high school we'll be starting our young adults program in early May. It is a great way to meet other young people like yourselves in the community. So keep an eye out for this announcement later on in the year and be sure to spread the word to others who might be interested.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR EVERYDAY WEDNESDAY

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

IGNITE LIVE

Ignite is back once again for 2017. More details to come or go the website <https://igniteyouth.com/live-perth/>. For further enquiries about the St. Thomas More Youth Ministry, please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders Bronagh and Brien via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

Parish News

WELCOME TO FR THI LAM.

We welcome Fr Thi Lam to our Bateman Parish Community, as he starts this weekend with us. Fr Thi is the Chaplain at St. John of God Hospital, Murdoch.

LENTEN SEASON

As the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday we are called by the Church to pray, fast, and do works of mercy. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**. Lent is a penitential season of **prayer, self-denial and helping others**. In this way, the Church prepares for Easter and joyfully welcomes those adults who have completed the RCIA programme and consequently be baptised during the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY—1st MARCH 2017

There will be four Masses on Wednesday 1st March as it is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. Masses will be at 8.00am, 9.00am (School Mass), 4pm (R.E. Mass) and 7.30pm. All parishioners are invited to attend any of these masses as we start our Lenten season.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH FLOWER

Volunteers needed to refresh flowers in church. No skills are required. Your schedule will depend on your preference. Please call Diana at 9266 4253 to register.

Seniors Mass and Morning Tea

Our first Seniors gathering for 2017 will be Mass and Morning Tea on Wednesday, 22nd March at 10.30am. Please bring a plate of goodies to contribute to the morning tea.



Lenten Reflections—Tuesday 28th February

The Lenten Reflection Program will be held over 5 weeks:

Dates: Tues 28 Feb; Weds 8 Mar, 15 Mar, 22 Mar and 29 Mar 2017

Time: 7.00pm – 8.15 pm Place: Bateman Parish Hall

Coffee & Tea will be provided after each session. The 28 Feb session, being Shrove Tuesday, pancakes will be provided. Come and help us build a vibrant and faith-filled community.

Reflections on Lent and Easter over a cuppa

As we approach the season of Lent, we invite you to join us in a presentation on **Wed, 22 Feb**, that reinforces the importance of this pivotal season in our Church's liturgical year—in a video entitled *The Church Celebrates Lent and Easter*.

When & where: Wed, 22 Feb 9am-10am in the Bateman parish hall. All are welcome. Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 033

Parish News (continued)

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2017: ST THOMAS MORE, BATEMAN

Reconciliation: 14th/21st October 2017

First Holy Communion: 24th/25th June 2017 Enrolments for this class close 28th February 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.

Enquiries: Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tues/Wed) or 0435695399

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 4PM

All parishioners are invited to join the after school children and their families at the Ash Wednesday Religious Education Program Mass at 4pm on Wednesday the 1st March 2017.

Diocesan Notices

BEGINNING OF PRAYER GROUP

We would like to invite you to join Our Lady Of Sorrows Prayer Group. 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. For further details contact either Judy Phillips 93649249 or Elspeth O'Connor 93645800.

PRAISING OUR EXPERIENCES - growing awareness of God in my everyday

Theme: The Lenten Journey—an invitation to look deeper in to being a Christian. You are invited to be part of this prayer experience.

When: Friday 24th February 2017. **RSVP:** Essential by Tuesday 21st. **Time:** 10.30 am—12.00 noon. Repeated 6.30 pm—8.00 pm. **Contact:** Secretary on (08) 9334 0999. Email: laura.maccarthy@sosj.org.au. **Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.

Catholic Faith Renewal Evening - Friday, 3 March 2017

Catholic Faith Renewal invites you to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of Praise (7.30pm) Mass (8.00pm) Talk by Rev. Fr. Daniel Boyd on "Suffering-A Personal Journey" Fellowship and Light Supper. Friday 3 March 2017 @ 7.30pm St John & Paul's Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Enquiries Ann Loo 0412 166 164.

Diocesan Notices (continued)

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN

The Mary MacKillop Foundation invite you to 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, byo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles! **RSVP:** Before 7th March to: Laurie May ne: 9271 5649.

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

LAUDATE SI' WEEKEND RETREAT

At *Kilmolee at Safety Bay*, a ministry of the Josephite Sisters. 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay. 4pm 17th March – 2pm 19th March 2017. For enquiries, flyer and registration, please contact: Sr Shelley Barlow RNDM 9271 3873/ sbarlowrn@gmail.com or Brother Terry Casey CFC 0422 966 453

AUTUMN PRAYER DAY at SAFETY BAY

Come join us and experience a gentle, prayerful day at tranquil Safety Bay.

Theme: "Finding Healing and Hope in the Miracles of Jesus." **When:** Wednesday March 15th 2017. **Time** 10.00am—1.00pm (9.30 am morning tea, and light lunch provided). **Where:** Kilmolee at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay. **Cost:** by Donation. **RSVP:** (Important for catering), contact Sr. Dianne. Phone: (08) 9527 3240 or Dianne.colborne@sosj.org.au

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. We invite you to join us on our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 31 March –

2nd April OR 11 – 13 August 2017. For information or booking contact: 0424 220 625 – George & Monica Email: WAbookings@wwme.org.au

Website – www.wwme.org.au

Lenten Session

Norma Woodcock will be giving a talk on Wednesday 15th March 2017, 7.30–8.30 pm at St Benedict's Church, Cnr Canning Highway and Ardross St Applecross W A.

Topic is: 'THE LOVE THAT IS BEYOND ALL LOVING' This, the Love of God, as we grow in our understanding of it, gives us the firm foundation we need in this society in which we live. **Cost:** Collection. Everyone welcome

Norma's CD's— Specials will be available at the Talk.

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