

# Sunday Readings

Year A

## First Reading - Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

## Second Reading - Rom 5:12-19

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

## Gospel Mt 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

1st Sunday of Lent, Year A

March 05, 2017

## Truly tempting

When my sons are told to stop watching videos after they've finished the current episode, a common sequence of interactions routinely plays out. My wife calls out to them, enquiring as to the status of the show. Silence follows. She calls out again, only louder this time. More silence.

She sometimes calls out yet again, and usually at this point I make my way down the hallway towards the living room, the sound of my footsteps setting off a scurry of activity in the other room.

If the video is still on when I appear in the doorway, the oldest son will quite likely jump to attention and blame his younger brother who will respond thus, "But I didn't hear you."

And if I press the matter, "I didn't say anything yet. How do you know what I'm here for?" a flurry of explanations will spill from their tiny mouths. Of course, my sons are not exceptional in this regard. Most young children at times behave in a similar manner.

Today's readings focus on the theme of temptation, and the temptation most at stake pertains to a question of identity. The creation story portrays the man and woman as tempted "to be like gods." More than eating forbidden fruit, they are tempted to harm their right relation with God by trying to act in a self-justifying way.

The tree is significant. In trying to be like gods, they act as if they can write the book

### 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
<b>Saturday:</b>	Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)				
<b>Sunday:</b>	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



Fr. Garner Vergara  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

on good and evil, as if they can simply decide what they want to do is also the right thing to do. The insight can apply directly to our own experiences of temptation. It's one thing to want to do something we know we shouldn't; it's another to convince ourselves that we have a right to do it.

The temptation to justify ourselves is usually much more injurious both to us and our relationships. The consequences for Adam and Eve are instructive for us, too. No longer do they walk in the garden with God, in harmony with each other and all the earth. Now they hide from God; they blame each other; their honesty and friendship are replaced by shame and resentment.

Jesus' temptation reminds us that being in a 'right relation' with God matters more than anything. When we place our trust in Christ, we see a way of living that does not focus on riches or status. He offers us a way that leads to our maker rather than to our pride. As our agendas for personal success can easily blind us from the truth, in this Lenten season, let us cling to Christ and remember who we truly are.

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Samson James William Reading into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:** Please pray for Edward Khoo who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Eileen Shaw, Mary Chong Kim Lian, Helen Taylor, Peter Knuckey, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 12TH MARCH

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Clare Talbot				
Flowers :	Rosemary Yeo				
Counter:	1. M Craggs	2. M Woolford	3.		
	<b>Saturday</b> 6.30pm	<b>Sunday</b> 8.00am	<b>Sunday</b> 9.30am	<b>Sunday</b> 11.00am	<b>Sunday</b> 6.00pm
Greeters	C Lasrado P Lasrado	A Santacate P Sweeney	S Hedley J Hicks	A Sciascia R Sciascia	J Grochal I Iman
Acolytes	D Ng	T Basile	L Papineau	P Doray	A Phoon
Altar Servers	J Robless J Robless L Sanchez	T Blechynde B Boudville	F Spencer A Matthew J Gresham	Jerone R James R James	W Kurniaty J Maguire E Metschukat
Special Minister	C Lasrado D Liew L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng D Nicholson R Oetomo L Rego J See	C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris C Price P Price J Sciorilli M Woolford	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S Tan	M O'Brien C Poore J Roper S Saverimut C Tan G Tedjakunt R Triuntari L Yeo R Yeo	C Batchelor S Chauveau C Endris S Eng D Gan M Gan C Goh A Gunawan
Catechists	(Yr 1 - 3) A Jones  (Yr 4 - 6) A Jones	(Yr 1 - 3) CHILDREN'S MASS (Yr 4 - 6)			
Readers	R Craggs K Gamba	S Cox D Dennis	CHILDREN'S MASS	R D'Annunzi A de Ridder	J Ernest A Jones
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<b>Safeguarding Officer: Fatima Basilio</b> ( <a href="mailto:fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com">fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com</a> )					

### 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  
March 2017

Section A  
Craig McIver

Section B  
Robyn Guyton

## 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](mailto: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 on Friday 10th of March 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 (years 7-12) come down this Friday and be sure to bring any friends along that might be interested as well.

### 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](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

### CYM Young Adults Retreat

Need some time away to rest, reflect, and grow closer to God? Join other young adults for a weekend away reflecting on the Easter theme, "Christ is Risen". The retreat run by Catholic Youth Ministry includes inspirational talks, music, prayer, mass, discussion, meals and accommodation!

Who: Adults aged 18-35.

When: 6:30pm Friday 21st April – 1:30pm Sunday 23rd April.

Where: Eagles Nest Retreat Centre, Gidgegannup.

Cost: \$130. To register (before April 7th)

for info: [cym.com.au](http://cym.com.au) | 9422 7912 | [admin@cym.com.au](mailto:admin@cym.com.au)

## Parish News

### Archbishop's Pastoral Letter

Archbishop Costelloe has written a Pastoral Letter to the Catholic community of Perth in relation to the hearings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The letter and podcast can be found on-line at: [www.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au)

### Chaplets of the Divine Mercy –Wednesday 8th March

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 March 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).



### CHILDREN'S MASS— Sunday 12th March

Our first Children's Mass for the year will be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Lent and we would like to encourage all children and their families to attend.

**Date:** Sunday, 12 March 2017 **Time:** 9:30am

**Mass Rehearsal:** Saturday, 11 March – 12:45 – 2:00pm

**Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday, 11 March – 2:00 – 3:00pm

Children who would like to be involved in the Mass and in the choir need to register their names in the Church foyer.

### "A Lenten Journey" – begins on Wednesday 8 Mar at 9am

In this video series, respected theologian Fr Michael Himes, draws insights from the Lenten Sunday Mass readings, particularly the stories of water, light and life from John's Gospel. It will be shown over four Wednesday mornings during Lent.

Dates: 8, 15, 22 and 29 Mar from 9am – 10am

Place: Meeting room next to Parish office

Session 1 Wed 8 Mar: With humour and passionate insight, Fr Himes demonstrates how the readings for the first two weeks of Lent gives us an overview of salvation history, from creation to new life in Christ. We are challenged by the question: What is Temptation Really? Come discover the answers and more...in a relaxed setting over a cuppa.

Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 033

### Seniors Mass and Morning Tea—Wednesday 22nd March

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—Wednesday 8th March

The Lenten Reflection Program will be held over 5 weeks and continues this Wednesday.

**Date:** Wednesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March 2017

**Time:** 7.00-8.15pm

**Place:** Bateman Parish Hall

Coffee and tea will be provided after each session. Come and help us build a vibrant and faith-filled community.

## 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 have closed.**

**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.

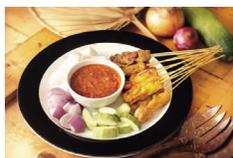
Please note that Confirmation is a 2 year program.

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

### Indonesian Food Fair

Sunday 19th March 2017 at 9am - 1.00pm

Yidarra School Canteen, Cnr Dean & Marsengo rd, Bateman. Lots of lovely Asian food on sale.



### 2019 YIDARRA 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

A reminder that an application for enrolment form should be lodged at Yidarra no later than FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017.

Kindergarten classes operate on 3 full days per week on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 8.55am-2.45pm. To be eligible for Kindergarten 2017, your child's birthday must fall between 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015.

An application form and enrolment information package may be collected from the Yidarra office between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, or you may download a copy from New families please note: A Parish Priest Reference is required as part of the enrolment process.

#### **NB: SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN AT YIDARRA**

An application for enrolment form still needs to be lodged at the school, even though you have other children already at Yidarra.

our website: [web.yidarra.wa.edu.au](http://web.yidarra.wa.edu.au).

### CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE

A Catholic Education for all

The College warmly invites you to attend our 2017 TOUR DAYS.

WHEN Thursday 9 March 2017 Tuesday 14 March 2017

TIME 9.00am arrival and registration: 9.15am start

WHERE The James Nestor Performing Arts Centre

Following an opening address from the Principal, Mrs Caroline Payne, Year 10 students will conduct guided tours of the College and grounds. Morning tea will be provided at 11.00am outside the Mater Christi Centre.

PARKING Top carpark, entrance from Murdoch Drive

REGISTRATION

To register your attendance, please visit the following site: [www.trybooking.com/OTMI](http://www.trybooking.com/OTMI)

We invite you to join our community!

## Diocesan Notices

### LAUDATE SI' WEEKEND RETREAT

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

### 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 – 2 April** OR 11 – 13 August 2017.

**For information or booking contact: 0424 220 625 – George & Monica**

Email: [WAbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:WAbookings@wwme.org.au) [www.wwme.org.au](http://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.

Enq: 94871772, [norma@normawoodcock.com](mailto:norma@normawoodcock.com) [www.normawoodcock.com](http://www.normawoodcock.com)

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

We are pleased to inform you that Fr Gino will be presenting a two day live-in weekend retreat on Friday, 12 May (6.30pm) - Sunday, 14 May (5.00pm).

Venue will be Advent Park—345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale, WA, 6057

Details and registration will be available at a later date. *Please keep these dates free for you to attend this retreat*

**IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE**— Iona are delighted to offer Academic & Music Scholarships to girls entering Year 7 & 10 in 2018. Enrol online at [www.iona.wa.edu.au](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au)/scholarships Applications close Sat 4th March 2017

### 11 Mar BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN

The Mary MacKillop Foundation invites you to "Breakfast in the Garden". Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones. Garden Venue; Saturday 11 March, 8am, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent). Bring \$15 for breakfast. BYO chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen and smiles! RSVP before 7 March to Laurie Mayne 08 9271 5649, or [ljmayne@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ljmayne@optusnet.com.au)

### 15 Mar AUTUMN PRAYER DAY

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

Theme: "Finding Healing and Hope in Creation."

When: Wednesday March 15th, 2017

Time: 10.00am– 1:00pm (9.30am 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 [safety.bay@sosj.org.au](mailto:safety.bay@sosj.org.au)