

## First Reading - Gen 12:1-4

### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Second Reading - 2 Tm 1:8-10

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

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel - Mt 17:1-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

March 12, 2017

## Walking with Jesus

Jesus told his closest followers that when he reached Jerusalem, he would be arrested by his enemies and tried, condemned and executed. Peter took Jesus aside and said that such a thing must never happen. Jewish thinking over the centuries had pictured the Messiah as a warrior-king who would drive out the Romans and make Israel a great kingdom. So Jesus had to change the disciples' way of thinking.

A few days later he took three of his closest followers, Peter, James and John, up the mountain of Tabor. There, he was transfigured. His face shone like the sun and his garments were snow-white. Moses and Elijah, two of the greatest Old Testament prophets, appeared and began to talk with Jesus about the sufferings awaiting Him in Jerusalem.

The impulsive Peter once again broke ranks by suggesting he build three huts so their peaceful stay up the mountain could be prolonged. Then suddenly they were covered with a bright cloud and the voice of God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him."

The message from God was crystal-clear: listen to and accept the teaching of Jesus.

Many of us are like Peter. We would like the glory without the suffering. That is not the way that Jesus intended for his followers. For us there is only one way. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." So we walk with Jesus. Any other way means that we have lost our way. The road we walk with 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
<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

will lead to Calvary.

We do not walk that road alone. Jesus promised us that he would be with us till the end of time. When he allows suffering to come into our lives – perhaps sickness in the family or the death of a loved one – Jesus is by our side, helping us to carry our share of his cross. Whatever our suffering, physical, mental or emotional, Jesus has endured it himself and he knows what we are going through. He always gives us the grace to carry our cross to Calvary.

The Transfiguration teaches us first to listen to Jesus as he speaks to us in the Scriptures, through his Church, in the events of our daily living. What he says may not always be what we want to hear but we believe in his love for each of us and wants only what is best for us.

The Transfiguration also reminds us that after the suffering there is the glory. In this life suffering is part of the human condition. When Jesus became man, he accepted suffering and died on the cross. But Calvary was not the end. So let us walk with Jesus to Calvary and then we will share in His glorious Resurrection.

Reg Ahearn CSsR  
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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Isaac David Stephen Matthews into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:** Please pray for Cally Graham who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Philip Anthony, Peter Santhou, Tommaso Boccardo, Eustace Singam, Helen Taylor, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## for 19TH MARCH

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	George Lopez				
Flowers :	Geneveve Cornejo				
Counter:	1. P Golding	2. J Fitzpatrick	3. A Vinci		
	<b>Saturday 6.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00am</b>	<b>Sunday 6.00pm</b>
Greeters	R Oetomo A Ruban	S Gresham G Gunawarde	A Lauw E Mo	D Sudarso E Tweed	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	P Doss	B King	J Nonis	S McMahon	P Cox
Altar Servers	T Soanchez G Wan R Ye	A Flexman M Roach	S Ng P Nikolic G Paltridge	Joel O Mumbi L Nathan	A Louis A Moncrieff J Teixeira
Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon C Craggs M Craggs M Davis C Dellaca A De Souza	C Cox B D' Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel R King I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawani	C Tan J Tan S Teo S Wong B Bucat C Derries A Faleiro H Klass	R D'Annunzi O D'Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O' Brien C Poore	P Kite A Lu V Masara B Norris A Phoon A Ring S Sutijono
Catechists	(Yr 1 – 3) J Shales		(Yr 1 – 3) C A Norris		
	(Yr 4 – 6) L Humphreys		(Yr 4 – 6) C A Norris		
Readers	B D'Sa B Ensell	J de Silva M Fong	G das Neves V Fasson	R D'Mello M Fely	K A King G Lynn
Readers Coordinator:	Lilian Sequeira		9331 5552		
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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 Mclver

Section B  
Robyn Guyton

## Youth

### **GODSQUAD Teens Group on Friday 24th March**

The next GODSQUAD will be on Friday 24th March from 7pm - 8:45pm in the church hall. So if you're in years 7-12 come down and be sure to bring along any friends that might be interested to.

### **Young Adults Program**

For those of you who are 18+ and have finished high school we'll be starting our young adults Theology of the Body program **starting on Sunday 12th of March**. The **cost of the program will be \$25** and it will be **running fortnightly on Sundays from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**. A meal will also be provided after for a small donation of \$5. It is a great way to meet young people like yourselves in the community. So be sure to spread the word to others who might be interested. For more information on this please contact our youth leaders via email [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### **CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Come and join us in prayer on Wednesday night with mass at 5:30 PM, Holy Hour (Adoration 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) and dinner after (\$5 donation) with other young Catholics. At the **Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate (entrance from Harold Street)**

For further inquiries 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

### **"A Lenten Journey"- continues on Wednesday 15 Mar at 9am**

This week, we continue the video program "A Lenten Journey" with a presentation, entitled Danger and Desire. Respected theologian Fr Michael Himes, examines the varied dimensions of water in the readings of the Third Sunday of Lent. And leads us in a reflection into the depth of baptismal imagery – showing how Christian commitment requires dying to self in order to rise with Christ.

When/Where: Wed 15 Mar 9 – 10am Place: Meeting room next to Parish office

Next week, Wed 22 Mar: The program continues with the theme for the Fourth Sunday of Lent - light and darkness. Same place and time.

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 15th March**

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

**Date:** Wednesdays 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.

### **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.



### **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.

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

## Parish News (continued)

Dear Parishioners,

At the last Parish AGM, a proposal was put forward to change Mass times, which mostly affect the current Masses during the week. Having further discussed this matter with the Pastoral Parish Council, I would like to hold a process of consultation by asking for your comments and/or suggestions on the proposal to change Mass times. For your information, the table below has a list of current and proposed Mass times:

Day of the week	Current Mass times	Proposed Mass times
Monday	7.00am	9.00am
Tuesday	5.30pm	6.00pm
Wednesday	8.00am	9.00am
Thursday	7.00am	9.00am
Friday	5.30pm	6.00pm
Saturday morning	8.30am	9.00am
Saturday evening (Vigil)	6.30pm	6.00pm

The reasons for the change of Mass times are:

- The new Mass times are more consistent and will be easier for parishioners to remember. There will no longer be a need to change Mass times for public holidays on an ad hoc basis.
- The times for morning Masses will encourage more parents to attend after they drop-off their children at school. It is also to encourage children from the school to attend daily Mass on a weekly basis.
- It will be easier for retirees and senior parishioners to follow their routine and attend Mass at a later time in the morning.
- It will be advantageous for the senior parishioners to attend the Saturday Vigil Mass from 6.00pm in winter and not have to worry about going out to the car park in the dark.
- Parishioners who work will find 6:00pm a more convenient time on Tuesday and Friday evenings to attend Mass.

Please write your comments on a slip of paper available in the Church Foyer and place it in the wooden box labeled "Your comments/suggestions on Mass times". The closing date for comments will be **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. Your participation in this consultation process is important and will assist members of the Parish Council to be better informed in their deliberation and decision. Thank you! Fr. Phong Nguyen

## Diocesan Notices

### 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).

### 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*

### 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)