

Sunday Readings

Year A

First Reading - Acts 2:14, 22-33 ; A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Second Reading - 1 Pt 1:17-21 ; A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Gospel - Lk 24:13-35— A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

April 30, 2017

Emmaus is our story

We can well imagine ourselves in the shoes of the two disciples in today's gospel. They were walking along, heart-broken, grief-stricken and traumatised by the recent events in Jerusalem. Jesus, the one in whom they had such faith, the miracle worker, the wonder teacher, the one they thought would conquer Israel's enemies and set her free, had been crucified.

"We were hoping..." (24:21), they explained. Now their hopes were shattered, their dreams dashed. All seemed utterly lost.

Like the disciples of Emmaus, we too can lose heart. We too suffer times of trauma and of grief, when we hardly know what to do, where to go, when life seems hopeless. How often in our hearts we too cry, "We were hoping" We were hoping that a cure would come, that death would not come, that a disaster would be averted.

See how Jesus comes to the disciples, quietly, unassumingly. He walks with them and talks with them, ever so gently. How very patient he is with them, first listening to them and then explaining things. There was something so good, so comforting, so heart-warming about being with him. He is like balm to their wounds, a salve to their sorrows.

But the disciples were so caught up with sadness, so blinded by grief, so consumed by disappointment, they failed to recognise Jesus. Strangely, although they could see him, they couldn't see who he really was.

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. Zhong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Garner Vargas
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

So too it is for us. Although Jesus has been at our side at every moment of our lives, we often do not realise his presence, especially in those darker moments. Like the disciples, we don't always see him in our midst, speaking to us and accompanying us. The Lord is ever so close, ever steadfast in his love and concern for us, but we often don't recognise him.

When Jesus moves to take leave of the disciples, they urge him to stay and offer hospitality. It is not until their meal, when he blesses the bread that they are about to share, that they really see and recognise him. And then he is gone, gone from their physical sight but not from their presence. Their hearts warmed, their hope renewed, their faith reinvigorated, they go on to spread the good news of his resurrection.

The Emmaus story is actually our story and our journey. It beckons us to have the eyes of faith, the ears of hope, the heart of love, and a certain determination and resilience to recognise his abiding presence and love in our lives. It also urges us to treasure our meeting with the Lord in the blessing of the bread and wine in the Mass, and to allow the Eucharist to nourish our faith, to sustain our hope, and to warm our hearts. Like the disciples at Emmaus, from there we go in peace to love and serve the Lord in our daily lives.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Carissa Hope Fletcher, Jason Bradley & Alice Eve Catherine Kessey, Emma Louise Tan, Ava Hayley Camporeale, Matthew Dale Barron, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Cyril Nicholas who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Brian Colin Poore, May Goh, Brian Goh, Girolamo Dejudicibus, Mauro DeJudicibus, Ante Blaskovich, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 7TH MAY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Soraya Ramsey				
Flowers:	Rosemary Yeo				
Counter:	1. T Tbozek	2. R Scia Scia	3. N Kristianto		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	S Abraham J Esthappan	A Gabriel D Gabriel	K Tan M Tan	N Mourad S Mitchell	M Timson T Mancinone
Acolytes	D Ng	P Cox	D Klass	P Doray	S Carrello
Altar Servers	J Robless J Robless L Sanchez	L Cherry O Mapfumo	A Dass B Dass E Hart	K Ferraz 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	C Cox B D'Crus G Dunsford D Gabriel R King I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawani	P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S Tan C Tan J Tan S Teo S Wong	R D'Annunzi O D' Mello A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O'Brien C Poore	D Talbot M Talbot C J S Tan M J Tan C Wijaya Y Yustira
Catechists	(Yr 1 - 3)		(Yr 1 - 3)		
	(Yr 4 - 6)		(Yr 4 - 6)		
Readers	G Munro J Lee	B Martin P Murray	C Simons P Weston	A Tjoe E Tweed	K A King G Lynn
Readers Coordinator:	Michele Doray 9310 4051				
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
May 2017

Section A
Sharon Vong

Section B
Craig Mdiver

Youth

GODSQUAD Teens Group

Our next GODSQUAD youth group will be on the 12th of May, we'll be continuing our altaration program, so if you haven't already purchased a book and would like to please bring your \$25. We look forward to seeing you there if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM

The next young adults meeting will be on the 30th of April in the church hall from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM. We'll be continuing our Theology of the Body program. If you would like to purchase a book, please bring \$13. Lunch will also be provided for a small donation of \$5. This 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

DIOCE SAN 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 ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders Bronagh and Brien via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

THOUGHTS!

One great lesson I learned from my life
There is no market for your emotions,
So never advertise your feelings,
Just show your attitude.....

Respect people who find time for you
In their busy schedule.
But love the people
Who never look at their
Schedule when you need them!

Parish News

MONTH OF MAY – OUR LADY'S HOME ROSARY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of MAY, please write your names on the sheet in the church foyer.

A statue of Our Lady and some books are available for you to use. Enquiries to Juliana on 9310 1747.



OUR LADY'S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION – SATURDAY 20TH MAY

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for the month of May will take place on Saturday 20th May after the 6.30pm Mass.

All are welcome.

White roses are needed to decorate the float for our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning at 10am.

WEDNESDAY MORNING FAITH PROGRAM RESUMES

You are invited to come for a cuppa and a new spiritual adventure – Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – when the Wednesday morning Faith Program resumes on Wednesday, 10 May. This engaging journey through the Bible is an eight-part video series by the theologian Jeff Cavins which makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand that it is a story about the Father's unending love for you – a love that you are now called to share with others. You will: make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life, discover how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture and much more! When: Wed 10 May 9am-10am Where: Meeting Room 2 (next to Parish office) Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a Catholic you will be warmly welcome at a Night of Enquiry on Thursday 1st June, 2017. We will gather together in the Meeting Room (across the quadrangle from the Church) at 6.30pm. Don't be shy; it is a very relaxed evening. Please feel free to take a brochure available at the church foyer for yourself or pass it to someone who may benefit from it. Come and join us to start our journey together.

SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM PRESENTS: PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOUR'S PARENT WORKSHOP

Friday 12 May 2017 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Parish Centre – below Ground Floor, St Mary's Cathedral
Please note this workshop is not suitable for children to attend. Registration is essential and can be made by email: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au



Parish News (continued)

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Bateman Parish runs an after school program for both primary and high school students on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm (school terms).

Enrolments are now being accepted for high school students who may not have celebrated all of their age relevant Sacraments. High School classes commence on 3rd of May. Enrolments will close 17th May.

Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am-5pm) or 0435695399 at other times, to enquire or enrol.

ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

Order your new Entertainment book/digital membership now for 1000's of offers on restaurants, hotels, activities, travel and more! Digital memberships are easy to use and can be shared on up to 4 mobile phones. Enjoy 50+ dining and attraction offers in BALI! 20% of all sales support Yidarra Catholic Primary School directly.

To order visit : www.entbook.com.au/8g3295 or pick up an order from the back of the church. Bonus vouchers available while stocks last. Alex 0419 962 963 or aarossi@inet.net.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE CHURCH

Are you new to the parish? If you are please introduce yourself and your family to one of the priests and register your Name and details in our Guest Book in our church foyer.



Diocesan Notices

Australian Pilgrimage 'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP' 2017

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of St Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality. The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a team of Sisters of St Joseph. Participate in ten days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Wood and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded.

For more information, prices, brochure and application form please email MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au or phone Sr Therese Leydon rsj 02 8912 845 Mon/Wed or Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818.

Diocesan Notices

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL GROUP

Invites you, to bring your family and friends to enjoy an evening of Songs of Praise & Prayer (7.30 pm), Mass (8.00 pm), followed by a talk by Fr Peter Porteous on "The Essence of the Mass and the Life of the Church" (8:30 pm) - Fellowship and Light Supper **Friday 5 May 2017**. St John & Paul's Church PINETREE GULLY ROAD WILLETTON. Bring along with you any petitions as they will be taken up during Offertory. Feel free to bring a plate for our fellowship after Mass. For more information please contact Ann:0412166164 or Ivan: 0428898833 Email: catholicfaithrenewal@gmail.com

SENDING PEOPLE CAN BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN SENDING MONEY

Communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa are looking to provide mentoring opportunities for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. To ensure sustainable development they prefer those willing to come for two years, but accept that some are only available for 12 months. If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia.



Information Session: Saturday May 6, 11 am to 12:30 pm City of Perth Library (573 Hay Street)
RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 0434 252 676
Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available. OR Look first via Palms' two-week Encounter. Go with a friend and get great

discounts!

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA HOLY HOUR

The World Apostolate of Fatima invites you to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour, on **Sunday, May 7 at 3pm**, at Mater Christi Church, 340 Yangebup Rd, Yangebup. Fr Dat will be officiating. The National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be present. All are very welcome to attend. Enquiries: 9339 2614
"We would be mistaken to think that Fatima's Prophetic Mission is complete." [Pope Benedict XVI, at Fatima, May 2010]

"REVERBERANCE"

You are warmly invited to attend "Reverberance", a combined Catholic Choirs Concert featuring the "Lumina" Ensemble, "St Elizabeth of the Trinity Choir" and "Holy Spirit Choir" of Notre Dame for a beautiful afternoon of choral music including works by Tavener, Britten, and Elsenvalds. Date: Sunday May 21st Time: 2:30pm, Venue: St Brigid's Parish, Northbridge. Entry by donation