

## Sunday Readings

Year A

### First Reading - Acts 6:1-7

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parnenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

### Second Reading - 1 Pt 2:4-9

#### A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

### Gospel - Jn 14:1-12

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.'

'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

May 14, 2017

### Finding our way

In today's gospel reading Jesus explains to his disciples the meaning of his earthly departure; that is his death, resurrection and return to the Father.

Jesus begins with words of consolation, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

The disciples had reason to be troubled. They had been told of Jesus's approaching death, a death that would also be a departure from them. The disciples would have shared the Jewish expectation that God who had created the world, would intervene "on the last day" to renew the world and vindicate his people.

When Jesus says, "Have faith in God," he is appealing to this faith in God who is acting on their behalf. Although the disciples would have believed in God's intervention, they would not have anticipated that this would be enacted through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus tells them that his departure is a saving act for them; his is not abandoning them. Rather, he is going to prepare a place for them; he promises to come back and take them with him.

No doubt the believers who heard this gospel would have found consolation in these words. However, they still hesitated to believe. Thomas, whom we know as "doubting Thomas" is the spokesperson for those who struggle with faith.

He pleads, "Master, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus answers, "I am the way." He then appeals to his intimate relationship with the Father." The God whom the Jewish people believed would come to renew the world, is active in the person of Jesus. "The Father who dwells in me is doing his works."

#### 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



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Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

We hear Jesus' promise as addressed to us also: he goes to prepare a place for us. However, if we are honest with ourselves we may well admit that we at times also struggle to believe. We have read of the testimonies of the first witnesses who recount the apparitions of the risen Christ. But for us 'moderns' perhaps the most convincing proof that Jesus is risen and is still with us are the "works" of God.

These works were manifest in the astounding energy shown by the members of the early Church. As we heard in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles: "The word of God continued to spread and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly." They were also active, as we read elsewhere in the Acts in healing the sick and feeding the hungry.

This powerful witness to the power of the risen Christ is still manifest in the social engagement of Christians today on behalf of justice for the poor and the environment. Jesus says: "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these." They can do these greater works because the power of the risen Lord is active in them.

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Toby John Morrison, James Richard Judge into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:** Please pray for Emmanuel Tjong Bik who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Rose Thomas, Giuseppe Cilli, Tommaso Boccardo, Nellie Pillay whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 21ST MAY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Rafinda Octomo				
Flowers:	Tania Herbert				
Counter:	1. S. Lau	2. B. Galipo	3. A. Chong		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Greeters</b>	J Doss P Doss	F Ling L Montague	J Hendricks J Hicks	A Scia Scia R Scia Scia	J Grochal I Iman
<b>Acolytes</b>	P Doss	P McManus	L Papineau	T Roper	S Carrello
<b>Altar Servers</b>	L Apango C Budiman K Chapman	A Flexman M Roach	S Ho A Ho T Moeljadi	Jerone R James R James	W Kurniaty J Maguire E Metschukat
<b>Special Minister</b>	C Lasrado D Liew L Morzenti A Mourad V Ng D Nicholson R Octomo L Rego J See	G Dunsford D Gabriel R King I Kusnadi C Morzenti R Margawani C A Norris R Norris	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C Nonis M Murray P Murray E Papineau T Rudianto K S Tan	A Loo J Loo J Louie A Mascarenh M O'Brien C Poore J Roper S Saverimut	P Kite A Lu V Masara B Norris A Phoon A Ring S Sutijono
<b>Catechists</b>	(Yr 1 - 3)		(Yr 1 - 3)		
	(Yr 4 - 6)		(Yr 4 - 6)		
<b>Readers</b>	L Sequeira M Sequeira	C Price P Price	M Chong C Corea	K Wasley E Yustira	B Vague V Vague
<b>Readers Coordinator:</b>	Lilian Sequeira 9331 5552				
<b>Piety stall</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Safeguarding Officer:</b>	Fatima Basilio ( <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  
May 2017
- Section A  
Sharon Vong
- Section B  
Craig Mdiver



## Youth

### GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP

Our next GODSQUAD youth group will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May 7pm – 9pm in the church hall, 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](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

### YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM

The next young adults meeting will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May and the following session on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 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](mailto: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 Youth Ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders Bronagh and Brien via email at [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org).*

## Diocesan Notices (Continued)

### WINTER PRAYER DAY - WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

Come join us and experience a gentle, prayerful day at South Perth

Theme: "Finding Healing and Hope in the new Universe Story"

When: Wednesday June 14th, 2017

Time: 10.00am – 1:00pm (9.30am morning tea, and light lunch provided)

here: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth

Presenter: Sr Dora Maguire rsj

Cost: by Donation

RSVP: (By 8th June please - important for catering), contact Laura at [laura.mccarthy@sosi.org.au](mailto:laura.mccarthy@sosi.org.au) or 9334 0999

## Parish News

happy  
mother's day!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL  
OUR MOTHERS IN THE PARISH!

### OUR LADY'S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION - SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for the month of May will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? - THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2017

If you, or someone you know, are interested in becoming a Catholic you will be warmly welcome at a Night of Enquiry on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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 have commenced on 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. No further enrolments for the high school classes can be accepted after the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am-5pm) or 0435 695 399 at other times, to enquire or enrol.

### MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE— SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017

Tickets for the 2017 Mothers' Day raffle will be on sale at masses on 13th and 14th May. The prizes will be drawn on Sunday 14th May 2017.

Proceeds will go to support The School of St Yared in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Huxtable and Lopez families from our parish are involved in fundraising for and support of the school which aims to break the poverty cycle through education for some of the world's poorest children. For more information contact Cheryl Lopez 043 828 0153. Thank you for your support.

### SVDP CAKE STALL - SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017

St Vincent de Paul cake sale is on 21st May from 9am, 10.30am and 12noon. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For further enquiries contact Geraldine or Ratinda on 9310 1747

### 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.

## NEW MASS TIMES

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your participation in the consultation process. We have received 128 responses from parishioners, with more than half supporting the changes. The parish council and I have carefully considered all feedback and have revised the new Mass times below to accommodate as many parishioners as possible.

Day	Current Mass	New Mass times	Comments
Monday	7.00am	9.00am (New time)	This will also enable consistency during Public Holidays
Tuesday	5.30pm	5.30pm	Left unchanged after feedback from parishioners
Wednesday	8.00am	7.00am (New time)	For parishioners who work and to allow more time for Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday	7.00am	9.00am (New time)	To facilitate more participation from parents and students from schools.
Friday	5.30pm	5.30pm	Left unchanged after feedback from parishioners
Saturday Morning	8.30am	9.00am (New time)	This provides consistency with most other morning Masses
Saturday Evening (Vigil)	6.30pm	6.30pm	Left unchanged after feedback from parishioners

No changes to Sunday Mass times had been planned and these have been left unchanged.

Please note that the above changes will be implemented from **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Considering the wide range of comments, the final decision was not made lightly and attempted to meet the needs of as many parishioners as possible. We truly appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Thank you!  
Fr. Phong Nguyen

## Parish News (continued)

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

If you are a contributor to the planned giving programme, an envelope with a statement of your contributions in the year to date can be picked up in the foyer. By providing this information, you will be aware of your total contribution to date and will give you an opportunity to catch up on your commitments if possible. We take this opportunity to thank you very much for your financial commitment to Parish.  
*Parish Finance Commit-*

### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

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### 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

### "REVERBERANCE" - SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2017

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.

### RALLY FOR LIFE 2017 - TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2017

At Parliament House, Harvest Terrace, Perth WA 6000. Arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start. Since abortion was legalised in WA in 1998, 150,000 lives have been lost and countless more impacted by their loss. Come join together in peace and solidarity on the steps of parliament to remember those lost, and to show love and support for families in difficult situations. For more information contact Respect Life Office on [respectlife@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:respectlife@perthcatholic.org.au) or 9422 7999