

## Sunday Readings

Year A

### First Reading - Acts 1:1-11

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

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### Second Reading - Eph 1:17-23

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### Gospel - Mt 28:16-20

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

Ascension of the Lord, Year A

May 28, 2017

### Near to us

The children wondered how such a woman could say the Lord's name in vain so often and without the slightest sign of regret. It seemed downright scandalous to them. She was a paragon of religious commitment, and though not at all the judgmental type, she taught them how to observe all the rules of their religion with both seriousness and sincerity.

It was part and parcel of the way she cared for them. And because they knew she loved them deeply, they noticed all the little things about her.

So hearing her call out his name always left them befuddled and slightly fearful in those particular moments. It was only as they grew a little older and could discern the subtle nuances of speech that they learnt to tell the difference in her voice.

Unlike others', hers was an address, not a curse. And though they noticed it more sharply in times of frustration and distress, it was not at all sinful. It was the opposite. Hers was a petition. She was calling to him.

On this feast of the Ascension we celebrate one of the many paradoxes of our faith. When Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight," the disciples had their expectations turned upside down yet again. Rather than witnessing the end of the ages, they were met and chastened by two men dressed in white, who ask rather humorously, "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?"

God apparently had not yet finished with them. The kingdom had not come in a way

#### 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 Vergara  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lan  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Parish Deacon

that would make them onlookers or mere recipients. It came in a different way. It would make them co-creators, agents of its coming to fullness. As Scripture says, they would receive power and the Holy Spirit and make present "to the ends of the earth" their Lord and teacher. And so the paradox: Jesus' absence from that place where the disciples stood gave way to the gift of his presence in all times and places.

The Ascension of our Lord is as much about Jesus' nearness to us as it is about his withdrawal. And the glory of his enthronement – his being taken up and seated high in the heavens – is as much about the struggle of being human as it is the ultimate authority of the one in whom we receive eternal life. It is precisely because Jesus ascended into heaven that he remains near to us all in the messiness of our humanity. The Spirit who fills our hearts makes him present, enabling us to walk with him and share his presence with others.

And so for the children who heard the woman call out to Jesus in all manner of circumstances, they learnt two great truths: that ordinary lives can contain the profoundest meaning and the deepest love, and that she took him on his word: "And behold, I am with you always."

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### Baptisms:

We welcome Lenny Rodrigues, Andrew Franke-Gaudieri into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Terence D' Cruz, Teddy D' Cruz, Patricia Grosse, Maria Ah M ee Lim, Charles Joseph Owens, Daniel Miller, Leila Stanley, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 4TH JUNE

| NEXT WEEK                    |   |  |  |   |  |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|
| Bulletin:                    | Brenella Pasquale   |  |  |   |  |
| Flowers:                     | Joan Louie  |  |  |   |  |
| Counter:                     | 1. M Sefton   | 2. A Murro   | 3. M Sequeira  |   |  |
|                              | Saturday<br>6.30pm  | Sunday<br>8.00am   | Sunday<br>9.30am   | Sunday<br>11.00am   | Sunday<br>6.00pm   |
| <b>Greeters</b>              | H Low<br>C Morais   | A Santacate<br>P Sweeney   | E Orr<br>R Sinagra   | Y Wangdra<br>C Wibisono   | J Murphy<br>E Ring   |
| <b>Acolytes</b>              | D Morais  | P Cox  | D Klass  | S McMahon   | S Carrello   |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>         | R Gill<br>S Gill<br>J Grosse  | T Blechynde<br>B Boudville   | F Spencer<br>A Matthew<br>J Gresham  | J Pinto<br>Yan Ni Sng<br>L Sanchez  | A Gan<br>K Tanr<br>J radici  |
| <b>Special Minister</b>      | J Doss<br>S Fudexer<br>K Gamba<br>D Garreffa<br>G Garreffa<br>C Lasrado<br>D Liew<br>L Morzenti<br>A Mourad | R King<br>I Kusnadi<br>C Morzenti<br>R Margawani<br>C A Norris<br>R Norris<br>C Price<br>P Price | M McFarlene<br>L McMinn<br>P McMinn<br>G Mo<br>J Moeljadi<br>J Moeljadi<br>C Nonis<br>M Murray | J Louie<br>A Mascarenh<br>M O'Brien<br>C Poore<br>J Roper<br>S Saverimut<br>C Tan<br>G Tedjakunt<br>R Triuntari | C Batchelor<br>S Chauveau<br>C Endris<br>S Eng<br>D Gan<br>M Gan<br>C Goh<br>A Gunawan |
| <b>Catechists</b>            | (Yr 1 - 3)  |  | (Yr 1 - 3)   |   |  |
|                              | (Yr 4 - 6)  |  | (Yr 4 - 6)   |   |  |
| <b>Readers</b>               | M Craggs<br>C Craggs  | E Temmen<br>G Warman   | S Hart<br>Jo Hicks   | R D'Annunsi<br>A de Ridder  | M Bautista<br>K Escobar  |
| <b>Readers Coordinator:</b>  | Kim Gamba   |  | 0417 918 252   |   |  |
| <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  
June 2017

Section A  
Bill Crossley

Section B  
Mike Kelly

## Youth

### GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP - FRIDAY 9TH JUNE AT 7PM

Our next GODSQUAD youth group will be on the 9th of June 7pm – 9pm in the church hall, we'll be continuing our altarion program, if you would like to purchase a book 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)

### VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL - FRI 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – SUN 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2017

Veritas Youth Festival is a local festival which aims to provide young people in Western Australia with an opportunity to deepen their faith and their relationship with Jesus. It is a collaboration of the Perth Catholic Youth Network and the WA dioceses to connect and form young people in WA. The event includes music, speakers, workshops, prayer and a youth discussion forum with our local Bishops. It will be engaging for both teens and young adults with specific topics designed for them.

**Date:** Friday, 30 June to Sunday, 2 July 2017

**Location:** University of Notre Dame, Fremantle

**Age:** 13 -30

**Registration Cost:** \$50 for a 3-day pass or \$10 for the Friday Night (includes workshops, food & festival pack)

### YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM - SUNDAY 4TH OF JUNE

The next young adults meeting will be on the 4th of June from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM and the following session on the 18th 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)

## 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).*

## Parish News

### CHILDREN'S MASS—18 June 2017

Our next Children's Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18 June at 9:30am. All Primary School aged children who would like to be involved in the Mass and to sing in the choir, can register at the Church foyer.

**Date:** 18 June 2016—**Time:** 9:30 am

**Mass Rehearsal:** Saturday 17 June at 1:45pm

**Choir Rehearsal:** Saturday 17 June at 3:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST 2017

Candidates, from Bateman Parish, who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on the 24th and 25th of June 2017 now have their photos displayed in the church. Let us, as a Parish community, support these children, their families and their teachers, by praying for them.

### BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSE S

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious education program for those children in Years 1 to 6 who are not attending Catholic Schools. The program will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (2 year program) For enquiries please phone Jenny on 9310-1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or on 0435695399.

### 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.

### WEDNESDAY FAITH PROGRAM -Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

This week's session of this intriguing video series is entitled Patriarchs, and covers the rest of Genesis and the stories of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph – the forefathers of Israel. Following the half-hour video presentation, the group will share our personal reflections on what we have seen and heard. All are welcome. When: Wed, 31 May 10 – 11am Where: Meeting Room 2 (next to Parish office) Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 03

**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 Committee*

## Parish News (continued)

### New Mass Times

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

|                             | <b>New Mass times</b>    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>               | <b>9:00am (New time)</b> |
| Tuesday                     | 5:30pm                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>            | <b>7:00am (New time)</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>             | <b>9:00am (New time)</b> |
| Friday                      | 5:30pm                   |
| <b>Saturday morning</b>     | <b>9:00am (New time)</b> |
| Saturday evening<br>(Vigil) | 6:30pm                   |

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

### SENIORS OUTING

Our next Seniors' gathering will be a bus trip to the Seminary on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. We will depart from St Thomas More Car Park at 10.00am. Mass will be celebrated in the Seminary Chapel at 11.00am followed by a tour of the Seminary with Matthew Tloczek. The group will then proceed to a nearby café for lunch. As the time draws nearer a sign up sheet will be placed in the Foyer with more details regarding lunch.



### ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIP 2017/2018

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## Diocesan Notices

**The Helpers of God's Precious Infants** are celebrating twenty years of continuous prayerful presence at abortion clinics in Perth. All who have attended these prayer vigils are warmly invited to join in thanksgiving—Saturday 17 June St Bernadette's Church, 49 Jugan Street Glendalough WA 6016

10.30am Holy Rosary - led by our Chaplain Fr Paul Carey

11.00am Holy Mass - Principal Celebrant Emeritus Archbishop Barry Hickey

12noon Lunch in the hall - provided

RSVP: email: [emiller@hotlinks.net.au](mailto:emiller@hotlinks.net.au) or txt/phone Sharon 0412 239770

### MONSTER PARISH BOOK SALE 2017— Pater Noster Parish Myaree

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th June - 9am to 4pm Both Days.

School Parish Hall - Ent: Evershed Street, Myaree

If you wish to donate books Pls: contact Margaret, Tel: 9330 3848

or Email: [peg.cabassi@bigpond.com](mailto:peg.cabassi@bigpond.com)

### 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", Wed June 14th, 10.00am– 1:00pm (9.30am morning tea, and light lunch provided), Mary Mackillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth, Presenter: Sr Dora Maguire rsj .

RSVP:(By 8th June- for catering), contact Laura 9334 0999.