

Sunday Readings

Year A

First Reading - Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

Second Reading - Rom 5:12-15

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.

Gospel - Mt 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

12th Sunday in ordinary time, Year A

June 25, 2017

Death of Jesus

Why did Jesus die? From a historical point of view that question is not difficult to answer.

Jesus' unflinching proclamation of the coming reign of God, when a new world order would be launched, no doubt shocked and frightened the authorities. Such talk could only lead to insurrection and revolt. Messianism was closely related to the revolutionary propaganda of the Zealots who later initiated a revolt against Roman rule in 66 CE. Not unsurprisingly, Jesus was arrested as a rabble-rouser and sentenced to death as a criminal.

While it may be easy to explain historically why Jesus died, it is not so easy to explain why theologically Jesus had to die? This was perhaps the one of the first theological difficulties that Jesus' followers had to resolve. And they did so by going back into their Scriptures where they found that it was almost a job description for the "Holy One of God" to suffer at the hands of unbelievers.

Today's reading from Jeremiah which, while referring to the sufferings and persecution of the prophet, was one of the many prophetic texts that came to be applied to Jesus, a prophet of God who suffered at the hands of the authorities. So, similarly, the so-called "suffering servant songs" in Isaiah spoke most eloquently to the first Christians of their experience of Jesus as a suffering messiah.

In the words of the prophets, Jesus came to be seen as the "beloved son" who was

Weekly Mass Times: (Starting 5th June 2017)

Monday:	9.00 am	Tuesday:	5.30 pm	Wednesday:	7.00 am
Thursday:	9.00 am	Friday:	5.30 pm	Saturday:	9.00 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 Vargas
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

"spurned and avoided by men, a man of suffering" who bore "our iniquities" and who "was pierced for our offences and crushed for our sins".

This thinking had a profound influence on Paul, who understood the sufferings of Jesus as redeeming the human relationship with God that was broken by human sin (Rom 5: 1; 1 Cor 15:3; 2 Cor 5:14; 1 Thess 5:10). Paul believed that we are brought back into relationship with God by participating in the death and resurrection of Christ through faith, and a life of repentance and self-sacrifice (Rom 3:24-25; 6: 1-4; 2 Cor 5:20-21).

In practical terms, Paul interpreted the ritual of baptism sacramentally as going into the grave with Jesus and being reborn as a new creation, a view that is mirrored elsewhere in the New Testament.

For Paul, and for us, the life, death and resurrection of Christ is God's great "gift" of self-revelation. Christ is the "image of the unseen God" (Col 1:15), whose death reveals a God who suffers as we suffer, and through suffering brings us back into an intimate relationship that empowers us to live out our baptismal vocation to proclaim Jesus' messianic message of redemption and salvation.

Ian J Elmer

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Baptisms:

We welcome Christopher Chau, Hunter Armarego Gujjarro, Tye James Dondas, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Phyliss Neelaganden who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Grenville de Souza, Michelle Fazzino, Isabella Rajasingam, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 2ND JULY

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Yunita Darmawan
Flowers: Diana Puspita
Counter: 1. T Tloczek 2. R Sciascia 3. N Kristianto

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	L Teo S Teo	B Martin E Temmen	A Lauw E Mo	I Lum G Knight	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	J Nonis	S McMahon	S Carrello
Altar Servers	J Robless J Robless L Sanchez	A Flexman M Roach	L Shandley S Shandley P Sunarko	Joel O Mumbi L Nathan	Carlos Andresre O Cahill
Extra Ordinary Special Minister	L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen J Voon C Craggs M Craggs M Davis C Dellaca	C A Norris R Norris C Price P Price J Sciorilli M Woolford C Cox B D' Cruz	C Tan J Tan S Teo S Wong B Bucat C Derries A Faleiro H Klass	J Roper S Saverimut C tan G Tedjakunt R Triuntari L Yeo R Yeo R D'Annunzi O D'Mello	P Kite A Lu V Masrar B Norris A Phoon A Ring S Sutijono
Catechists	(Yr 1 - 3)		(Yr 1 - 3)		
	(Yr 4 - 6)		(Yr 4 - 6)		
Readers	K Gamba V Hodgson	M Fong L Gabriel	C Plottke M Reutens	A Loo R Liu	B Vague V Vague
Readers Coordinator:	Kim Gamba 0417 918 252				
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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
July 2017

Rose Garden
Busy Bee

Annual Prune and
Clean-Up

Youth

GODSQUAD Teens Group

Our next GODSQUAD youth group will be on the **28th of July 7pm – 9pm in the church hall**. We hope you have a safe and wonderful break over the school holidays, and we look forward to seeing you again next term. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a nation-wide gathering of young Catholics established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It exists to empower young people to be disciples in the world today.

Date: Thursday, 7 December to Saturday, 9 December 2017

Location: Sydney

Age: from year 9 (in 2017) to 30 years of age

Registration Cost: Early bird rate \$190; Normal rate \$220 (Estimated)

*travel, food and accommodation cost not included

Estimated amount of all-inclusive charges will be **\$2000 - \$2500** based on a week in Sydney with travel, touring, flights, accommodation & food.

To register your interest please email our youth leaders (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 ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders Bronagh and Brien via email at youth@batemancatholic.org

SHRINE TIME

Holy Hour for Young Adults 18 – 35 years is on Sunday June 25th at 7.30pm, 9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon. Please do join in for prayer, praise and worship followed by a social.

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST— 24TH & 25TH JUNE 2017

This weekend 88 Bateman parish children will be celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers during this special occasion.

OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

The Safeguarding Program is child-focused and informed by a fundamental belief that children have the right to physical and psychological safety at all times and we, the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth must play our part in protecting all children and vulnerable individuals.

We welcome two new Safeguarding Officers, Susan Tan and Hilda Klass who have both joined Fatima Basilio as the Safeguarding Officers for our Parish.

Susan and Hilda were commissioned into this role on Sunday 11 June 2017.

Safeguarding Officers are the first point of contact for children, vulnerable individuals and other members of the parish community regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns.

Please refer to the notice boards for their photos and contact details.

Wednesday morning Faith Program - Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

In the next session of this great video adventure, entitled Conquest and Judges, Royal Kingdom, the children of Israel finally enter the Promised Land. Presenter Jeff Cavins explains how Joshua leads them in triumphantly and how they settle the land. However, they do not obey God's command to conquer Canaan completely, and they fail to teach their children about God. After just one generation, a cycle begins in which Israel sins against God and as a result, falls into servitude to the surrounding nations. The people cry out for help and God raises a judge to bring about their salvation. After seven cycles and 12 judges, Israel cries out for a king to rule them "like the other nations." Thus begins the reign of the first three kings – Saul, David and Solomon.

Even if you have not attended previous sessions, you are warmly welcome to join us in watching the video over a cuppa. A short sharing session follows.

When: **Wed, 28 June 10–11am** Where: Meeting Rm 2 (next to Parish office)

Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Su 0413 560 03

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2017

This year we will be having a very Special Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday the 5th of August 2017. We are inviting all couples celebrating Significant Anniversaries such as 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, etc to contact Juliana at the parish office on 9310 1747 to register for this special celebration. **Closing Date to register is Friday 21st July 2017**

This year we will also include parishioners who have lost their spouses but would have been celebrating a significant anniversary, to join in our celebrations, **only if they would like to.**

Please speak to Juliana regarding this and register at the parish office.

Parish News (continued)

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2017/18—FOR COLLECTION

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2017/2018 are now ready for collection from the tables outside the foyer. Please pick up your box of envelopes as you leave the church from the tables outside or speak to one of the Finance Committee Members there. If you do not have a box with your name on it, please ask for a box and register your name on the sheet provided.

We thank you sincerely for your generosity to our Parish.

NATIONAL LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY CONFERENCE

A pizza and Karaoke evening will be held in the parish on Friday 30 June at 7 pm. Brendan D'Sa is the karaoke master and it will be a lot of fun. The music ministry who serves this parish is keen to go to the national liturgical music conference being held in Perth in October and this event, at \$15 per ticket, is to raise funds to help members of our ministry go to the conference and be inspired and renewed. Please join us for this fun family night. Tickets must be purchased beforehand and will be available after all Masses. For enquiries contact: Angela Watts 0418 953 992.

SENIORS OUTING—Thurs 13th July

Our next Seniors' gathering will be a bus trip to the Seminary on Thursday 13th 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. The sign up sheet is now in the foyer so please go ahead and register your interest. After several visits to the area we have decided to lunch at The Dome, Bassendean. You will buy your own lunch, this being the only cost incurred by you on the day.



PLEASE RETURN THEM ASAP—"AN HOUR WITH JESUS"

Could whoever who "borrowed" our 2 new copies (Volume 1 & 2) of "An Hour with Jesus" (which have just been imported from the USA, please return them asap so that we can ALL use them during ADORATION on Wednesdays. Many thanks, Veronica Emslie. P.S.: They are intended for church use only!

NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE PARISH!

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

A WEEKEND RETREAT CELEBRATING "LAUDATO SI" EXPLORING CREATION IN TODAY'S WORLD

At the Josephite Sisters "Kilmolee at Safety Bay"
182 Arcadia Drive, 4pm 21st July – 2pm 23rd July 2017.

Live in OR live out (includes all meals)

All enquiries, & registration, please contact

Brother Terry Casey CFC 9365 2818 or [0422 966 453/](tel:0422966453)

tmcasey@edmundrice.org

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Remember the early days of your marriage. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centres entirely on your relationship. It is a positive and private experience between you and your spouse, that can help see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Take a weekend out of the busyness of your lifestyle, where there is just the two of you, free of distractions. We invite you to join us on our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. 11 – 13 August or 13 – 15 October 2017. For information or booking contact: 0424 220 625 – George & Monica or Email: WAbookings@wwme.org.au Website – www.wwme.org.au

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOT STEPS OF THE DIVINE MASTER

"Where do you live?" - "Come and See", He replied (John 1:39)

Dates: 18th September—1st October 2017

Estimated Cost: ~\$4,000

Info night: June 2017 (date to be confirmed)

Contact: Martha & Edmund Cheong

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Phone: 9310 2226 / 0416 942 329

SUNDAY PRAISERS—PRAISE & WORSHIP GROUP

Date: First Sunday of the Month

Time: 2.00—4.00pm

Venue: Sts. John & Paul Church—Large meeting room/hall, Willetton.

This gathering is open to all and please do invite others to join us. Feel free to bring some finger food to share. Hope to see you all there!