

## Sunday Readings

Year B

### First Reading - 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

#### A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

### Second Reading - 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

### Gospel - Jn 1:35-42

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

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

January 14, 2018

### What are you looking for?

In today's gospel, two of John the Baptist's disciples come upon Jesus, whom they had not before met. John the Baptist famously recognises Jesus and announces: "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples are clearly intrigued by this and they move closer to see more of Jesus.

Jesus then sees them and asks them: "What are you looking for?" The disciples respond with the question: "Where are you staying?" How often we too, when we meet someone for the first time, begin by asking "where are you from?" or "where do you live?" or "where are you staying?" It is such a very human thing to do. As the gospel unfolds, the disciples will come to realise that Jesus is from God. Interestingly, Jesus responds to their question with a question. Here in fact are the very first words Jesus speaks in the gospel account of his life. Jesus asks them: "What are you looking for?" Actually, it is an utterly fundamental question, for all those people, then and in every age, who choose to follow Jesus: "What are you looking for?"

In this way, the gospel prompts each of us to ponder the question, "What is it that you are looking for?" What is most important and precious to you? What is it that you think will truly make you happy, give lasting meaning and purpose to your life, and bring deep peace and joy.

We spend so much of our time, effort and resources on things that are of no lasting value or meaning. How clearly this can be seen when tragedy strikes or a disaster

#### Weekly Mass Times:

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

Eucharistic Adoration : Wednesday from 7.30am - 10.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen  
Parish Priest



Fr. Gabriel Vergara  
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam  
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce  
Pariah Deacon

threatens, or when life itself, our own life or that of someone we love, is in peril.

How very quickly in those terrible times do we see what it is that matters most and is precious in our lives. It is not the things that we own, or the resources at our disposal, or the funds we have accumulated. It is the relationships with those we love and who love us that matter most, and by far.

Then, in reply to the disciples' question that day long ago in Galilee, "Where are you staying?" Jesus says, "Come and see." Similarly, Jesus invites us to come and see. He urges us to come with him, listen to, and learn from him. We too, like those disciples, if we respond to his invitation, will come to see that he is the Way, the Truth, the Light and the Life.

As we grow ever deeper in our love for him and our trust in him, we will find consolation in times of trouble, and meaning and purpose in this life, despite its trials and tribulations, and, when our journey here on earth comes to an end, everlasting life, light and love.

Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt OAM  
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### Baptisms:

We welcome Alexandria Marie Ma, Amelia Grace Huxtable, Gaben Sean Escalona, Abriella Dawn Anders, into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Tomaso Boccoardo, Eileen Haddleton, Sandra Sgherza, Errol Bernard D' Monte, Jerson Moniz, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 21ST JANUARY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin	Juliana Doss				
Flowers	Diana Puspita				
Counter	1. A Munro	2 P Murray	3. G Pain		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Greeters</b>	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
<b>Acolytes</b>	D Morais	P McManus	L Papineau	S McMahon	S Carrello
<b>Altar Servers</b>	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
<b>Extra Ordinary</b>	D Garreffa	R Margawani	C Derries	M Doray	M Gan
<b>Special</b>	G Garreffa	C Morsenti	A Faleiro	P Doray	A Lu
<b>Minister</b>	R Oetomo	C Price	C Goh	L Everett	V Masara
	J Roper	P Price	A Mascarenh	S Fialho	M Mayes
	A Ruban	C Tan	M McFarlane	A Gunawan	L McMinn
	J See	A Taylor	C A Norris	J Louie	P McMinn
	L Sequeira	P Taylor	R Norris	F May	C Poore
	M Sequeira	L Gabriel	G Mo	G Tedjakunt	A Ring
<b>Catechists</b>	SCHOOL		SCHOOL		
	HOLIDAYS		HOLIDAYS		
<b>Readers</b>	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS	HOLIDAYS
<b>Readers Coordinator:</b>					
<b>Piety Stall</b>	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
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<b>MORE CARE</b>					Rose Garden January 2018
<i>Do you need help or know someone who does?</i>					Section A Sharon Vong
† Geraldine	9332 8795	(Visiting)			
† Monica	9364 9358	(Meals)			
† Caroline	9313 5452	(Transport/Meals)			
† Silvia	9417 7131	(Transport)		Section B	
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)		Craig Mdver	

## Youth

### YOUTH INTEREST FORMS

If anyone missed filling out the youth interest form over the past weeks, they're available at the back of the church, please feel free to complete them and give them to a priest after mass. These forms are for those parents inter-ested in sending their youth aged 12-18 to our parish youth group, and to also keep them informed about youth activities happening in Perth. The form is also for our Young Adults in the church (18+) to keep them in the loop about things for them, and for parents who wish to help with the youth.

### BATEMAN PARISH YOUTH LEADER POSITIONS

The parish is seeking 2 youth leaders to join the Youth Ministry team. The successful applicants would be required to work part-time to support youth ministry initiatives (teens and young adults) in the parish. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the WA Working With Children Check. Experience in the parish youth groups is recommended – previous applicants can reapply. To submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees, please email: Fr Phong Nguyen, Parish Priest at [phong.nguyen@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:phong.nguyen@perthcatholic.org.au). For any inquiries regarding our youth ministry please don't hesitate to con-tact our youth leader via email [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

### YEAR OF YOUTH

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced the "Year of Youth" which continues in 2018. This year involves an outreach to all young people aged 12—30yo to engage with the Church through parish, community, family and school. The theme is "Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young people, Faith, and Vocational Discernment." For more information or resources on Year of Youth & local events for young people go to [www.cym.com.au](http://www.cym.com.au) or connect with catholic Youth Ministry Perth on social media.

## Parish News

### WANT TO ENRICH YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF FAITH?

Then please join us for the Prayer: Being Yourself Before God

We celebrate our faith in a personal relationship with God. This relationship is prayer' (Catechism of the catholic Church, 2558). Together we will explore what prayer is, the difference between 'saying prayers' and praying, the many ways we pray as Catholics, and our daily call to deepen our unique relationship with God.



**When:** Thursdays 1st – 22nd February 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Cost:** Suggested donation \$15.00 (3 sessions) PLEASE NOTE Class will not be held on Thursday 15 February

**Presenter:** Dr Margaret Scharf, OP

**Location:** Bateman Parish, 100 Dean Road, Bateman

For Further info or to register, please visit [www.cfe.org.au](http://www.cfe.org.au), call 9241 5221 /0425 543 335 or email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au)

## Parish News (continued)

**Sacramental Dates for 2018: St Thomas More Church, Bateman**

**Reconciliation: 13th October 2018 (Closing Date: 11th April) First Holy**

**Communion: 23rd/24th June 2018 (Closing Date: 14th Feb)**

**Confirmation: 18th/19th August 2018 (Closing Date: 14th March)**

**Enrolment Day for RE Program: 31st January 2018, 4—5pm**

All children (from pre-school age on) who attend Government schools are warmly welcome 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.**

For further information, please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 9310 1747 (Tues/Wed) or on 0435 695 399



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

We will recommence in the New Year on Monday 8th January. We warmly welcome new meditators. We meet every Monday evening, except public holidays.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to conduct Children's Liturgy during the Saturday 6:30pm and/or Sunday 9:30am masses. It involves introducing the gospel to children in a manner that is fun and easy to understand. Materials will be provided to the liturgists on duty at the respective weekends. If you are interested, please contact Karen @ 0406440957.

## Diocesan Notices

### THE MEN ALIVE CHOIR

The Men Alive Choir is always looking for new members. No auditions are required and all that we ask is that you enjoy singing and are prepared to enjoy the company of like-minded men. You will know when the Men Alive Choir is singing because you will see a group of men with white shirts and dark trousers with coloured hankies in their shirt pockets. We practice on Mondays from 7.00pm for one hour, then socialise (optional) for a further hour. If you are interested in joining our choir, just talk to one of our members, contact George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039 or simply turn up for practice.

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL

Catholic Faith Renewal is pleased to inform you that Fr Gino Henriques will be presenting a two day live-in weekend retreat on: **Friday 1st June 2018—(6.30pm) to Sunday 3rd June (5.00pm)**

Please keep these dates free if you would like to attend. Venue will be: Advent Park, 345 Kalamunda Road, Maida Vale, Perth. More details will follow closer to the date.

### Invitation to Share in the Charism—DREAMS—VISION—PATHWAYS

Time for reflection and sharing on our personal journey in the light of Mary and Julian's dream. **Theme:** Trust in God **When:** 28th January, 4.00—8.00pm **Where:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. Expressions of interest to Alma Cabassi rsj / [alma.cabassi@sosj.org.au](mailto:alma.cabassi@sosj.org.au) / 0419 044 136 (Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart)

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