

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Second Reading - 1 Cor 7:32-35

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel - Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

January 28, 2018

The authority of Jesus

Mark's gospel is without frills. We meet Jesus first when he goes to receive baptism from John the Baptist. Then after a period in the wilderness, he has no sooner chosen his first disciples than he begins the work his Father asked him to do. Mark establishes Jesus' credentials right away. He tells us that he 'made a deep impression' on the people and an unclean spirit announces that he is 'the Holy One of God'. We are also told that he spoke and acted 'with authority'.

What does it mean to speak of authority in this context? Humanly speaking we are often all too aware of those in authority. Even in our democratic societies, those in power are often criticised for overstepping their authority. At least in democracies leaders can be called to account or removed from office if they do wrong, but in many parts of the world, there are those in authority who have no one to call them to account.

Looking back over history, including the history of the chosen people of Israel, it seems that it was ever so. Later in his gospel Mark tells us what happened after James and John had asked Jesus for positions of importance on either side of him in his glory.

"When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the gentiles, those they call their rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. Among you this is not to happen. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must

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. Garner Vargas
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

be your servant.'"

Jesus is providing us with a new benchmark for understanding authority and its exercise, but it is difficult for us to accept and live by. It calls for a completely new way of understanding human relations. Even in the Church our record is far from unblemished and we need to be vigilant lest we fall into the trap of exercising authority as domination rather than service.

As with everything that Jesus teaches us, his message goes to the heart of our human experience. Children at school know who the good teachers are: They are the ones who have an aura about them that commands attention. They are the ones who are consistent and fair, who know their subject, and are seen to practise what they preach.

It is the same in every walk of life. There are those whose very presence commands attention. They exercise authority well because they have integrity. They spend themselves in the service of those in their charge. It is when we truly love one another that we find ourselves behaving in this way. It was because Jesus loved us that he spoke and acted with authority.

Tim Buckley CSsR
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SAFEGUARDING UPDATE!

We welcome and thank **Christine Sammut** for joining the Safeguarding team. Christine will be commissioned this weekend during the 9.30am Mass. Her contact details are available in the Bulletin and can be viewed on the posters in the Church foyer and notice board.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Jose Martinho Garces, Giovanni Della Beneditti, James Tan Joo Chiat, John McDonnell, Theresa Lau, Olive Marley, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 4TH FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Brenella Pasquale
Flowers: Joan Louie
Counter: 1. C Correia 2. M Lau 3. T Tloczek

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	K Chapman M Craggs	G Jones I Kearney	E Orr R Sinagra	S Ip R A D' Silva	J Grochal I Iman
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	M Braganza	S McMahon	A Phoon
Altar Servers	T Barbarich K Chapman K Chapman	B Boudville E Boudville	A Chong V Chong	L Nathan A Prasethon	C Batchelor S Broderick A Chavez
Extra Ordinary Minister	J Doss E Fernandez K Gamba D Garreffa G Garreffa C Lasrado L Morzenti	C Price P Price A Taylor P Taylor C Cox B D' Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel	A Faleiro C Goh A Mascarenh J Moeljadi J Moeljadi C A Norris R Norris G Mo	S Fialho A Gunawan J Louie F May G Tedjakunt L Yeo P Yeh A Crossley	A Lu V Masara M Mayes M Tan A Parker A Poore A Ring C Talbot
Catechists	(Yrs 1-4) K Karczub (Yrs 5-6) L Humphries		(Yrs 1-4) L M Butler (Yrs 5-6) K A King		
Readers	A De Souza M Doray	V Fasson M Fong	J Hicks C Maronovic	A Crossley R D'Annunzi	K Hodgson A Ikin
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Safeguarding Officers:	1. Fatima Basilio (fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com) 2. Hilda Klass (Hilda.safeguarding@gmail.com) 3. Christine Sammut (Christinec.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
February 2018

Section A
Bill Crossley

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

GODSQUAD Teens

Group

Our first GODSQUAD meeting of this year will be on the 9th of February and we welcome all high school aged teens to join us. We hope everyone had a safe and great holidays, and we're keen to see all the youth back this year and hope to see new faces.



Young Adults

The youth ministry is currently planning activities to have for young adults over the year if you have any ideas and suggestions please feel free to email and get in contact with us at 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 and local events for young people go to www.cym.com.au or connect with Catholic Youth Ministry Perth on social media.

Parish News

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM FEBRUARY 2018

The Lenten Faith Formation program on "Prayer" will be held on Thursday, 1st, 8th and 22nd February. See attached flyer for details. Please register so that we know roughly how many will be attending. Donations are purely voluntary. Even if you did not register but could attend on any of the sessions, please come along to help us build a stronger prayerful community.



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, 8th, and 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, call 9241 5221 /0425 543 335 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au

Sacramental Dates for 2018: St Thomas More Church, Bateman

Parish News (continued)

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

ST THOMAS MORE SENIORS' GROUP:

Our first gathering for 2018 will be held on Thursday 8th March. We will have Mass followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall with Mass commencing at 9am. Those attending are asked to bring plate of goodies to contribute to our Morning Tea. Everyone is welcome, this is an ideal opportunity for those who haven't attended before to come along and meet fellow parishioners. You will be made feel very welcome.



FAREWELL MASS FOR MONSIGNOR KEATING

There will be a farewell Mass for Monsignor Keating at **11am on Sunday 28th January** at the Cathedral followed by tea and cake in the parish Centre. Monsignor Keating retires on the 31st of January as the Dean of the Cathedral. We wish him well in his new phase of life.

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.

Diocesan Notices

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Xavier Catholic School Community invites Former Staff, Alumni Students and families to please join them for their 80th Anniversary Mass and morning tea:

Date: Friday 2nd March, 2018 at 9.00am
Where: St Francis Xavier Catholic Church and undercover area, Xavier Catholic Primary School, 271 Forrest Road, Hilbert 6112
Celebrant: Father Joseph Tran, Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier catholic Church
RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday 9th February 2018
Via email to admin@xavier.wa.edu.au

I look forward to welcoming you to our School.
Catherine Bauer, Principal.

CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL—Friday 2nd February 2018

Invites you to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of Song of Praise & Prayer (7.30pm) Mass (8.00pm), Followed with a talk by Fr. Philip Perreau on "God's Love". Fellowship and light supper on Friday 2 February 2018 at Sts. John and Paul Church, Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton. Enquiry to Ann Loo 0412 166 164.

CMFS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services is seeking expressions of interest from individuals willing to serve on the Committee of Management. A commitment to marriage and natural family planning are required. Also, attendance at board meetings which take place every two months at the Agency's office in Doubleview

The Committee of management is responsible for the governance of the agency and general oversight of the mandate of the service. The Committee of Management is accountable to Archbishop Costelloe who authorise all appointments. Please email derek.boylen@perthcatholic.org.au for further details.

JUST ITALY AND THE VATICAN LED BY MONSIGNOR KEATING

This pilgrimage will be from **12—27 October 2018**. October is a mild month and good weather for travelling. The Pilgrimage will start in Rome, then Monte Casino, Naples, Pietrelcina (Birthplace of Padre Pio) San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Assisi, Forli, Padua, Venice, Florence and back to Rome. Full board with breakfast, lunch, dinner, buses, guides, etc. Price including air-fare will be \$5,989 if you book before 15th Feb.2018. Phone Alternative Events—Sheila (08) 6461 6183 Mobile: 0433 771 979.