

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Second Reading - 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel - Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

February 11, 2018

Treated with kindness

Leprosy is a terrible disease that has been greatly feared throughout history. Today's reading from the book of Leviticus in the Old Testament tells us that lepers were required to wear torn clothes, to let the hair of their head be disheveled, to cry out, "Unclean, unclean," to warn others of their proximity, and to live alone, away from the community.

Not only did they suffer the disease itself, they were expelled from community life and ostracised at every turn. To contract leprosy was to be condemned to misery. Lepers were considered to be unclean and possessed by evil. So great was the fear and ignorance of the disease that disfiguring skin conditions that today would not be considered contagious and would be treatable were also regarded as leprosy.

Today's gospel highlights Jesus' remarkable compassion in response to a leper who approached him and, with great faith, asked for healing. Jesus was clearly deeply moved by the leper. He had no hesitation in stretching out his hand, touching the man and healing him.

In touching the leper, Jesus violated the religious laws in regard to ritual cleanliness and, according to the purity codes of his time, himself became unclean. We see that Jesus clearly puts compassion, care, and mercy above rules and taboos. We can also see how Jesus began to incur the wrath and hostility of the priestly authorities.

It is interesting to note that Jesus then instructs the man to say nothing to anyone about his healing (other than the priest who would examine the healed man and pro-

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 Vergara
Assistant Priest



Fr. Thi Lam
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

nounce him clean). Jesus seeks neither fame nor fortune, indeed he eschews them. The gospel tells us that the man did not in fact honour Jesus' request and, as a result, the crowds quickly came to seek him out, forcing Jesus to stay in the country to avoid the masses.

Jesus is by no means interested in popularity. On the contrary, his concern is the bringing of the Kingdom of God to a world so very much in need of it. The healing of the leper in today's gospel, together with the miraculous healings described in last Sunday's gospel, are witness to the coming of that Kingdom and the love and compassion that is its hallmark.

One of the challenges which today's gospel places before us is to reflect on who are those people in our society who are treated like lepers, the ones whose contact we avoid, whose approach we reject, the people who are ostracised, outcast, denigrated or disenfranchised.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to witness to his life and teaching and the Good News he proclaimed. We are also called to compassion, care and concern for others. We too are called to challenge religious or social taboos that leave people outcast and abandoned.

Emeritus Professor Anne Hunt OAM
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Catherine Ang, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Yvonne Grosse, John Grosse, Tony Daly, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 18TH FEBRUARY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Brenella Pasquale				
Flowers:	LENT				
Counter:	1. S Lau	2. M Tuson	3. SA Tuson		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	E Hadiano W Hadiano	A Vinci G Vinci	A Faleiro S Hedley	E McGuire T Kurnianin	M Tiamson T Mancinone
Acolytes	P Doss	P Cox	L Papineau	T Roper	A Taylor
Altar Servers	C Heslop A John O Law	B Boudville E Boudville	G Paltridge J Paltridge	L Nathan A Prasetyo	Y Deandra C Escobar S Jones
Extra Ordinary	J See L Sequeira	C Cox B D'Cruz	C Goh M Davis	F May G Tedjakunt	A Lu A Tan
Special Minister	M Sequeira J Stephen S Teo J Voon P Ardianto	G Dunsford L Gabriel R King K Margawani C Morzenti C Tan	M McFarlane J Moeljadi C A Norris R Norris E Papineau G Mo	L Yeo P Yeoh A Crossley R D'Annunzi O D'Mello L Everett	C Tan G Tan A Parker D Talbot A Ring C Talbot
Catechists	(Yr 1-3) K Karczub		(Yr 1-3) F De Pinto		
	(Yr 4-6) S Tan		(Yr 4-6) I Kusnadi		
Readers	C Hoare D Hoare	G Dunsford J Horsfall	L Papineau C Plottko	M Doray A Gunawan	G Munro M Stephen
Readers Coordinator: L Sequeira (9331 5552)					
Piety Stall	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
Safeguarding Officer:	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 next GODSQUAD meeting will be on the Friday 23rd of February and we welcome all high school aged teens to join us. 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.

THANK YOU FROM FR. MICHAEL

Fr. Michael Keating would like to thank all the Bateman Parishioners who came to his Farewell Mass at the Cathedral and also for the gifts he received. He is very grateful and appreciative of the gestures. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Parish News

LENTEN SEASON

As the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday we are called by the Church to pray, fast and do works of mercy. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of **fast** and **abstinence**. Lent is a penitential season of **prayer, self-denial and helping others**. In this way the Church prepares for Easter and joyfully welcomes those adults who have completed the RCIA programme and consequently be baptised during the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

There will be four Masses on Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at **7.00am**, **9.00am** (School Mass), **4.00pm** (R.E. Mass), and **7.30pm**. All parishioners are invited to attend any of these Masses as we commence our Lenten season.

A MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT:

Days of fasting and reparation is sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

You are invited to join the Bateman Catholic Parish to an **Evening Prayer**, which will be held every **Tuesday during Lent 2018, commencing on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 5.00pm**.

Also, you are most welcome to attend a **Holy Hour** with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which will be held every **Wednesday during Lent 2018, commencing on Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 9.00am**.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

NO ADORATION ON ASH WEDNESDAY (14th FEBRUARY 2018) due to Ash Wednesday Masses. Please take note.

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2018 - SUNDAY 25 FEB 2018 (Church Community Event)

All are invited to come together at our church to pray and celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year 2018—The year of the DOG! The celebratory Mass is on Sunday 25th February 2018 at 11.00am followed immediately by an exciting dance performed by the legendary and auspicious Chinese lions in our church courtyard. Please bring along a DISH of savoury or sweet finger food to share.

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)

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 - THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

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.

WEDNESDAY FAITH PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018

On Wed 14 Feb, we resume our journey in Walking Toward Eternity with a video entitled Walking in Forgiveness. This is the first of 4 sessions for the first school term of 2018 leading up to Easter. The Wednesday Faith Program will run every fortnight on Wednesdays, during the school term. Check your parish bulletin for details of upcoming sessions. We hope to see you on Feb 14 and bring along a friend or two!

When: Wed, 14 Feb, 10am-11.30am **Where:** Meeting Rm 1, next to parish office **Enquiries:** Carolin 0432 855 605 / Christina 0424220915

CHAPLETS OF DIVINE MERCY - WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion normally held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. However, as the second Wednesday this year falls on Ash Wednesday, there WILL BE NO DEVOTION in February. The next devotion will be held on **Wednesday 14 March 2018**. Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018

The Lenten Faith Formation program on "Prayer" continues on Thursday 22nd February. 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: Thursday 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

Diocesan Notices

JUST ITALY AND THE VATICAN LED BY MONSIGNOR KEATING

This pilgrimage will be from **12 - 27 October 2018**. The Pilgrimage will start in Rome, then Monte Casino, Naples, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotonondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Assisi, Forli, Padua, Venice, Florence and back to Rome. Full board with breakfast, lunch, dinner, buses, guides, etc. Price including airfare is \$5,989 if you book by 15th Feb 2018. Phone Alternative Events - Sheila (08) 6461 6183 / 0433 771 979.

2018 MARIAPOLIS FRIDAY 2ND TO MONDAY 5TH MARCH

Join us for a time of recreation and renewal in faith, organised by the Focolare Movement, the Mariapolis, which literally means "city of Mary". The event, at the Orchard Glory Farm Resort in Chittering Valley, offers a great way to pause and re-orient, while enjoying the company of others, in a relaxing environment. Everyone, young and not so young, is welcome: families, singles and children. At different times, children sessions will be available as well.

For more information, browse the Mariapolis invitation, displayed on the Church board. If you are interested, contact the Focolare Centre in Nollamara. Tel: 93494052 or 0452594049(Aida) - Email: ffperth@iprimus.com.au, International website: www.Folocare.org/en

BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN - Mary Mackillop Foundation

When: 8am Saturday 10 March 2018

Where: GARDEN VENUE - at the Mary MacKillop Centre 16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent) **Bring:** \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles! **RSVP:** Before 7th March to: Laurie Mayne: 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au