

## Sunday Readings

Year B

**First Reading - Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Second Reading - Rom 8:31-34**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel - Mk 9:2-10**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow, and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent, Year B

February 25, 2018

### Transformative moments

Rosa sat on the beach under a beach umbrella. The day was warm and sunny. Her two children were playing by the rocks. She watched admiringly as her husband Rico carried her toddler lovingly into the sparkling blue ocean. Rosa was overcome by a feeling of gratitude and joy that was overwhelming.

Several years later Rosa contracted cancer. She suffered greatly. As she reflected on her life, she acknowledged that she and her family had experienced all the 'ups and downs' of life but she always recalled that one moment of bliss on the beach. It was a 'peak moment'. It seemed to make sense of her whole life and give it meaning and direction.

Today's gospel describes a 'peak moment' in the lives of three apostles: Peter, James and John. They were invited by Jesus to accompany him up the mountain. On the mountain they were swept up into a mystical experience that was beyond rational explanation; but one that profoundly affected their lives and their faith.

The three friends of Jesus experience him transfigured. The actual shape of the experience is very congruent with their Jewish religious heritage and upbringing. On the mountain they were covered by a cloud. They recognised it as the '*shekinah*', the cloud that indicates the presence of God. Then, two of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah, appear.

They converse familiarly with Jesus who is now clothed in dazzling white robes signi-

#### 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				



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Parish Deacon

fying that he is robed in the very glory of God. The three disciples had previously considered Jesus to be a prophet equal in dignity to Moses and Elijah. They are in error. The Voice of God himself speaks, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." More than a prophet, Jesus is the son of God.

Suddenly things return to normal. They see only Jesus. But their perspective is forever altered. Their lives will continue with all the joys and heartache that life deals out. But deep down in their heart of hearts they know the ir friend Jesus is the Son of God. This one 'peak moment' of bliss sets the direction of their lives.

We often imagine that manifestations of God's presence occur rarely and to a privileged few holy people. Broadly speaking, that is true. However, through the grace of Christ, these mystical moments are available to all Christ's disciples. For each disciple of Christ, there are privileged moments when we are brought into God's presence and his purpose is revealed in us. Without being able to put the experience into words we become aware that we are in union with God.

Such moments may be rare but they are moments of pure grace. They are 'peak moments' that articulate our deepest meaning and set our life direction. They are best sought in prayer and reflection. They do, in fact, transform us.

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# R O S T E R S

## FOR 4TH MARCH

NEXT WEEK					
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	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
<b>Greeters</b>	D Kumala D Kumala	J Fitzpatri F Foster	A Lauw E Mo	G Mascarenh S Mascarenh	C Jung K A King
<b>Acolytes</b>	D Morais	B King	D Klass	F Doray	A Phoon
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J Robless M Robless R Ye	B Boudville E Boudville	C Spencer F Spencer J Spencer	L Nathan A Prasetic- Ng	J Maguire H Oversby D Phoon
<b>Extra Ordinary Special Minister</b>	C Hoare C Lasrado A Loo J Loo L Morzenti V Ng D Nicholson C Nonis	D Gabriel R King K Margawani C Morzenti C Price P Price C Tan P Taylor	J Moeljadi J Moeljadi M McFarlene G Mo E Papineau T Rudianto W Schaefer K Tan	R Yeo P Yeoh A Crossley R D'Annunzi O D' Mello M Doray L Everett S Fialho	A Lu J Randazzo A Ring A Tan C Tan G Tan J Tan C Talbot
<b>Catechists</b>	(Yr 1-3) L Sequeira		(Yr 1-3) D Radice		
	(Yr 4-6) M Sequeira		(Yr 4-6) C A Norris		
<b>Readers</b>	J Lee J Lim	B Martin C Morzenti	M Sefton E Tweed	K Lingoh	B Vague V Vague

Readers Coordinator: Michele Doray 9310 4051					
<b>Piety Stall</b>	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
<b>Safeguarding Officers:</b>	1. Fatima Basilio (fatima.safeguarding@gmail.com) 2. Hilda Klass (Hilda.safeguarding@gmail.com) 3. Christine Sammut (Christinec.safeguarding@gmail.com)				

<b>MORE CARE</b> <i>Do you need help or know someone who does?</i>	Rose Garden March 2018
† Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)	Section A Craig Molver
† Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)	
† Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport/Meals)	
† Silvia 9417 7131 (Transport)	
† Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)	Section B Robyn Guyton

### Baptisms:

We welcome Samuel Jaden Mugwanya, into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Deaths:** Please pray for Felipe Di Lucia, Catherine Ang, who passed away recently.

### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Isaac Masara, Fulvio Peter Di Prinzio, Anastasia Sundari Lee, Indra Wijaya, Ron Chapman, Basil Lee, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

## Youth

### GODSQUAD Teens Group

After our Lenten session last week, we'll be continuing our speaker series at our next GODSQUAD meeting. Which will be held on the 9th of March at 7pm in the church hall and we welcome all high school aged teens to join us. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact our youth leaders



### 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](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org).

### CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR + Lenten Program EVERY WEDNESDAY

Come and join young Catholics from around Perth in a time prayer on Wednesday night with Mass at 5:30 PM, Holy Hour (Adoration 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) and enjoy their new Lenten program while eating some dinner after (\$5 donation for dinner) with other young Catholics. At the Catholic Pastoral Centre on 40A Mary Street, Highgate (entrance from Harold Street)

For any inquiries regarding our youth ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leader via email [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

### SHRINE TIME

Holy Hour for Young Adults resumes on this Sunday February 25 at the usual time of 7.30pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. The Shrine Time Team

### Iona Presentation College Open Mornings 2018

Tuesday 13 March

Thursday 22 March

Monday 10 September

33 Palmerston St, Mosman Park

Presentations commence at 9.30am in the College Sports Centre followed by a guided tour and morning tea. Bookings are essential and can be made here: [www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmoming](http://www.iona.wa.edu.au/openmoming)

## Parish News

### A MESSAGE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE TO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT:

Days of fasting and reparation in 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, 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, 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.

### PARISH PRESENTATION ON THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY IN THE RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH.

Everyone is invited to attend a talk by a visiting couple from Sydney RON & MAVIS PIROLA, to be held at St. Thomas More, Bateman.

When: Tuesday 27th February 2018 from 7.00 – 8.00pm in the parish hall.

Subject: **The Role of Marriage and Family in the renewal of the Church.**

Ron and Mavis were the only Australian couple and one of six couples to present to Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2014. They are champions of marriage and family and have been highly acknowledged and awarded in Australia and the Vatican. We recommend you to come along to hear about the way the Church is focusing on Marriage and family and what we can do as a Parish in light of this trend. Please register for seating and catering purposes.

### CHALICE DONATIONS

St. Thomas More Bateman Catholic Parish requests for donations for the commissioning of the following chalices:

- 1 large chalice (general donations to raise \$5,000)

- 4 small chalices \$2,500 each (option to have family name inscription).

Please speak to Fr. Phong if you would like to participate in the funding of the acquisition of the above sacred vessels.

### ST THOMAS MORE SENIORS' GROUP - THURSDAY 8TH MARCH

Our first gathering for 2018 will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parish News (continued)

### SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2018: ST THOMAS MORE, 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

#### **Wednesday Faith Program – 28 Feb at 10.00am**

Walking in Humility is the topic of the next session in the video series Walking Towards Eternity prepared by Catholic theologian Jeff Cavins.

This video series is designed to help us live our faith more fully by developing and nurturing characteristics that are essential to the Christian life. The Wednesday Faith Program will run every fortnight during the school term from 10am – 11.30am, with a video presentation followed by reflection and sharing. All are welcome and do come early to prepare yourself a cuppa before we settle down for the video.

When: Wed, 28 Feb, 10am-11.30am Where: Meeting Rm 1, next to parish office  
Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Christina 0424 220 915

#### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Parishioners are encouraged to visit the 40 days for life website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/perth/> and learn about the campaign to end abortion in local communities all round the world. This is carried out through prayer, fasting and a constant vigil outside the abortion clinics in many of the major cities. In Perth, the continuous peaceful vigil is carried outside the Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Midland. Our Gospel tells us about our obligations to protect the defenceless in our communities and the unborn child is certainly one of the most vulnerable. Read about the success stories all round the world, volunteer yourself on the online roster and participate in this worldwide movement to cooperate with God in carrying out His plan to end abortion.

#### **Corpus Christi College Class of 1988 Reunion**

Saturday March 24th Trade Winds Hotel Fremantle 4:00 onwards. Any queries please contact Anne-Maree Hall (nee Murray) on 0407 100 538

## Diocesan Notices

### **KEEP UP-TO-DATE ON THE EUTHANASIA LAWS**

"Care for Life" is a new website offering up-to-date information, views and articles about the threat of euthanasia in Western Australia. The L J Goody Bioethics Centre is a major partner in "Care for Life". We are facing a long hard road to defeat the proposed laws, so make sure you stay informed and have your say. Check in regularly at [www.careforlife.net.au](http://www.careforlife.net.au)

### **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) - E mail: [ffperth@iprimus.com.au](mailto:ffperth@iprimus.com.au), International website: [www.Focolare.org/en](http://www.Focolare.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](mailto:ljmayne@optusnet.com.au)

### **TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER**

**When:** 18 March **Time:** 7pm—8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm) and the 3rd Sunday of following months: 20 May ~ 17 June ~ 19 August ~ 16 September ~ 21 October ~ 18 November Bring a torch ... and a friend!

**Enquiries:** Maree Riddler [rsj,middler@sosjwa.org.au](mailto:rsj,middler@sosjwa.org.au), or on 0414 683 926.

**HSI Discipleship School** - this Diocesan approved 40 week course will lead you into a personal relationship with Jesus as your Lord, an awareness of the power of the Holy Spirit coming alive in you and a deeper knowledge of our own Catholic faith and our Church. The next course will be held on Friday evenings at Queen of Apostles Parish, Riverton, commencing Friday, 2nd March at 7.30pm. Please contact Stephen Subramaniam on 0402540054 for details

### **Catholic Faith Renewal**

Invites you, to bring your family & friends to enjoy this evening of Songs & Praise & Prayer (7.30pm), Thanksgiving Mass (8.00pm)

Followed with a talk by Fr Christian Irdi on "Devotion to Mary" Fellowship & Light supper. Please note there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm Friday 2

March 2018 St John & Paul's Church PINETREE GULLY ROAD, WILLETTON