

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added in fidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

Second Reading - Eph 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel - Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

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

4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

March 11, 2018

Universal love

The three readings are about Love with a capital L. Everything in heaven and in our universe began in and with Love. The creation of the heavens, the universe, the development of the earth and the creation of the first man and woman were all acts of God's love.

God gave to human beings the special gift of freedom. God knew he was taking a risk, that some people would misuse their freedom, turn away from loving him and go their own way. However, the thought that people would freely choose to serve him when they could have refused, filled him with delight.

Unfortunately, sin came into the world through the disobedience of the first man and woman. As a result, they were put out of the Garden of Eden into a harsh world. But God's love did not abandon them. God promised that in time, he would send a Messiah who would save his people from their sins.

The time came when God fulfilled his promise to Adam and Eve. God the Son came down on earth as man, chose a human mother, Mary of Nazareth, and was born in a stable at Bethlehem. For many years, Jesus lived in Nazareth, a backwater village, working as a carpenter. When he was about 30, he began his public ministry and that was to spread the Good News of God's love for the world.

The religious leaders refused to accept his message as it would have meant too great a change in their way of life. They looked on Jesus as a troublemaker and because of his miracles, they were afraid that he would attract many followers. So he had to die.

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

Jesus knew what they intended but remained faithful to his Father's will and continued to spread the message of his love for the world. This finally brought him to death on Calvary. God's love for his creatures remained unchanged. It was the misuse of human freedom that brought Jesus to his death.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul emphasises the message of Jesus. Salvation is a gift from a loving God. We have been saved by grace, not by anything that we have done. We do not earn our way to heaven, we do not merit it. It is God's gift. Paul tells us that we are "God's work of art".

God has created us and continually offers us his graces to make us the persons he intended us to be: grace to love him more; grace to overcome and avoid sin; grace to let our love for God overflow in love for those in need; grace to be like Jesus, so that no matter what may happen to us, we will put all our trust in God, firmly believing that beyond Calvary, there is Resurrection and the hope of everlasting life.

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R O S T E R S

FOR 18TH MARCH

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	George Lopez				
Flowers:	LENT				
Counter:	1. A Munro	2. M Sequeira	3. G Welt		
	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	C Lasrado P Lasrado	M Golding P Golding	K Tan M Tan	D Sudarso E Tweed	M Timson T Mancinone
Acolytes	P Doss	D Bianchini	M Braganza	S McMahon	A Phoon
Altar Servers	T Barbarich K Chapman K Chapman	B Boudville E Boudville	A Dass B Dass C Dass	L Nathan A Prasertio- Ng	A Chavez Z Cohen Y Deandra
Extra Ordinary Special Minister	P Ardianto C Craggs M Craggs A De Souza J Doss E Fernandez D Garreffa G Garreffa	C Price P Price P Taylor C Cox B D' Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel L Gabriel	M Murray P Murray C A Norris R Norris E Papineau T Rudianto W Schaefer K Tan	R Yeo P Yeoh A Crossley B Bucat R D'Annunzi O D' Mello M Doray L Everett	A Lu V Masara L McMinn P McMinn A Parker R Oetomo J Randazzo A Ring
Catechists	(Yr 1-3) S Fuderer		(Yr 1-3) B Pasquale		
	(Yr 4-6) L Humphries		(Yr 4-6) L M Butler		
Readers	V Ng R Oetomo	P Price C Tan	M Chong G das Neves	S Ratnasing R SciaScia	K Hodgson A Ikin
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MORE CARE	<i>Do you need help or know someone who does?</i>				Rose Garden March 2018
† Geraldine	9332 8795	(Visiting)			Section A Craig McIver
† Monica	9364 9358	(Meals)			
† Caroline	9313 5452	(Transport/Meals)			
† Silvia	9417 7131	(Transport)			Section B Robyn Guyton
† Juliana	9310 1747	(General-office hrs)			

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Dr Joseph Nathan, Siva Choy, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Helen Taylor, Brian Taylor, Peter Francis Lam, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Youth

GODSQUAD Teens Group

Our next GODSQUAD Teens Meeting Friday 23rd March will be at the Jason Evert Purity Event for Families 6pm - 9:30pm at St Peter the Apostle, Bedford. All teens and their parents/guardians are highly encouraged to attend this incredible event. Register at CYM website. Entry via recommended donation of \$15 per person or \$50 per family.



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.

For any inquiries regarding our youth ministry please don't hesitate to contact our youth leader via email 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)

YEAR OF YOUTH EVENTS – Jason Evert (USA)

Jason Evert, US-based bestselling author and speaker, is running 'How to Save Your Marriage... Before You're Married' event Thursday 22nd March 7pm-9:30pm at Willetton Parish. All young adults are welcome and encouraged to attend. Register at CYM website. Entry via recommended donation of \$15 per person. Please see flyer at the back of the Church for more information.

STEVE ANGRISANO

Renowned ministry leader Steve Angrisano is coming to Perth 11th & 12th May. Keep these dates free, more information will be coming soon.

Corpus Christi College Open Days

Wednesday March 14 and Monday March 26. We would like to invite prospective families to join us by registering your attendance at www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opendays. The day will begin with an informative presentation by our Principal Mrs Caroline Payne at 9am (please arrive by 8.45am), followed by a guided tour of the college by our students and ending with a lovely morning tea where you are able to meet other parents of present and future students

Parish News

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service – Thursday 15th March 7.30pm

To prepare ourselves spiritually for the joy in the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, our parish community will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.30pm**. There will be at least 15 other priests to help us on this occasion. This reconciliation service will only be within an hour so I strongly urge you, your family and friends to join in this parish celebration during to this time of Lent to seek the grace of forgiveness from God and from one another. God bless! Fr Phong

Lenten Reconciliation Service at neighbouring parishes

Bateman	Thursday 15th March,	7.30pm
Willetton	Wednesday 21 st March,	7.00pm
Canning Vale	Thursday 22 nd March,	7.00pm
Manning	Thursday 22 nd March,	6.00pm

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.

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.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy

This powerful, prayerful, sung devotion is held in our Church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 commencing at 7.30 pm. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493(h) 6242 0702(w).



EASTER LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Our Easter leaflets are ready for distribution around your neighbourhood. They are in bundles of 25, so please take a few bundles and distributed them to your neighbours & friends.

Parish News (continued)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE PARISH

Every Friday after the 5.30pm Mass, there will be Stations of the Cross from 6.00pm during Lent. All are welcome.

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.

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 info, please contact Jenny on 9310 1747 (Tues/Wed) or on 0435 695 399

YIDARRA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications are now open for entry into Kindergarten 2020. Kindergarten classes operate on 3 full days per week on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, 8.55am-2.45pm. To be eligible for Kindergarten 2020, your child's birthday must fall between 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016. An application form and enrolment information package may be collected from the Yidarra office between 8am-4pm Monday-Friday, or you may download a copy from our website: web.yidarra.wa.edu.au. Interviews for Kindergarten 2020 will commence in Term 2, 2018. NB: Siblings of children already enrolled at Yidarra. An application for enrolment form still needs to be lodged at the school. Further information can be obtained by phoning the office on 9332 3011 or emailing admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au.

Yidarra Catholic Primary School Tour day

We would like to invite prospective parents and students to join us for a tour of Yidarra, please register your attendance on the day at reception. Wednesday 14th March 2018; Tour 1: 9:15-9:45am, Tour 2: 11-11:30am.



Diocesan Notices

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE INC — ANNUAL MASS

Pregnancy Assistance Inc. is holding its annual Mass and morning tea—**Day of the Unborn Child** — on Saturday 24th March 2018 at 9.30am, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth.

We have a special procession with flowers during Mass to remember and honour all the innocent babies who have died before birth. All are welcome.

Feast of the Annunciation Rosary at Fremantle Mausoleum

A rosary to commemorate the Feast of the Annunciation will be held at Fremantle Mausoleum on Sunday 25 March 2018 at 2pm. The Metropolitan Cemeteries Board welcomes all parishioners to this spiritual occasion. For further details, please contact Fremantle Cemetery on 9319 0400. All visitors are asked to park in the carpark on Sainsbury Road.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples.

We invite you to join us on our next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 6-8 April 2018 (Mandurah) or 27-29 July or 12-14 October 2018. For info. or booking contact: Valerie & Brendon, 0424 220 625 – E mail: WAb bookings@wwme.org.au

23-25 MARCH 2018 -FRIDAY-SUNDAY -3 DAY LIVE-IN LENTEN RETREAT

This retreat led by Fr Varghese Parackal VC gives you an opportunity to enter Holy week with a spiritual purification. Developing the spiritual discipline of listening on the Word of God and healing prayer is a wonderful way to enrich the Lenten season, deepen your relationship with God, and address your emotional and spiritual wounds. Lay your burdens upon Jesus and be set free from all bondages. Experience the unfathomable mercy and healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Be transformed by the Holy Cross. Encounter the Holy Spirit and develop a relationship that saturates you in His peace, love and joy. A life changing experience!

Venue: Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Rd, Karrakup (Byford) WA.

Cost: \$200 pp (includes food & accommodation)

Check in: 23 March, Friday @ 8:30 am / **Check out:** 25 March, Sunday 4:00pm

For Registration: Contact: 08 95256539 / Lin: 0419041188
or E mail: vincentiansperth@yahoo.com

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop: 2018 National Pilgrimage

The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop.

Commence in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018.

COST EX PERTH: \$3,765.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00

For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.