

Sunday Readings

Year B

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Gospel – Mark 11:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it.

If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately".

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?'

And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Hosanna in the highest!'

First Reading - Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Second Reading - Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel - Mk 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Palm Sunday, Year B

March 25, 2018

A necessary suffering

Today we celebrate the beginning of the most solemn week of our Christian calendar. Those outside our Christian faith might well accuse us of glorifying torture and death as we follow the story of Jesus' trial, passion and crucifixion. On the contrary, our participation in the church's liturgy enables us to identify with Jesus in his sufferings in order that we may also share with him the fruits of the resurrection.

This time of Holy Week puts us in touch with the most profound human questions. Why is there so much suffering and evil in the world? How is it somehow God's will that Jesus should die in such excruciating circumstances? In what way is this death of Jesus the source of our life and salvation?

We need to begin by simply recognising the reality of violence that destroys people's lives. Those responsible for human trafficking, death camps, terrorist killings, ethnic cleansing, environmental destruction and the greed-filled corruption of some in power. Jesus and the prophets speak out against this reign of terror which continues to take hold of our world.

However, following Jesus to Calvary puts us in touch with another reality: none of us can escape the accusation we too play our part in destructive patterns of human behaviour. As Jesus said to the angry crowds who were ready to stone the woman accused of adultery: "Let the one without sin cast the first stone".

Reflecting on Jesus' passion, we are invited to recognise our own sinfulness. Unlike Jesus, none of us is the innocent victim. We too can play the scapegoat game which

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 Priest



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Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

puts all the blame onto others. We should also recognise ourselves in the disciples whose fear and cowardice leave Jesus to suffer and die without their support. How often have we failed to respond to someone in need?

The crucifixion of Jesus is not willed by God as a kind of payment for sin and evil. Rather, it invites us to recognise the power of evil is so great it will not stop at the killing of the Son of God himself. It also shows us that God's healing forgiveness and liberating love have no bounds since, in Christ Jesus, God has "emptied himself, taking the condition of a slave ... accepting death on a cross" in order that we may have life. The resurrection is God's final victory over suffering, sin and death.

Christianity focuses on the cross of Jesus as its central symbol. This does not amount to the glorification of suffering and violence. To the contrary, by inviting us to share in Christ's passion, we are able to confront darkness and sin in the knowledge these are but passing realities. The cross always points to the resurrection and the promise of eternal life for all who acclaim "Jesus Christ as Lord".

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Vince Cicchino who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Delfina Ezequiel, Alberto Ezequiel, Alfredo Ezequiel, Belarmina de Oliveira, Fausto de Oliveira, Giovanni Delli Benedetti, Giuseppe Portelli, Katie O'Donnell whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 1ST APRIL

	NEXT WEEK				
Bulletin:	George Lopez				
Flowers:	EASTER				
Counter:	1. P Pickersgill	2. P Murray	3. M Woolford		
	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	6.30pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	6.00pm
Greeters	J Santosa R Oetomo	J Hidajat M Ivanac	J Hendricks J Hicks	A Wijaya P Zulkifli	C Jung K A Jung
Acolytes	EASTER	B King	L Papineau	T Roper	A Phoon
Altar Servers	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER
Extra Ordinary Special Minister	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER
Catechists	EASTER HOLIDAYS		EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Readers	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER	EASTER
Readers Coordinator:	--				
Piety Stall	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
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
April 2018

Section A
Glenn Trimm

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP - FRI 6 APR 7PM

Our next GODSQUAD Teens meeting will be held on Friday 6th April at 7pm – 8:30pm in the church hall. 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.

Thank you to all teens and their parents/guardians who attended the Jason Evert event last Friday at Bedford, it was wonderful to see you all there

CALLING ALL SPECIAL MINISTERS - GOOD FRIDAY 30 MAR 3PM

We are asking all youth special ministers to please help out on Good Friday. If you are able to help out please write your name on the list in the church foyer. Please contact youth@batemancatholic.org for more information.

VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - 6-8 JULY

CYM is currently taking expressions of interest from individuals or groups to perform and/or present at Veritas Youth Festival on 6th – 8th of July 2018 at Corpus Christi College Bateman. Please visit CYM website for more details and registration forms.

STEVE ANGRISANO - 11 & 12 MAY

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



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.



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.

CHALICE DONATIONS

St. Thomas More Bateman Catholic Parish is seeking 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.

WEDNESDAY FAITH PROGRAM – 28 MAR AT 10.00AM

Walking in Sacrifice is the topic of the next session in the video series Walking Towards Eternity presented by Catholic theologian Jeff Cavins. This very apt presentation for the final week of Lent will be held at Meeting Rm 1 on **Wed 28 Mar from 10am-11.30am.** All are welcome and do come early to prepare yourself a cuppa before we settle down for the video. The Wednesday Faith Program will resume in May with another series of video presentations followed by reflection and sharing. Watch this space for further details. Enquiries: Su 0413560033/ Carolin 0432 855 605

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL CLASSES

Sacramental classes for our Parish high school students who have not yet received all Sacraments will begin on **Wednesday, the 2nd May 2018 from 4pm-5pm.** Confirmation will take place on the weekend of the **18th & 19th August 2018.** Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am -5pm) or 0435695399 at other times, to enrol.

BATEMAN PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Our Parish runs an intensive after school Religious Education Program for those children in Years 1 to 6 who are not attending Catholic Schools. The program will prepare children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation (2 year program). For enquiries please contact Jenny on 9310-1747 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or on 0435695399.

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)

