

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - Acts 4:8-12

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

## Second Reading - 1 Jn 3:1-2

### A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel - Jn 10:11-18

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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

4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

April 22, 2018

## Equal in God's eyes

How times have changed! Sheep on an outback station today are often rounded up by someone on a motor-bike. So, it is perhaps a little difficult to appreciate the significance of the image in ages past of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the lowly Jewish shepherd 2000 years ago for whom each sheep was 'family'.

I came a closer to understanding this reality during a recent visit to an organic pig farm. The farm, known as WWOOFers (Willing Workers On Organic Farms), is setting high standards for the humane treatment of animals. The farm has incorporated a holistic approach in its rearing of pigs, horses and chicken and has great respect for the 'interrelatedness' of nature.

I was touched by the farmer's devotion to each animal; whether the pigs were kept for breeding, destined for relatively short lives or to enjoy the farm into old age. I learnt the horses' 'pecking order' and the reasons for their names, and I loved how the farmer would leave one egg for the broody hen.

This same wisdom can be found in the Book of Genesis. To acknowledge that all of life comes from God, and therefore is sacred, requires humility. However, Jesus' image of the good shepherd is intended to give even deeper insight into the divine-human relationship. It is an insight that demands of us an even greater degree of humility, the kind of humility only available through Christ.

Genesis highlights the privileged position and role of humanity in creation. But we know all too well, as did the prophets, that humanity has "gone astray" (Isaiah 53:6).

### 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

It is only because of Christ that we can so joyfully celebrate "the great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

And is not Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection for all of humanity? If so, is not all of humanity equally "children of God"? Jesus insists that this destiny is also for those in other "folds". "These I have to lead as well," he says. All who live in Christ are destined for union with God.

Indeed, St Paul tells us the whole of creation "is groaning," labouring to be free to share the glory of God's children (Rom 8:22). We too, in our own life journey, know these birth pangs, interconnected as we are with all creation.

In our life journey, we can rely on the wisdom of Psalm 118: "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in mortals." Christ is "the stone the builders rejected which has become the cornerstone", the one who is unsurpassed in humility, the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for his sheep, who unites all humanity and creation with God.

How blessed are we to know the Good Shepherd and to be called to work for unity with the Good Shepherd as our model.

Bet Green

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### Baptisms:

We welcome Jasper Theodore Miller, Briany Emma Clark, Oliver Jimmy Clark, into our Parish Community.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### Anniversaries:

Please pray for Tommaso Boccardo, Filomena Iovine, Eileen Kemp, Richard Elton-Bott, Giovanni Delli Benedetti, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 29TH APRIL

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Olivia Iskandar

Flowers: Barbara Kania

Counter: 1. B D'Sa                      2. M Tuson                      3. S A Tuson

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	W Cox S Dalby	A Santacate P Sweeney	A Faleiro S Hedley	E McGuire T Kurnianin	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	D Morais	P Cox	M Braganza	S McMahon	A Phoon
Altar Servers	K Lim K Lim	C Blet M D'Cruz	A Dass B Dass C Dass	S Ratnasing A Shim S Yeo	S Broderick A Chavez Z Cohen
Extra Ordinary Special Minister	D Nicholson C Nonis A Mourad A Ruban J See L Sequeira M Sequeira J Stephen	C Cox B D'Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel L Gabriel R King K Margawani C Morzenti	S Wong A Aquino M Davis C Derries A Faleiro M McFarlene G Mo J Moeljadi	M Doray L Everett S Fialho A Gunawan J Louie F May C Poore N Mourad	J Randazzo A Ring A Tan C Tan G Tan J Tan M Tan C Talbot

### Catechists

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Readers	A Fernandes K Gamba	J Horsfall F Ling	A Thomas G Thomas	B Bucat A Gunawan	M Bautista J Ernest
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## 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  
May 2018

Section A  
Sharon Vong

Section B  
Craig McIver

## Youth

### GODSQUAD Teens Group – FRI 4 MAY 7PM

Our GODSQUAD Teens Group will break for the school holidays and will be back on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7pm – 8:30pm in the Church hall. We wish all our teens a safe and happy holidays.



### COZY CUPPA AFTER THIS WEEK'S 9.30am, 11am & 6pm MASSES

Bateman Young Adults Cozy Cuppa is starting back up again. Now located in the courtyard after 9.30am, 11am and 6pm Masses. Come and say hello to Bateman's youth leaders over a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

### STEVE ANGRISANO – 11 & 12 MAY

Renowned ministry leader Steve Angrisano is coming to Perth for one weekend only! Ignite Live will be hosting a free Steve Angrisano event on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 7pm at Servite College. Please go to the Facebook event for more information about reserving tickets.

CYM is running workshops with Steve Angrisano on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10am-11:30am for Youth and 1-2:30pm for Musicians. Register online at [cym.com.au](http://cym.com.au)

### VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & REGISTRATION – 6-8 JUL

Veritas Youth Festival is back on 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 at Corpus Christi College Bateman. Early bird registration has opened so make sure you get in quick.

CYM is currently taking expressions of interest from volunteers and individuals or groups to perform and/or present at Veritas. Please visit CYM website for more details and registration forms.

### CYM MASS AND HOLY HOUR 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) then come join other young Catholics for dinner (\$5 donation for dinner). 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).

### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@yidarra.wa.edu.au).



## Parish News

### ANZAC DAY MASS TIME– WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL—9.00am

Please note that Wednesday 25th April is ANZAC Day and therefore the Mass will be at **9.00am** (Public Holiday) and not at 7.00am. There will be **NO ADORATION** on that day. Also the Parish Office will be closed too.

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN – PARENTS'/CARERS' WORKSHOP

St Thomas More Parish and Yidarra Catholic Primary invite parents, grandparents, guardians and carers to attend the Protecting God's Children Workshop to be held on,

**Date : 9 May 2018 Time: from 7pm – 9pm**

**Place: St Thomas More Parish Hall**

This workshop will be presented by the **Archdiocese Safeguarding Project Director, Andrea Muslin.**

While the outcome of the workshop is focused on equipping parents and carers with strategies for the prevention of child sexual abuse, the concepts can be applied to almost any unsafe or threatening situation, in which a child may find him or herself. This workshop is offered to not only Catholic parents and carers, but to all who might find it useful as a practical and informative opportunity to better understand more about the safeguarding of our children.

To register for this free event, please leave your details on the form located in the Church foyer or at the front desk of Yidarra Catholic Primary School office.



### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? - THURS 24 MAY 6.30PM

An Information Evening for interested enquirers will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 6.30pm.**

We will meet in the Parish Meeting Room, which is directly across the lawn from the main body of the Church.

The gathering will last no more than one hour and all present will be made feel most welcome.

### EMBRACING WOMANHOOD - SATURDAY 12 MAY AT 9AM - 2.30PM

**A day of reflection designed specifically for the ladies of the parish. Ladies from all walks of life are invited to come together for spiritual nourishment in a relaxed atmosphere. The day is facilitated by Sr Ann Cullinane** who will speak on issues relating to women today and how to cope with these issues be it in career, home, social or spiritual matters in relation to our Catholic beliefs. You will find this an enriching experience knowing that you are not alone in all the challenges of today. Young ladies from 25 years onwards are welcome too. Please register at foyer.

**When:** Saturday 12th May. **Time:** 9am to 2.30pm starting with Mass.

**Cost:** \$10, morning coffee and light lunch provided.

**Enquires:** Ann - 0412 166 164, Alina - 0438 240 757, Carolin - 0432 855 605

## Parish News (continued)

### 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 from 4pm-5pm. Confirmation** will take place on the weekend of the **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. Please contact Jenny Figliomeni on 93101747 (Tuesdays/Wednesdays 9am-5pm) or 0435695399 at other times, to enrol. Closing date to enrol is 16th May 2018.

### 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)

### NEW!!!2018/2019 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK ON SALE NOW!!!

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Thomas More Church, Yidarra P & F collected over \$2000 last year from the sales of the Entertainment Book membership! This money goes towards educational resources for the students. The NEW PERTH membership is on sale now, featuring South West and Bali—please order via the online link.

[www.entbook.com.au/8g3295](http://www.entbook.com.au/8g3295) or use the order forms at the back of the church or call/email Alex 0419 962 963 or [aarossi@iinet.net.au](mailto:aarossi@iinet.net.au). Note the Digital membership can only be ordered via the online link and can be used immediately. Books launched from 2nd May.

### LADIES—BE CAREFUL OF YOUR HANDBAGS

The Parish has received a letter from the Archdiocese asking ladies to be careful as there has been a few robberies in various Parishes. So please LADIES, take your handbags with you when you go up for Communion.

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME - *Parish Finance Committee*

If you are a contributor to the planned giving programme, an envelope with a statement of your contributions in the year to date can be picked up in the foyer.

By providing this information, you will be aware of your total contribution to date and this will give you an opportunity to catch up on your commitments if possible.

We take this opportunity to thank you very much for your financial commitment to the Parish.

## Diocesan Notices

### “A Day with Our Lady”

“A Day with Our Lady” which is held every first Saturday of the month at our Church of St Denis, 60 Osborne Street, Joondanna W.A. 6060. The next “Day with Our Lady” will be held on Saturday 5th May 2018.

### SCHOENSTATT MAY PILGRIMAGE—Sunday May 6 2018, 2.30-4.30pm.

Come to honour Mary our Mother in the Marian month of May. Rosary procession, reflection with hymns to Mary; Pilgrim Mother Co-ordinators Re-commissioning; Benediction. You are all welcome to bring flowers for Mary, at 9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon; [www.schoenstattwa.org.au](http://www.schoenstattwa.org.au)

### 27th April—Praying Our Experiences

Praying Our Experiences is about recognizing and inviting God in our everyday. This is a directed contemplative gathering, followed by personal reflection time.

**Theme:** Share the Good News **When:** Friday 27th April, 10.30am to 12pm

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth

RSVP essential: by Tuesday 24th April: (08) 9334 0999

[prayingourexperiences@gmail.com](mailto:prayingourexperiences@gmail.com) Refreshments available.

### FR. CYPRIAN'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us for information night on the facts for going on a real life changing spiritual pilgrimage to Israel Palestine and Jordan. The places where Jesus prayed, preached and gave his life for our sake, at the Calvary.

Christian Pilgrimage presents an exceptional opportunity to join in an 18-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Led by Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti. You will meet & hear from Christian natives who lived there and who will join you from Perth.

**Venue: Our Lady of the Mission Craigie, 27 April 2018 at 7.00 pm**

Please register your interest by contacting Randa on 0431 125 533 or send email to [randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au](mailto:randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au).

### CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL - FRIDAY 1 JUN 6PM TO SUNDAY 3 JUN 5PM

A two day Weekend Retreat - “The Eucharist: The Heart of our Faith” By Fr Gino Henriques at Advent Park, 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale. Perth WA 6057. Each day will begin with morning Prayers and Praise & Worship, followed by teachings, Daily Holy Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Cost per person: Live-in \$90.00 or Non Live-in \$50.00. Includes shared accommodation & all meals. Booking and payment must be made by 21st May 2018. Contact: Ann 0412166164/Charles 0413 755 799.

### ARE YOU A FORMER STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER?

Did you go to **St Joachim's, Xavier College, Our Lady Help of Christians or Ursula Frayne Catholic College**? We are looking for you to join the Alumni. Let us help you reconnect with your old school and friends. Go to our website [www.ufcc.wa.edu.au](http://www.ufcc.wa.edu.au) and complete the registration form (under Community) or contact Mary McGonigle on 9470 0925 or [alumni@ufcc.wa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@ufcc.wa.edu.au) to have a form posted out to you. In 2019 we celebrate 120 years since our foundation school was opened and we would like to have as many former students and staff join us in celebration for this and other events as the Alumni grows.