

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Second Reading - 1 Jn 4:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel - Jn 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

May 6, 2018

Fruit of God's love

What constitutes a Christian community? What makes it authentic?

St John's gospel tries to answer these questions. Jesus uses a simple agricultural image – a vine and its branches – to illustrate his teaching on community. Just as branches on a vine derive their life and fruitfulness by being attached to the vine, so do Christians live by being in union with God and produce godly fruit. God's inner life in the trinity is one of union in mutual love. This union spills over to creation. We and all of creation are the fruit of this love.

Jesus, in today's gospel passage develops the practical consequences of being branches attached to the vine. Jesus insists that his followers are to imitate this loving inner life of the Trinity. We are to love one another as fully and freely as God loves us. Moreover, we are instructed to use this love to benefit society. It is by performing acts of love that distinguishes us as true disciples of Jesus.

Many years ago, I heard a priest tell a story that has stuck in my memory. He spoke of a pumpkin farmer who was inspecting his harvest in the early stages of the crop's growth. Near the edge of the crop, he found a large glass jar that had been abandoned by a passer-by. On a whim, he placed a small pumpkin inside the jar while being careful not to damage its attachment to the vine.

Months later, the crop was ready to harvest. The farmer rediscovered the plant he had placed in the jar. The pumpkin filled all the space in the jar but it was miniature compared to the rest of the pumpkins in the crop. It was unable to grow beyond the confines of its glass prison.

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

In the gospel, Jesus reminds us that his love for us is a love that is unfettered. He gives himself totally to us. He loves us to death. He regards each of his disciples as his intimate friend. He regards this friendship as reciprocal. He expects us to love him in return and to love one another in the same unfettered way he loves us. Regrettably, we often behave like the pumpkin in the glass jar. We remain connected to the vine but we allow external circumstances and the cares of life to constrict our growth in love.

Jesus' generous love for us both inspires and calls us to allow love to grow to full maturity in us. It asks us to put aside any obstacle that chokes the expression of God's love. It tells us that Christian community is the place where unrestrained love is given, received and put into practice. We are his chosen friends but only if we do what he commands us: to love one another without reserve.

Michael Gilbert CSsR
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Baptisms:

We welcome Amahli Jae Cuijpers, Hugo Thomas, Austin Roy, Quinn Lisa and Owen Patching, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Joseph Ng, Brian Poore, Robert Ross, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 13TH MAY

NEXT WEEK

Bulletin: Olivia Iskandar
Flowers: Joanna Lim
Counter: 1. G Weldt 2. S Wong 3. S Wong

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	J Doss P Doss	A Vinci G Vinci	A Lauw E Mo	G Mascarenh S Mascarenh	M Tiamson T Mancinone
Acolytes	V Tan	B King	L Papineau	T Roper	C Dowsett
Altar Servers	R Gill S Gill A Hermann	C Blet M D'Cruz	Samantha J Sammut	S Ratnasing A Shim	C Escobar S Jones R Joseph
Extra Ordinary Minister	D Garreffa G Garreffa K Gamba C Hoare C Lasrado A Loo J Loo L Morzenti	D Gabriel L Gabriel K Margawani C Morzenti M Murray P Murray C Price P Price	A Aquino M Davis C Derries A Faleiro M McFarlene G Mo J Moeljadi J Moeljadi	O D'Mello M Doray L Everett S Fialho J Louie F May A Gunawan	A Parker J Randazzo A Ring A Tan C Tan G Tan J Tan M Tan
Catechists	(Yr 1 – 3) B Pasquale		(Yr 1 – 3) D Radice		
	(Yr 4 – 6) L Humphreys		(Yr 4 – 6) K A King		
Readers	K A King C Lasrado	B Martin C Tan	G Das Neves J Hicks	K Lingoh M Doray	K A King G Lynn
Readers Coordinator: Michele Doray-9310 4051					
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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
May 2018

Section A
Sharon Vong

Section B
Craig Mclver

Youth

GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP – FRI 18 MAY 7PM

Thank you to all who attended our first Godsquad for Term 2 on Friday night. Our next Godsquad will be on Friday 18th May 7pm - 8:30pm in the Church hall, all high school aged students are welcome!



BATEMAN YOUNG ADULT'S DINNER

Thank you to all who attended our first Young Adult Dinner for 2018 last weekend. Our next dinner will be held on Sunday 27th May. Keep this evening free, more details to come.

COZY CUPPA AFTER THIS WEEK'S 9:30am, 11am & 6pm MASSES

Bateman Young Adults Cozy Cuppa is starting back up again held every fortnight. Now located in the courtyard after the 9:30am, 11am and 6pm masses this week. Come and say hello to Bateman's youth leaders over a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

STEVE ANGRISANO – 11 & 12 MAY (NEXT WEEKEND)

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 11th 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 12th May 10am-11:30am for Youth and 1-2:30pm for Musicians. Register online at cym.com.au

VERITAS YOUTH FESTIVAL REGISTRATION – FRIDAY 6th – SUNDAY 8th JULY

Veritas Youth Festival is back on 6th – 8th of July 2018 at Corpus Christi College Bateman. Registration is still open for the Friday evening pass and the Weekend pass, so get in quick before prices start to rise.

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

Parish News

MONTH OF MAY—OUR LADY'S HOME ROSARY

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of May, please write your names on the sheet in the church foyer. A statue of Our Lady and some books are available for you to use. Enquiries to Juliana 9310 1747.

OUR LADY'S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION—SATURDAY 26TH MAY

Our Bi-Annual Candle-light Procession for Our Lady for the month of May will take place on Saturday 26th May after the 6.30pm Mass. All are welcome. White Chrysenthmums are needed to decorate the float for Our lady. Please bring the flowers to the Church on Saturday morning at 10am.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy—Wed 9th May

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 9th May 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).



How well do you know Mary?

Like most Catholics, we have a deep love and devotion to our Blessed Mother, Mary. But how well do we really know the humanness of Mary and her profound journey of faith? How well do we know the young woman of Nazareth who was called to a most extraordinary mission and was led by God step by step into deeper trust and surrender to His plan and her son's mission?

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother, is an eight-part video presentation by renowned theologian Edward Sri which delves deeply into the Scriptures to offer extraordinary insights into Mary's life. And through it, we gain practical lessons from her for our own relationship with God. This new series in the parish's Wednesday faith program begins on Wed 9 May at 10am. The half-hour video is followed by reflection and sharing until 11am. All are welcome.

When: Wed 9 May 10am-11am Where: Meeting Room 1 (next to parish office)
Enquiries: Christina 0424220915 / Carolin 0432 855 605

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

An Information Evening for interested enquirers will be held on **Thursday 24th 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.

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) to enrol. Closing date to enrol is 16th May 2018.

Parish News (continued)

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.



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

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 or use the order forms at the back of the church or call/email Alex 0419 962 963 or 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.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? If you are please introduce yourself and your family to one of the priests and register your name and details in our Guest Book in our church foyer.

Diocesan Notices

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.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY MINISTRY

As part of the Parish strategic plan, a new parish ministry, "Marriage and Family" will be established. The M & F Ministry will aim to introduce practical ways to revitalize the parish through marriage enrichment and to have a particular focus on the role of marriage and family in the renewal of the Church. The Strengthen and Revitalise Committee invites expressions of interest from parishioners who are interested to join the new ministry. Please contact Max Mayes 0407 990 506 if you would like to know more.

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.

TAIZE MEDITATIVE PRAYER—20 May 2018

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York Street, South Perth, When: 20th May 2018, Time: 7—8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm) and the 3rd Sunday of the following months: 17th June, 19th August, 16th September, 21st October, 18th November. Bring a torch and a friend! Enquiries: Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926 or mriddler@sosjwa.org.au.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Invites you to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sunday 6th May at 3.00pm**, at Mater Christi Church, Yangebup. Fr Dat will be officiating. Rosary, Benediction and Enrolment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The National Pilgrim Statute of Our Lady of Fatima will be present. All are welcome. Enq: 9339 2614.