

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - Ez 2:2-5

### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## Second Reading - 2 Cor 12:7-10

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## Gospel - Mk 6:1-6

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

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year B

July 8, 2018

## ***Our covenant with God***

Ask the question, what is a prophet, and the typical answer will be "someone who predicts the future." But this is only half true of the prophets in the bible and misses the essential point that, inspired by God, they speak to us of our purpose, our vocation and our destiny.

Though not merely a prophet, Jesus himself was a prophet. The gospels present him as the crowning figure in the long line of persons in Israel who are chosen to speak and act in ways that communicate truth and meaning to us.

The truth that the prophet communicates is God's word, God's ruling, God's promise and God's warning. The prophet has a message, a message from God. He also has an audience: the People of God, those who have been brought into a special bond, a covenant relationship with God.

The prophet is really a covenant ambassador, who communicates, through word and symbolic action, the message that God, the Lord of the covenant, wants to give to his covenant partner. Much like a marriage, a covenant with God has both rights and responsibilities.

The first responsibility is fidelity: God promises fidelity and requires fidelity in return. We are to be faithful. We are to worship none other than God alone. The first right of the covenant partner is proximity to and intimacy with God. Fidelity and intimacy meet in vocation: God draws his covenant partner into the sphere of his activity and the realisation of God's purposes for creation.

### **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

The covenant relationship breaks down due to human infidelity. This happens when we make idols of things like money, sex and power. God then raises up prophets to remind his people of his promises, to warn them of the consequences of infidelity, and to call them back to the covenant.

Admittedly, the prophetic message often involves prediction of the future. Ezekiel predicts the destruction of the temple and the exile of God’s people from the land of promise — due to Israel’s obstinate failure to “keep covenant” with him, by failing to bring about a society that reflects God’s love, justice, compassion and mercy.

But the point of prophetic prediction is not to disclose unalterable fate; rather, it is a call to repentance for our transgressions and return to the covenant. The phrase in verse 5 of today’s reading from Ezekiel’s book expresses the prophet’s role clearly: it is courageously to proclaim God’s word “whether they [the people] heed or resist.” The people must choose: to listen and repent or to resist and face the consequences.

We, in our baptism, have entered into the covenant relationship with God. The words of the prophets, like Ezekiel, Isaiah and Jeremiah, culminate in Jesus’ teaching and speak to us, here and now, individually and collectively, about our rights, responsibilities and vocation as covenant partners with God.

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**Baptisms:**

We welcome Mikayla Antonia Cunningham, Mila Rose Dowsing, into our Parish Community.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Zorka Blaskovich, John Ward, Dorcas Lee, Mario Cicchini, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 15TH JULY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Yunita Darmawan				
Flowers :	Joanna Lim				
Counter:	1. A Cohen	2. R SciaScia	3. M Woolford		

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	E Hadiano W Hadiano	G Moriarty P Owens	J Hendricks J Hicks	G Mascarenh S Mascarenh	C Jung K A King
Acolytes	V Tan	P Cox	L Papineau	S McMahon	J Nonis
Altar Servers	J Robless M Robless T Robless	B Boudville E Boudville	Samantha J Sammut	L Nathan A Prasetyo	A Chavez Z Cohen Y Deandra
Extra Ordinary Special Minister	J Doss E Fernandez K Gamba D Garreffa G Garreffa C Hoare C Lasrado L Morzenti	C Cox B D' Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel L Gabriel R King K Margawani C Morzenti	T Rudianto W Schaefer K Tan S Wong A Aquino M Davies C Derries	A Gunawan J Louie F May N Mourad C Poore L Saverimut G Tedjakunt R Wong	C Endris M Gan A Lu V Masara L McMinn P McMinn R Oetomo J Randazzo

Catechists	NO CHILDREN LITURGY	NO CHILDREN LITURGY
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Readers	C Hoare D Hoare	J De Silva C Tan	M McFarlane G Munro	C Italiano K Lingoh	K A King J Ernest
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<b>MORE CARE</b>		
<i>Do you need help or know someone who does?</i>		
† 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 July 2018
Rose Garden Busy Bee
Annual prune and clean-up

## Youth

### GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP – RETURNING TERM 3

Thank you all who attended our final Youth Group for Term 2 on Friday. We will be back, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, for a very exciting Term 3 program!



If there are any young adults interested in being a Godsquad leader, please do not hesitate to contact Bateman's Youth Leader on [youth@batemancatholic.org](mailto:youth@batemancatholic.org)

### HELP NEEDED FOR YOUTH SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER: SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY

We are looking for members of the Bateman Youth to help out with a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser to be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July after the 11am Mass. If you are wanting to help, please put your name down on the signup sheet in the foyer.

### COZY CUPPA NEXT WEEKEND SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY

Whilst you chat after the 11am and 6pm masses next week, grab a cuppa from the Bateman Young Adults Cozy Cuppa table. It is our way of saying thank you for all your prayers and financial support in our spiritual journeys over the past year.

### BATEMAN PARISH YOUTH LEADER POSITION

The parish is seeking 1 youth leader to join the Youth Ministry team. The successful applicant would be required to work part-time to support youth ministry initiatives (teens and young adults) in the parish. They must also undergo screening in accordance with the WA Working With Children Check. Experience in the parish youth groups is recommended – previous applicants can reapply. To submit your CV with a cover letter and 3 referees, please email Fr. Phong Nguyen, Parish Priest at [phong.nguyen@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:phong.nguyen@perthcatholic.org.au). Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### 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)

## Parish News

### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY—WED. 11th July 2018

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our church on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The Next devotion will be on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? All are welcome. Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR 2018—Saturday 28 JULY 2018

The Parish will be celebrating our Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Saturday 28th July at the 6.30pm Mass**. Those couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 25,30,35,40,45,50,55,60 etc and would like to join the Parish Special Wedding Anniversary Mass, please register your details with Juliana at the Parish Office or call her on 93101747.



**Closing date to register is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

### ANNUAL ROSE PRUNE SATURDAY, 14th July 8.30-10.30

Please come along and join us to prune and tidy up the rose garden in preparation for a colourful spring bloom. Bring along pruners and weeders. Prior experience in pruning not necessary. A good opportunity to learn from some experienced rose gardeners.

### PARISH AGM PRO-FORMA

Your Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 5th August at 12.15pm. You may be interested in nominating for the parish council, joining a subcommittee, make suggestions or inquiring about the work of any of the subcommittees (such as those organising of parish events, faith formation, welcoming new parishioners, or building closer ties with Yidarra Catholic Primary School). We encourage you to do this via email to [agm\\_stm@icloud.com](mailto:agm_stm@icloud.com) or through the available form located at the church foyer. This provides the council ample opportunity to answer the questions submitted and consider motions proposed.

Please submit your queries no later than 16th July. We encourage you to have your say and be involved in your parish, this will help your parish live its mission. A reminder that all are invited to the parish AGM on Sunday 5th August at 12.15pm. May God bless you and keep you.

### IS YOUR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TAGGED ON OUR WORLD MAP?

Please check out the atlas above the piety stall in the foyer and let us know if your country is included on the map. Kindly fill in the form attached near the map if your country is not tagged. We would like to update it by 20th August. Thank you.



## Parish News (continued)

### LEMON SCENTED GUM TREES

On behalf of the Parish Building Management Committee we would like to advise the Parish that our Committee has been reviewing maintenance and safety issues associated with the four large Lemon Scented Gums adjacent the Shrine on the west side of the Church.

The roots of two of these trees have disturbed the brick paving over many years and this has caused a trip hazard for members of the public attending the Parish.

In addition, the same two trees are planted close to the Parish Hall with limbs overhanging the roof. This creates the risk of a falling branch damaging the building as well as dropping leaves into the gutters.

Lastly, committee members were concerned that there was a risk that the trees may drop a large branch during high winds and potentially injure a member of the public attending the Parish.

To address these risks the Committee obtained a report from "The Arbour Centre" which included an overall assessment of the health of the trees.

Upon review of the report and after discussion by the Committee we recommend:

- *The two Lemon Scented Gums closest to the Parish Hall located in the brick paving are removed, stumps are ground out and the paving is repaired.*
- *The two lemon Scented Gums located in the grass adjacent are retained and have their canopies pruned. The roots of these trees are within the grass area and do not present a trip hazard.*
- *Two new trees of a more suitable species (perhaps Tipuana Tipu), are planted in the nearby grass area to provide shade and maintain the appealing landscaped entry to our church.*

The Committee has great reluctance to remove these beautiful trees however we believe they were planted in the wrong location and now pose a serious safety risk.

It is proposed that the trees will be removed in the coming October school holidays.

If parishioners have concerns about the removal of the trees; please contact the chair of the Committee:

Eamon Broderick via email on [ebroderick@trcb.com.au](mailto:ebroderick@trcb.com.au) .

Thank you! Eamon Broderick

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2018/2019 - FOR COLLECTION

The Planned Giving Envelopes for 2018/2019 are now ready for collection. Please pick up your box of envelopes from the tables in the Church foyer as you leave the church today or speak to one of the Finance Committee Members for more information.

### YIDARRA TOUR DAY

We would like to invite prospective families and students to join us for a tour of Yidarra Catholic Primary School, Bateman. Please register your attendance on the day at reception. Thursday, 9 August 2018. Session 1 -10-10.40am. Session 2-11-11.30am.

### SVDP CAKE SALE

St. Vincent de Paul cake sale on Sunday 15th July from 9am, 10.30am and 12noon. Please support this worthy cause by donating cakes and savouries. For further enquiries please contact Juliana at 9310 1747.



### 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.

## Diocesan Notices

### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

All are invited to a holy hour for vocations with Archbishop Timothy, held by the Vocations Office, on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 3 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Prayer is essential to encourage vocations, so please show your support by attending this event.

### ABORTION GRIEF AUSTRALIA

Many of us have loved ones hurting because of abortion. The Archbishop has put significant resources into developing professional care and support for those wounded by abortion. Rachel's Vineyard's weekend retreat therapy is a team-led journey of spiritual healing, a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem broken hearts in a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. 13<sup>th</sup>—15<sup>th</sup> July. Email: [rachelsvineyardperthwa@gmail.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardperthwa@gmail.com) or phone: 0490 956 745.