

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Is 49:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples.

The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand.

He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, 'You are my servant Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God.

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Second Reading - Acts 13:22-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel - Lk 1:57-66. 80

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

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

The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist, Year B

June 24, 2018

Companions of Jesus

Today, the Church is celebrating the Solemnity of the birth of John the Baptist. It may seem strange to celebrate John's birth on a Sunday, given that John appears to be little more than an introductory note to the story of Jesus. However, John represents an important example of discipleship.

John's birth, like other great figures of the Jewish faith, is miraculous. Like a number of patriarchs, judges and prophets, John is born of a barren woman. God intervenes in the natural order to bring the divine plan to fulfilment. And like those men of God before him, John answers the call to speak on God's behalf.

Despite the miraculous and courageous nature of John's life and mission, however; his most notable characteristic is humility.

In the gospels, John is portrayed as one who sees clearly that his role is that of heralding the coming of another who is far greater than himself. Even when Jesus presented himself for baptism by John, John asks Christ to baptise him instead (Mt 3:14). Rather than his equal or his competitor, John saw himself as Jesus' companion and collaborator in the messianic mission.

It may have been John's example of companionship and humility that led the young Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods to choose John as one the patrons of their nascent religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

The first Josephite Rule written by Father Woods with Mary reads: "The professed Sisters shall wear upon their hearts a large blue monogram of the Blessed Virgin be-

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

tween three letters J in honour of Jesus, Joseph and John the Baptist thus typifying the Holy Family. This monogram shall be made of plain blue woollen braid."

In explaining this reference to John, the original Rule describes how the young John accompanied the young Jesus as both grew up, answering the call of God in their lives. In the gospels, John's life mirrors that of Jesus; and his life becomes increasingly Christ-like.

The essence of discipleship is to see ourselves as companions of Jesus and witnesses to his life and mission, especially to our family and friends. In Luke's Gospel, John is portrayed as Jesus' cousin. In John's Gospel (1:35-41), it is John the Baptist who introduces Andrew, Peter's brother to Jesus; Andrew, in turn, brings Peter to Jesus; and, so, the company of disciples is built.

The message for us is that we are called to cultivate a spirituality that integrates our faith with the life we live in relationship with others. We may not be called like Mary MacKillop to establish a religious order, or like the great missionary saints to carry Christ's message to missionary countries. But we are called to empty ourselves of self-serving ambition and become a Christ-like companion to those whom we encounter every day.

Ian J Elmer

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Baptisms:

We welcome Lennox Parker Tatulli, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Don de San Miguel, who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Giovanni Delli Benedetti, Laly Joseph, Granville de Souza, Ignazio Salvemini, Silvia Salvemini, Tomaso Boccoardo, Michelle Fazzino, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 1ST JULY

NEXT WEEK					
Bulletin:	Yunita Darmawan				
Flowers :	Lauren Hindrarto				
Counter:	1. B D'sa	2. N Kristianto	3. S Lau		

	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Greeters	K Chapman M Craggs	G Jones I Kearney	K Tan M Tan	E McGuire T Kurnianin	M Tiamson T Mancinone
Acolytes	D Morais	D Bianchini	M Braganza	P Doray	A Phoon
Altar Servers	C Heslop A John O Law	B Boudville E Boudville	A Dass B Dass C Dass	L Nathan A Prasetyo	J Maguire H Oversby D Phoon
Extra Ordinary Minister	J Loo V Ng D Nicholson C Nonis J Roper A Ruban J See J Stephen	B D'Cruz G Dunsford D Gabriel L Gabriel R King K Margawani C Morzenti	E Papineau T Rudianto W Schaefer K Tan S Wong A Aquino M Davies C Derries	J Louie F May N Mourad C Poore L Saverimut G Tedjakunt R Wong L Yeo	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	A De Souza M Doray	F Ling A Martin	M Chong G Das Neves	A De Ridder M Doray	G Munro M Stephen
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Readers Coordinator: Vivian Ng - 9337 7446

Piety Stall	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED
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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 July 2018
Rose Garden Busy Bee
Annual prune and clean-up

Youth

GODSQUAD TEENS GROUP – FRI 29th JUNE 7PM

Thank you to the teens that attended Godsquad Youth Group last week. The final Godsquad meeting for Term 2 will be on Friday 29th June from 7pm – 8:30pm, beginning in the Meeting Room.

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



BATEMAN YOUNG ADULT'S DINNER THIS SUNDAY

The June Young Adults Dinner will be held on this Sunday 24th June at 7:20pm at Nandos in Myaree

COZY CUPPA NEXT WEEKEND SUNDAY 1ST 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.

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.

Late registration is open for the Friday evening pass and the Weekend pass.

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.

Applications close on 15th 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

Parish News

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - SAT 23RD & SUN 24TH JUNE 2018

Our First Eucharist candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time this weekend, have their photos displayed in the church. Let us, as a Parish community support these children, their families and their teachers, by praying for them.

WEDNESDAY FAITH PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY 27 JUN 10AM

In the next session of our video series *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*, we will explore the trials, wonder and mystery of The Nativity.

This half-hour video, begins at **10am on Wed 27 June at Meeting Room 1** (next to parish office) and is followed by sharing and reflection until 11am. It is the fourth of an eight-part presentation by renowned theologian Edward Sri. The series delves deeply into the Scriptures to offer extraordinary insights into Mary's life. Through it, we gain practical lessons from her for our own relationship with God. All are welcome and do come early to prepare yourself a cuppa before we start.

Enquiries: Carolin 0432 855 605 / Christina 0424 220 915

SENIORS' BUS TRIP - THURSDAY 5TH JULY

The annual bus trip will take place on July 5th, 2018. We will be visiting St Vincent's Church, Kwinana for Mass followed by a Blessing for the sick and morning tea with the St Vincent Seniors. Fr Daniel Boyd and Fr Phong will concelebrate Mass at 10am so the bus will depart St Thomas More at 9am. At the conclusion of our visit we will proceed to the Kwinana Dome Café for lunch. Please sign up on the form in the foyer.

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 18th July 2018.**



WATCH and PRAY

The Piety Stall has some books titled "WATCH and PRAY". They are excellent reading and only cost \$5.00 each. They would make an excellent gift for someone too. Please come to the Piety Stall and take a look at this Book.

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.

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

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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.

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.

A set of Planned Giving Envelopes is only issued to parishioners, who are registered to make cash contribution. If you do not have a box with your name on it, please ask for one and register your name on the sheet provided.

Parishioners who use direct debit or credit card system will not be issued with a set of planned giving envelopes, in lieu of this you would be asked to sign the form. We thank you sincerely for your generosity to our Parish.

Thank you! Eamon Broderick

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS FOR COLLECTION

Project Compassion receipts are ready for collection in the church foyer.

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.

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

Diocesan Notices

2-11-11.30am.

National Refugee Week 18 – 24 June

In the Catholic tradition of seeking justice for all, the *West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO)* invites parishioners to respond to the last day of National Refugee Week by signing one or both of these petitions:

https://refugeecouncilaus.nationbuilder.com/roofovermyhead_petition

Petition 1: By signing this petition online, you will be adding your support to the *Refugee Council of Australia* who are asking Federal Government to further support newly arrived refugees.

Petition 2: By signing a different petition in the church foyer over the next few weeks, you will be adding your support to the *Australian Refugee Action Network*. **ARAN** are rightly asking Federal Government to cease detaining people (who have legally sought refuge in Australia) for long periods of time because it harms them long periods those people who have legally sought refuge in Australia because it harms them.