

First Reading - Jer 31:7-9**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Second Reading - Heb 5:1-6**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

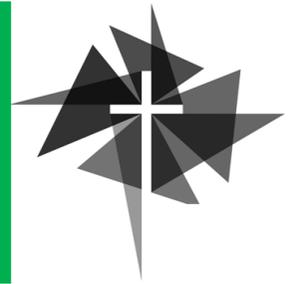
Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel - Mk 10:46-52**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 25, 2015

Seeing is believing

Eight years ago the ABC's 7.30 Report showed a story on Dr Nitin Verma, a Tasmanian-based ophthalmologist who was invited by the UN to lead an Australian team of volunteer eye specialists and support staff to the fledging new democracy of East Timor.

Their task was to combat preventable blindness and treat other eye diseases, such as cataract and glaucoma and to assist Timor Leste establish its own independent eye specialist centre. The country's first ophthalmologist, Marcelino Correia, says his people are proud of Dr Verma's achievements, whose work and reputation were further enhanced when Timor Leste's National Eye Centre opened in 2012.

During his stay in East Timor Dr Verma, who is obviously a deeply compassionate person, saw more than 25,000 patients and operated on more than 2,600 people. In addition, about 32,000 spectacles were dispensed. He says what stays with him today is the memory of the many smiles of those who were healed and the satisfaction of his team's success in difficult circumstances. Can we imagine then the response of Jesus in Jericho after he cured the blind beggar Bartimaeus? And what did Bartimaeus see first when he emerged from his dark world? I imagine he saw love incarnate in the person of Jesus, who told Bartimaeus that it was his faith that had cured him. And as the light dawned, a

Weekly Mass Times:

Monday: 7.00 am	Tuesday: 5.30 pm	Wednesday: 8.00 am
Thursday: 7.00 am	Friday: 5.30 pm	Saturday: 8.30 am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30 pm (Novena 6.00 pm)		
Sunday: 8.00 am, 9.30 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm		

Reconciliation: Saturday: 11.00am - 12.00 noon and 5.00pm - 6.00pm



Fr. Phong Nguyen
Parish Priest



Fr. Jeronimo
Assistant Priest



Fr. Cyprian Shikokoti
Priest in Residence



Deacon Bruce
Parish Deacon

equal joy on the beggar's face. With his new sight, Bartimaeus heeded the call to discipleship and gained access to the 'Way of the Lord'.

In today's gospel, the miracle of regaining sight co-incides with the heeding of the call to discipleship. What is discipleship but following Jesus, which ultimately is identifying with Jesus and his words and works. Furthermore, the healing is associated with gaining insight and coming to see that Jesus the crucified one is the Christ; the anointed one; the risen Son of Man and indeed the Son of God.

Gentleness characterises the healer in God's service; total commitment towards those in need of healing, which the author of Hebrews identifies with the role of high priest "in the order of Melchizedek". (Heb 5:5,6) In Genesis 14:17, the priest, king of Salem, Melchizedek, whose name means, 'king of righteousness', brings bread and wine to celebrate Abram's victory over his enemies. It is the ancient pattern we associate with Jesus' unique eucharistic sacrifice, which unites sorrow and joy and the finality of death with the promise of life.

Disciples, called to be priest, prophet and king, can fully trust in the Lord's merciful words in Jeremiah 31, "I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they will not stumble".

Bet Green

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Baptisms:

We welcome Thomas Imre Mencshelyi, Ivanna Montealegre Munoz, into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths:

Please pray for Violet Maurice (mother of Marlene Cooper), Audrey Cartwright who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Antoinette Gizzi, Thomas Chin Lee Hyen, Steven Wong Kon Yee, Marie Pickersgill, William Light, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

ROSTERS

for 1st NOVEMBER

	Next Week	Saturday 6.30pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 11.00am	Sunday 6.00pm
Bulletin:	Brenella Pasquale					
Flowers:	Diana Puspita					
Counter:	1. C Banasik		2. M Sequeira		3. P Foley	
Greeters	C Lasrado P Lasrado	M Ivanac F Ling	S Hedley A Lauw	A Lau S Mitchell	T Mancinone A Christophe	
Acolytes	D Morais	T Basile	C Dowsett	T Roper	A Taylor	
Altar Servers	J Robless T Robless T Soanchez	L Cherry O Mapfumo	F Spencer A Matthew J Gresham	T Carbone B Doray K Ferraz	E Metschukat A Louis A Moncrieff	
Special Minister	M Davis C Dellaca A De Souza J Doss E Fernandez S Fuderer K Gamba C Lasrado G Lopez	R King Ira Kusnadi C Morzenti C A Norris R Norris P Pickersgi C Price P Price M Woolford	M Murray P Murray C Nonis F Novana A Nugraha E Papineau JM Papineau G Parkinson M Retuens	N Mourad M O' Brien C Poore K Prasetio J Roper S Saverimut L Spadanuda C Tan	Youth Special Ministers	
Catechists	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		(Yrs 1-4) D Radice (Yrs 5-6) G das Neves			
Readers	M Craggs R Craggs	E Temmen G Warman	G Mascarenh G Munro	G Fisher J Fisher	S Taylor A Taylor	
Piety stall	Isabelle	Mary	Patrick	Poake	Ayenis	

Readers' Coordinator:

Carolyn Price

9310 2660

MORE CARE

Do you need help or know someone who does?

- † Geraldine 9332 8795 (Visiting)
- † Monica 9364 9358 (Meals)
- † Caroline 9313 5452 (Transport)
- † Juliana 9310 1747 (General-office hrs)

Rose Garden
November 2015

Section A
Francis Chai

Section B
Mike Kelly

Youth

Parish Events

STRONGER YOUTH GROUP

After an amazing camp at the start of the month and a great youth night at the "Why Be Catholic" youth night, we hope to see you again for our next Stronger Youth Night on the 6th of November!! Come down and keep learning about our faith and have lots of fun together. We hope to see you there!

Community Events

CYM HOLY HOUR & SPRING SPEAKER SERIES

Holy Hour hosted by Catholic Youth Ministry Perth is held every Wednesday at the Office situated at 40A Mary Street, Highgate. Mass will be at 5.30pm, followed by adoration from 6.30-7.30pm, with fellowship and dinner after for a \$5 donation. Hope to see you there!

Every Wednesday starting 7th of October and ending the 11th of November, due to popular demand CYM are bringing back our Spring Speaker Series after Holy Hour. It will see topics relevant to young adults that will surely tickle and stimulate both emotions and intellect.

Topic for 28th October: Physical Fitness To Bring Glory to God

Speaker: St Emilie's (Canning Vale) Parish Youth Leader, Matthew Woodford

To find out about other topics head to: <http://cym.com.au/events/cym-spring-speaker-series-2015/>

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT FOR EMBRACE THE GRACE (7TH NOVEMBER)

Put your trivia hats on because the Fundraising Quiz Night for Embrace the Grace is back! Held at the Disciples of Jesus Auditorium, (67 Howe St, Osborne Park) Catholic Youth Ministry and Respect Life Office invites you to join us for a night of trivia, entertainment and the chance to win great prizes! Get your friends together and register a table of eight for a great night out in support of a great cause. Individual tickets are also available. Tickets are only \$20 a person. RSVP by Friday, 30 October to admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. Proceeds will subsidize registration fees to enable young people to attend Embrace the Grace Youth Conference.

EMBRACE THE GRACE YOUTH CONFERENCE - 9-13TH DECEMBER

Each summer, for the past 11 years, teenagers and young adults come to the beautiful town of New Norcia to attend Embrace the Grace. For over a decade, Embrace the Grace has transformed the lives of young Catholics and we invite you be part of this year's amazing youth conference. At Embrace the Grace you will Hear from passionate and dynamic speakers Explore faith, life issues and our culture today through talks, workshops, music, drama and prayer. Freely engage with your faith and life's greatest questions! Register now at www.cym.com.au/embracethegrace. For general enquires contact Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM): admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. *If you would like to help with a donation toward sponsorship to assist a young person to attend, please contact CYM.*

Parish News

ALL SOULS' DAY—MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2015

There will be two Masses on Monday 2nd November for ALL SOULS DAY. The usual Mass at 7.00am and an evening Mass at 7.30pm in the Church.

HOME ROSARY— MONTH OF OCTOBER

All those interested in having the Rosary in their homes during the month of October are invited to write their names on the list in the foyer. A Statute of Our Lady and some books are available. Enquiries to Juliana on 93101747



SENIORS MORNING MASS & COFFEE—19TH NOVEMBER

Our next Seniors Morning Mass and Coffee will take place on Thursday 19th November at 10.00am in the church followed by morning coffee in the meeting room. Please register on the list in the church foyer.

KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT AS FRIEND—WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER

Welcome back to all Yidarra Mothers and we look forward to seeing you at the "Knowing God even better" sessions! The next session is titled, "How do we get to know the Holy Spirit as friend? We will come to understand how the Holy Spirit is like a precious gift that needs to be unwrapped. We welcome all parents and grandparents from Yidarra School and Parishioners. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship over a cuppa, as well as coming to know this friend more deeply.

Date and Time: Wednesday 28th October 9:15-10:30am

Where: St Thomas More Parish hall.

You are welcome to bring your children and some toys. For further information contact Sr. Ann on 0418 130 200 or Carolin on 0432 855 605.

ICCP INDONESIAN FOOD FAIR—SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER

The annual ICCP Indonesian Food Fair will be held on Saturday 31 Oct 2015 starting at 3pm at Yidarra School Canteen, St. Thomas More Church, Cnr Dean & Marsengo Rd, Bateman. All kinds of Indonesian authentic food will be available e.g. satay, noodles, fried rice, spring rolls and many more. We also be entertained by live acoustic bands. For more info contact Ika 0422 638 179.

REFLECTION WEEKEND FOR WOMEN

Theme: Mary's 'Yes' opened the door to Salvation! What are we saying yes to in our world, Community and our family today? Mary's yes changed the world forever. Because she was willing to surrender herself into the hands of God and trust that God would provide a way.

Mary, in her selflessness, was already open to the angel's visit. She recognized who was speaking. She listened, received and responded. In so doing, she shows us the way to respond to the Lord's call in our own lives.

When: Friday November 20th. 4pm- Sunday 22nd. 1-00pm, 2015

Where: St. John of God Retreat Centre, 47 Gloucester Crescent, Shoalwater

Enquiries: Sr. Ann 0418 130 200 or email annsjg@gmail.com

Personal Advocacy Service

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. We welcome everyone to an Adapted liturgy on Saturday 31st October 2015, 6.30pm Mass at St. Thomas More parish, Bateman. These adaptations encourage participation and inclusion of our parishioners with intellectual disabilities. Movement by members of the Personal Advocacy Groups will accompany the Responsorial Psalm, Reading and Gospel in order to highlight its meaning. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome and share in their gifts and talents. We welcome one and all. Please invite any families you think may want to be part of this parish celebration of inclusion. For enquiries contact Andrea Carlos on 92755388.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

PRAYING OUR EXPERIENCES – GROWING AWARENESS OF GOD IN MY EVERYDAY

This focused prayer time is assisted with talks on a theme, followed by personal time in the chapel or garden. Optional sharing of our faith with others on the journey, adds to the richness of this prayer time.

When: Friday 30th October 2015. Morning session at 10.30am -12.00noon.
(repeated) Evening session at 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Theme: God cares for all our needs. Are we able to acknowledge Divine Providence's influence in our daily lives? An invitation to pause and review God's abundant love.

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth. (Parking in York Street)

RSVP: Essential by Wednesday 28th October: 9334 0999, laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE 2015

A warm welcome is extended to all young people to attend a Mass on this "Year of Consecrated life" to pray that the young will be open to the action of the Holy Spirit in their lives and consider the possibility of a vocation to the religious life or priesthood.

Where: The Redemptorist Monastery, 190 Vincent St, North Perth

When: All Saints Day, Sunday 1st November at 6pm

Theme: Vocations to Religious life and Priesthood.

You are invited to supper following the Mass.

ST TERESA OF AVILA—MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

United in Prayer—we Save our Children

St. Teresa of Avila Mothers' Prayer Group invites all mothers and grandmothers to a Thanksgiving Mass.

When: Saturday 14 November 2015

Time: 8.30 am at St Thomas More Church

Please bring a plate for fellowship after mass. For more information contact:

Carolyn : 0432855605 / Su : 0413560033

FAITH ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

We grow and mature in many areas of our lives, but is our understanding of our faith left behind? The Centre for Faith Enrichment (formerly Maranatha) is the adult faith education agency of the Archdiocese of Perth. The CFE offers short daytime, evening and weekend courses at various locations throughout Perth and even online. Upcoming course topics include the Pope's new encyclical, an introduction to the Old Testament, the Trinity, Church history and much more! Best of all, there are no exams or assignments! For more information, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221 for a brochure

EMBRACING WOMANHOOD—A DAY OF REFLECTION FOR WOMAN OF ALL AGES.

Ladies are your cups overflowing with the busyness, cares and concerns of your everyday lives? Are you burdened by the many roles that you are juggling as a daughter, wife, carer, cook, employee, taxi driver, etc.? Come and empty your cluttered cups and let Jesus fill you with His— love, peace, wisdom, patience and joy. Young mothers, we especially urge you to come and take a spiritual break..

A spiritual dimension over a cup of tea will be presented by Sr. Ann Cullinane, SJG, at St Benedict parish hall on THURSDAY 29th October 2015 from 9am to 2.30pm. Cost of \$10 includes morning tea and a light lunch. There are only 40 spaces available so do register early to secure a place. To register, please call Judy Phillips on 9364-9249.

LOVE HEALING MINISTRY

To be held on Saturday, October 24th at the Sacred Heart Church, 50 Ovens Rd, Thornlie, following the 6pm Mass. Come along to receive healing either physically, mentally or spiritually! Come along to be 'set free' from bondages of the past or the present, and find release to live out your future!

LOVE HM is an outreach of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. For further info call Gilbert, 0431570322 or Fr David Watt, 93761734

IMAGINATIVE MEDITATION ON GOSPEL SCENES & THE BENEFITS ACCORDING TO NEUROSCIENCE

Presented by Norma Woodcock

Science says that our thoughts & choices impact our physical brain & body, our mental health & our spiritual development.

Dates: Wednesdays, October 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th

Times: 7.30pm—8.30pm

Venue: St Benedict's Church Cnr Canning Highway & Ardross St Applecross

Cost: collection

Enq: 94871772, norma@normawoodcock.com www.normawoodcock.com

Catholic Charismatic Renewal—CCR Perth

Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you to join us in our next 'CCR Together' gathering to be held on Friday 30th October, at the Orana Catholic primary School hall, 38 Querrin Ave, Willetton, commencing with Rosary at 7pm and P&P at 7.30pm. Our guest speaker is Mr Eddie Russell from Flame Ministries International. So come along and be challenged and encouraged through worship and teaching, and share the fellowship of like-minded friends. Our evening will include a collection for the ongoing work of the Renewal, and we will conclude with a light supper so you may bring a plate if you wish. Queries to Dan on 9398 4973; or email: daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com