



ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH MINISTRY BOOKLET

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Ministry Booklet 2022

Dear Parishioners,

In the spirit of joy, we warmly welcome you to our community of St. Thomas More Catholic Parish Bateman. Our parish is an active and vibrant Christian community, which provides an environment for everyone to grow spiritually and truly appreciate community life and worship.

This Ministry Booklet enables you to find out more about our parish community, the Parish Teams, Parish Committees and a variety of groups together with a contact name, email address and number. We invite you to share your gifts and talents by joining any of our parish group of your interest and contact the people listed if you wish to make further enquiries.

We hope that you and your family will find joy and peace by being part of our welcoming parish family. Please do not hesitate to make yourself known after Mass or contact us at the Parish Office if you need any assistance. Thank you!

God bless,

Rev. Fr. Phong Nguyen

PARISH WEBSITE: (New)

<http://bateman.perthcatholic.org.au/>

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Please contact Anton Louie (Antonlouie@hotmail.com) or the Parish Secretary (<mailto:bateman@perthcatholic.org.au>) to update this document.

St Thomas More Bateman Parish

The following is a condensed form of our Parish Ministry Booklet. To reduce the size of this document, we excluded the contact details of the leaders / coordinators. Some parishioners have enquired about how they can be more involved in our parish and others are unaware of some of the activities in our church. This insert is intended to address these issues.

In keeping with our church's motto "A house of welcome for all and a place of service to all", these ministries help to realise our parish's motto. Our goal is to keep growing our services to the community and look forward to many more people attending our prayer / devotional services and fellowship activities. We also look forward to you stepping up to volunteer your time and talents to make our parish even more dynamic. We would be issuing Commitment forms early 2023 when you can indicate the ministries you wish to join as a volunteer.

SAFEGUARDING MINISTRY

Group: Safeguarding Programme
Administers Safeguarding policies and procedures as directed by the Archdiocese, with support of our Parish Priest to ensure protection of children and vulnerable adults.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Group: Adult Faith Formation
Works with the Centre for Faith Enrichment and others to develop and promote programs aimed at deepening our parish's appreciation of the Catholic faith.

Group: Religious Education (RE) Program
RE program for children from non-Catholic schools up to Year 7. Also ensure that all Parish children receive the age relevant Sacraments – Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and sometimes Baptism.

Group: Rite of Christian Initiation for the Youth (RCIY)
Provide the RCIY program for high school students to ensure that these children, who may have missed out on various Sacraments, have a path to Confirmation.

Group: Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) core group and sponsors
Responsible for guiding the formation process of catechumens and candidates. Conduct weekly presentations relating to all aspects of the Catholic faith. RCIA also offers adult Catholics an opportunity to enrich their faith journeys by being a sponsor.

Group: Vocations Committee
Promote vocation to priesthood and religious vocations. Support seminarians and prayer vigil for vocations.

Group: Wednesday Faith Program

Promote adult faith formation in an informal, supportive environment. Each session consists of a video presentation by a renowned Catholic theologian, followed by reflection and sharing within the group. Held very 2nd and 4th Wednesday during school terms, starting at 10am for 1-1.5 hours depending on the length of the video series.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Group: Altar Servers

Altar serving including main liturgical celebrations. Train young kids after their First Holy Communion to be involved in altar serving.

Group: Acolytes

Appointed to attend to the services of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass.

Group: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priest in giving Communion to the assembly. They may also take Communion to the sick and elderly at home or in hospitals.

Group: Children's Liturgy of the Word

Primary school age children celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday 10am Mass during the school term. The children worship and listen to the Readings and hear Christ speak to us thru the Gospel at their own level, 20-25 minutes.

Group: Children Mass Planning Group

Provides the children an opportunity to participate more wholly in the Mass. Children will be given the opportunity to read, re-enact the Gospel, participate in the choir and take part in the offertory, amongst other things.

Group: Creative Liturgy Team

To provide visual support for main liturgical celebrations such as Easter, Christmas, anniversary, etc.

Group: Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee supports the clergy in preparing parish celebrations. It develops guidelines, supports the various liturgical ministries; and plans and reviews all liturgies within the parish.

Group: Mass Greeters

Our mission is to greet parishioners as they come to church for Mass. To make them feel welcome when handing out bulletin notices with a smile that depicts the parish motto "A house of welcome for all and a place of service to all."

Group: Music Ministry

Provides music for the weekend Masses (6pm, 8am & 10am) including many special feasts. It also provides the music for children's Masses and for the celebrations of First Eucharist. Music ministry members are also available for weddings and funerals.

Group: Youth Music Ministry

Provides music for Sunday 6pm Mass including confirmation, Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Christmas Eve, as well as weddings and funerals pending availability.

Group: Bateman Family Choir

Provides music for the 6.00pm Mass on the second Saturday of every month.

Group: Readers

Ensure readers are available for all weekend masses.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Group: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Mission is to help propagate the faith & instil hope. Forum of worship and opportunity for benediction & sacraments of reconciliation & anointing. A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our church on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

Group: Eucharistic Adoration

We invite all parishioners to join in adoration during the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church every Wednesday when the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 09:30 am to 11:00 am, ending with Benediction at 11:00 am.

Group: Legion of Mary

The aim is to increase the personal holiness of our members through the imitation of the virtues of Mary, foster a deeper devotion to Mary among people and undertake various apostolic works. Every Friday in Meeting Room No.2 at 9.30 to 11am

Group: Rosary Devotion to Our Lady

In the months of May and October, a Statue of Our Lady and some books together with a list, is left in the church foyer for parishioners to allocate one day, to have the rosary in their homes. Some people invite others to join them for prayers and others don't.

Group: The Travelling Chalice

The Chalice Program is for families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a reminder of this special intention for the Church. Typically, the Chalice is kept in a parishioner's home for about a fortnight and each day, the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations.

Group: Devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague

This devotion is a veneration of our Lord's sacred Infancy. It is also widely known that many who petitioned before the Infant Jesus have received graces, blessings, favours and miraculous healings. The Holy Infant Jesus of Prague statue is available for prayers and devotion at your home for one-week cycle, on request, based on a rotational schedule.

Group: Scriptural Rosary Group

Pray the rosary with scriptural reflection with others who wish to make a difference by praying for the needs of our community. Meet every Tuesday morning during school term 8.50am to 9.20am in Church or Shrine. All are welcome including children.

Group: Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

To encourage and foster personal devotion to our Mother by attending the weekly Novena in her honour. Novena is on every Saturday at 5:30pm in the church

Group: Mothers Prayer Group

Mothers get together to pray for their children and grandchildren on 1st and 3rd Thursdays at the church hall, 10:00-12:00 noon. (This is a new group commencing in 2023 – date to be announced in parish bulletin)

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Group: St. Thomas More Parish (STMP) Youth Group

This youth group is for high school aged students. We focus on fun, fellowship and faith formation. Meet every fortnight on Friday from 7- 8:30pm during the school term. Come along to meet other young people, learn about your faith and make some good friends.

Group: St. Thomas More Parish (STMP) Young Adults (18-35 years old)

We host monthly dinners and inter-parish social gatherings and attend outreach programs throughout the year. We also run faith formation sessions. More detail in Mass Bulletin or Parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bateman catholic/>

Group: Seniors

Support parish seniors through fellowship and outings. Mass for seniors and morning tea is held 4 times a year. You will find dates for our meeting in the Weekly Mass Bulletin.

Group: Craft

We get together to socialise with various craft hobbies in a friendly environment e.g. knitting, crocheting etc. We have luncheons at end of terms and at Christmas. Meet every Tuesday 12:15 -2:15 pm, except during school holidays and public holidays.

Group: Shower Singers

Singing at retirement villages and hospices to provide entertainment and comfort with songs and hymns. Fortnightly on 2nd Friday and last Friday of the Month.

Group: Events Committee

Organizes and coordinates major social events in the parish to bring about unity and fellowship amongst our parishioners in a celebratory and social environment.

Group: Sunday Morning Tea

Morning tea and fellowship following the Sunday 8:00 am Masses

Group: Welcoming Committee

We meet, greet and register new parishioners at weekend Masses. New parishioners are encouraged to join our Sunday morning tea to meet other parishioners.

Group: Men Alive Choir

Men singing together for fellowship & faith formation. The group sings at Mass every month and at parish social events.

Group: Rosary Making Group

Propagating the Most Holy Rosary by making them for distribution especially for the missions. Meet every Friday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

CARE MINISTRY

Group: Morecare

The pastoral care program provides short-term emergency care and practical support to those in need within the parish community. These services such as local transport, emergency meals, visiting the sick or lonely and bereavement support for those bereaved families. The services are offered by Morecare coordinators and volunteers.

Group: Mental Health First Aider

Focused on promoting mental health wellbeing through networking with other mental health organisations and support groups for the benefit of our parish community.

Group: Personal Advocacy Service

Mission is to establish networks of support and foster the dev't of relationships between people with intellectual disabilities (friends) and local community members (advocates) to enable greater participation in the church community life.

Group: Society of St Vincent de Paul

Serve those in need and the forgotten, the victims of exclusion or adversity. Visits to people who seeks help by giving food, clothes, or/and furniture. We address loneliness and refer mental health issue to appropriate organisation.

OPERATIONS MINISTRY

Group: Building Maintenance Team

Routine maintenance of buildings, gardens, paving, electrical, mechanical and plumbing services. Renovations to facilities. Strategic planning for future renovations and capital works – obtaining quotes etc.

Group: Shrine Garden Carers

Clean and maintain the Marian shrine on a regular basis.

Group: Rose Garden

Prune, weed and tidy the rose gardens in front of the church and the presbytery area. Volunteers are rostered to look after a section of the rose garden each month.
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Group: IT Committee

Governance over Information Tech, including infrastructure (server, desktop and network), parish applications, software, Internet access, security, disaster recovery and procure IT support and capital replacement. Excludes Audio Visual governance.

Group: Finance Committee

To provide governance and guidance on parish finances in consultation with parish priest.

Group: Sacristan Committee

Prepare the vessels, altar and other requirements for Masses; launder altar linens, priests' vestments and altar servers' albs; and maintain sacristy supplies.

Group: Parish Floral Ministry

We do the altar floral arrangements weekly.

Group: Piety Stall

We arrange for suitable Christian materials to be available for sale to parishioners.

Group: Bulletin Team

Main activity - type, format and prepare parish notices for Weekend Parish Bulletin.
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Group: Sunday Cash Counters

Count and tally weekend collections for banking.
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