

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel - Mark 16:1-7

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

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

Easter Sunday, Year B

March 31, 2024

Professing our faith in a broken world

War, disease, famine, and economic uncertainty are part of our daily news. The global scenario is depressing, and we feel for the numerous civilian victims. What can we do and how can we respond as we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord?

Our primary response must be one of hope even in the midst of these global catastrophes. Our hope is based on the fundamental Christian belief that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and without this belief our faith is futile, and we are a people living with a delusion.

Despite the work of the 'masters of suspicion': Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and Friedrich Nietzsche who proposed respectively that religion was "the opium of the people," "an illusion," and that "God is dead," these critiques need to be addressed in our lives and our response is based on the scriptures and our lived experience.

John's gospel tells us the story of Mary of Magdala who came to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone removed. She ran to Simon Peter and the other disciples to tell them the news. Simon Peter and the 'beloved disciple' ran to the tomb and the younger man waited until Simon Peter arrived and entered the tomb.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 5:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Saturday: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday: 9:30am - 11:00am

First Friday : 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Divine Mercy Chaplets

Second Wednesday: 7:30pm

Novena

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Phong Nguyen
Priest in Residence: Rev. Fr. Anthony Vu
Parish Secretary: Heidy Lu

He saw the linen cloths on the ground and the cloth that had been over his head. Peter sees the fact that there is no body and observes the details, but the 'beloved disciple' then entered the tomb and we hear that "he saw, and he believed." Peter is the leader of the followers of Jesus, but the unnamed 'beloved disciple' is the model disciple and believer.

While Mary of Magdala is the bearer of the news, it is Peter who proclaims the good news to the household of the Gentile Cornelius and his household. The message of Jesus is not just good news for the Jews but good news for all people.

The good news has influenced the lives of many people who are sustained by their belief especially when they experience difficulties in their lives. They also bear witness by their lives to the difference that faith makes to our lives. Their example is a powerful witness to their children and grandchildren who need to address the issues raised by the 'masters of suspicion'.

In a climate of increasing relativism in our Catholic schools where there is limited sense of Catholic identity and mission, it is important that we profess our faith through the example of our lives and a continuing commitment to making a difference in our world. Our prayers for a broken world may not bring immediate change to those who are suffering but our commitment to solidarity with them is part of our Christian witness.

May we be inspired by the example of the 'beloved disciple' and bear witness to our belief and hope in the presence of God in our midst.

Michael A Kelly CSsR
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Baptisms:

We welcome Arthur George Snowden and Jasmine Dani Craven into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Gary Raymond Monck and Karen Chan Li Ming who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Carlos Arturo Varela, Raymond Nonis, Frances (Babs) Fialho, Maria Lucia Crosato, Sara Victoria, S. Mark, Robert Heng and Tyszecki Joseph whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 7TH APRIL

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
Flowers: Rosemary Yeo
Counters: 1. P Foley 2. P Murray 3. G Weldt

| | Saturday 7.00pm | Sunday 8.00am | Sunday 10.00am |
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| Acolytes | D Morais V Roque (thurifer) | C Goh | A Louie |
| Altar Servers | A Dass G Dass A D'Monte | J Cherian I Lu | A Evans S Evans A Geaney |
| Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion | K Poole J Doss E Fernandez D Gareffa G Garreffa O D'Mello C Hoare | C Cox B D'Cruz M de Rozario D Dennis G Dunsford W Goh J Randazzo | A Aquino P Braganza B Bucat A Crossley M Davis M Doray J Louie |
| Catechists | | | NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY |
| Readers | M Craggs A De Sousa | C Tan D Dennis | J To K Wasley |
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MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

- ♦ Stephen 0408 167 400 (Coordinator)
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 - ♦ Serina 0420 991 868 (Visiting)
 - ♦ Angela 0418 953 992 (Bereavement Support)
 - ♦ Parish Office 9310 1747 (General Enquiries)
- Christine 0412 887 950 (Transport)

PARISH NEWS

Please note: In 2024, there will be Masses for the following Solemnities, Holy Week, Octave of Easter, and Octave of Christmas that will fall either on Monday or Saturday:

- Monday 1st April – 9.00am – Octave of Easter
- Saturday 6th April – 9.00am – Octave of Easter
- Monday 8th April – 9.00am – The Annunciation of the Lord
- Monday 24th June – 9.00am – The Nativity of St John the Baptist.
- Saturday 29th June – 9.00am – St Peter and St Paul



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

PARISH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please be advised of our parish email addresses at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Bateman Parish:

1. Bateman Catholic Parish (Secretary): bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
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PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2024 AT 6.00PM-9.00PM
First Friday Adoration will be held on 5th April 2024 at 6.00pm - 9.00pm. Resources will be left on the back table. **"Be still and know that I am God".**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024 (1st Sunday after Easter)
Our parish celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday with 10am mass followed immediately by the Chaplets. There will be light refreshments in the courtyard at approximately 11.30 at the completion of the Chaplets.

The next devotion after that will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.

FIRST SATURDAY & SUNDAY COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

There will be tea and coffee after First Saturday 6pm evening and First Sunday 10am mass.

First Saturday coffee is the second month of the trial and will be immediately after 6pm mass on Saturday 6th April.

First Sunday Coffee in the courtyard will be after 10am mass and Chaplets on Sunday 7th April.

PARISH MISSION 8TH – 11TH MAY 2024

5½ weeks to go! Parishioners are invited to be fully immersed in a prayerful and enriching experience. With Adoration, prayers, guest speakers, talks from Peter Cox and a "walk for the body mind and spirit" at Piney Lakes; there will be much to engage you.

Please continue praying for the success of the Mission.

SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024: ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BATEMAN

First Holy Communion: 22nd June 2024 - **Enrolments for this class have now closed.**

Confirmation: 7th /8th September 2024 - **Enrolments close for this class 30th March 2024. The link to enrol can be found on the parish website.**

Reconciliation: 26th October 2024 - **Enrolments close for this class 31st May 2024.**

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN. CONFIRMATION 7TH/8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

All children wishing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Thomas More Parish are now invited to register for the sacrament. Registrations are online. The link is as below and can also be found on the parish website.

registrations close on 30th March 2024. If you are experiencing any difficulty enrolling, please contact the RE/ Sacramental Coordinator on 93101747 Tues/ Wed or email her on catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au.

You can use the link here to enrol for Confirmation:

<https://stthomasmorebateman.formstack.com/forms/enrolment2024>.

PARISH NEWS

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk.

This induction provides an overview of the:

- Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures.
- Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention.
- Reporting of concerns.
- Role of the Safeguarding Officer.
- Collective Responsibility and Care.

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary.

Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years.

The upcoming session is as follow:

Date: Wednesday, 10th April 2024

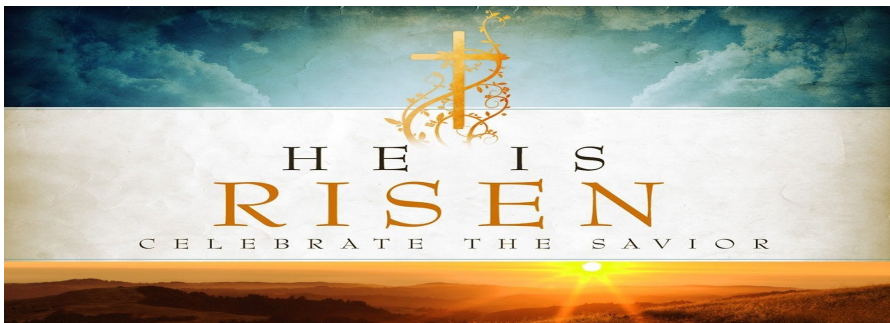
Time: 7-8 pm

Venue: Pater Noster, 460 Marmion Street, Myaree

Registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone **9221 7762** to book in.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Have you thought about becoming a Safeguarding Officer? We are urgently looking for volunteers to work with the Parish Safeguarding Team. If you are interested please contact the parish office on 93101747 or email bateman@perthcatholic.org.au



**We wish all our parishioners a very Holy and Blessed Easter!
Drive Safe and Keep Save over the Holidays.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

LOCAL PRIEST PENS BOOK JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER

Fr Charles Waddell has just published the book *Why the Risen Jesus Matters*. World-renowned author Ron Rolheiser writes, 'This book is a beautifully articulated spirituality of the resurrection that can help us press the reset button in our lives.' To order contact www.stpauls.com.au – or for signed copies contact: charles.waddell@perthcatholic.org.au. It's the perfect Easter gift for yourself and your loved ones!

ST CHARLES' SEMINARY VOCATION OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 5TH MAY

"Time to Consider the Priesthood". St Charles Seminary in Guildford is holding their annual Vocations Open Day on Sunday, 5th May 2024, calling all interested males from the age of 17yrs and older, who are thinking about a vocation to the Priesthood, to come along and **'look and see'**.

Details may be found on the flyer on the notice board or St Charles Seminary website: www.stcharlesseminary.perthcatholic.org.au or call (08) 9279-1310 to register for the day.

"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus. There is no-one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit" – Homily by Pope St John Paul II.



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH TO SAINTS AND SHRINES IN EASTERN EUROPE

TUESDAY 1ST TO WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2024

PRESENTATION ON SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2024 AT 10AM

There will be a pilgrimage presentation to Saints and Shrines in Eastern Europe (Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia and Austria). The pilgrimage includes visiting the UNESCO Plitvice Lakes National Park, Medjugorje, where alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary are continuing, Dubrovnik, Split, Croatia, Marija Bistrica (old Marian shrine of the Black Madonna), Ljubljana, Brezje, Bled Slovenia, Mariazell, Maria Taferl, Melk and Vienna, Austria, renowned throughout the world as a City of Music.

The presentation by Anawim Journeys with Fr. Phong as spiritual advisor is on **Saturday 1 June at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about the pilgrimage of faith and secure a booking!

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