

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel - John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

2nd Sunday Easter, Year B

April 7, 2024

Communities of love and faith

L'Arche is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. *L'Arche*, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

L'Arche was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of *Trosly-Breuil*. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, *L'Arche* has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, *L'Arche* communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. *L'Arche* communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in

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 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 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

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 for this class have now closed.**

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

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 93101747 or email bateman@perthcatholic.org.au.

FRONT GARDEN MAINTENANCE

There is an opportunity for garden enthusiasts to express their love for the Lord. Help is needed to maintain the front garden beds of our church and presbytery. Please contact Max Mayes 0407 990 506.



Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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
2. Bateman Planned Giving: pgiving.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
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PARISH NEWS

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.

THANK YOU – 2024 HOLY WEEK, THE TRIDUUM & EASTER CELEBRATIONS

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who dedicated themselves in the preparation for a very meaningful Holy Week and helped in making our Easter celebrations so prayerful and special.

Parishioners in the various ministries:

- Acolytes led by Peter Cox
- Altar Servers led by Kate Poole, Readers led by Michele Doray
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion led by Alina De Souza
- Parish Music Ministries, Cantors, Psalmists, Musicians, the Youth Music Ministry and Collectors & Greeters
- Beverley Bucat, Cyril & Winnie Goh and the Sacristan Team
- Gerard and Matthew O'Sullivan – palm branches
- John and Angela McCarthy who helped to prepare candles
- Joan Louie and the Floral team for the Altar of Repose & floral arrangements
- Louis Papineau and the Creative Liturgy Team
- Carol Ann and Richard Norris – liturgical curtains
- Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) helped with song sheet distributions and Easter fliers
- Fioline Oetomo – Promotional Materials
- Parish Liturgy Committee and the RCIA Core Group
- Max & Annie Mayes, Mike Lu, and Vincent Sutijono – Chairs Coordinators
- Anton Louie, Delfino Morais and Russel D'Silva – Easter Fire
- Cathryn Tan – lighting
- Andre Chan – Photographer
- Louis Papineau – Easter eggs

There are so many parishioners and volunteers who have kindly assisted behind the scenes. Parishioners who have been very enthusiastic to offer their services in so many other ways by giving their time and efforts to make our Easter celebrations truly prayerful and uplifting experience.

We are grateful to Fr. Anthony, our Seminarian Chris De Freitas, and the Parish Staff for their wonderful support over a very busy time leading up to Holy Week and the Easter weekend. We pray that all our parishioners and families at St Thomas More, Bateman Parish will be blessed with joyful hope as we enter into the new life of the Risen Christ. Happy Easter! Fr. Phong Nguyen

PARISH NEWS

PARISH MISSION 8TH – 11TH MAY 2024

4 ½ weeks to go! We ask for the intercession of Mary our Mother, and dedicate our Mission to an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. There will be daytime Adoration, prayer and speakers; evening speakers and Divine Mercy Chaplets; Saturday talk on The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and parish Saturday morning walk (for all ages). There is something for everyone during our parish Mission. Please continue praying for the success of the Mission.

Our Parish Mission program includes a concert with Father Rob Galea. Fr Rob's visit coincides with our Parish Mission Week, and gives the parish and college community an incredible opportunity to gather together in what will be a joy filled and exciting experience.

Fr. Rob Galea in concert offers a unique and uplifting experience that combines music, storytelling, and spiritual reflection to inspire audiences and deepen their connection with their faith. Through his powerful performances and engaging stage presence, Fr. Galea creates an atmosphere of joy, hope, and unity, inviting listeners to journey with him on a spiritual and musical adventure. The concert at Corpus Christi College on 9 May will support his ministry and the work of Caritas Australia and LifeLink WA.

Details:

Thursday 9th May 5.30 -7.30 pm Corpus Christi College Gymnasium

Tickets are general admission (non seated)

Please wear soft-soled and non-marking shoes (to avoid floor damage)

For accessible seating please contact events@corpuswa.edu.au.

Parking is available on the school oval (please follow the signs)

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/father-rob-galea> (<https://events.humanitix.com/father-rob-galea>)

Facebook event here:

<https://facebook.com/events/s/charity-concert-with-father-ro/1149896982718108/>

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE, held this **Sunday, 7th April** at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Lower Chittering. Beginning at 11.30am with confessions, lunch and talk; 1.30pm Mass; 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy and veneration of 1st class relic of St Faustina; concluding with afternoon tea. For bus transport, ph Francis on 0404893877.


HEALING MASS in honour of St Peregrine patron saint of cancer sufferers and all in need will be held on **Thursday 18 April at 7pm** in Sts John & Paul, Willetton Catholic church. There will be blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine and Anointing of the Sick.

MAY PILGRIMAGE AT THE SCHOENSTAT SHRINE SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024, 2.30 – 4.30 PM
Rosary Procession, Reflections PMA - Coordinators' Recommissioning Benediction, Refreshments. You are welcome to bring flowers; children are invited to dress in white for the procession. 9 Talus Dr Mt Richon - www.schoenstattwa.org.au.
"Mary, Teach us to pray." (Year of prayer 2024)

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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