

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Second Reading - 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,

and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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

3rd Sunday Easter, Year B

April 14, 2024

Called to be prophetic witnesses

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were

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: Heidi Lu

both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Noah Joseph Mascarenhas and Kai John Pauley into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Gary Raymond Monck who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Eileen Kemp whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 21ST APRIL

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Justina Voon
 Counters: 1. I Basuki 2. T Basuki 3. D Kumala

	Saturday 7.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	J Nonis	M Humble	P Doray
Altar Servers	F Lie J Lie J Mar	J Cherian I Lu	G Chua A Demberger E Gatchalian
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	V Ng P Ardianto R Oetomo L Rego A Roque L Sequeira M Sequeira	M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz D Dennis G Dunsford W Goh	N Mourad C Poore G Prasetyo E Ross T Rudianto L Saverimutto R Triuntari
Catechists			CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth
Readers	D Hoare C Hoare	M Golding P Golding	G Das Neves A Crossley
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MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

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

YOUTH NOTICES

BATEMAN TEENS GROUP

For any inquiries regarding our youth ministry please don't hesitate to contact CYM directly at admin@cym.com.au or 9422 7912. Visit them at <https://cym.com.au/> or follow them on Facebook.



MUSO'S & VOCALISTS WANTED!

CYM is establishing a Music Ministry Team!

We are running several upcoming events this year and we need your help to share our faith with the young people of Perth. (For Young Adults 18 to 30 years)

For further information please email admin@cym.com.au



YOUNG ADULTS WINTER DANCE 2024

Join the Young Adults for an evening of music, movement and community.

Saturday 25th May 7pm (after the 6pm mass). **Tickets are \$25.**

All proceeds will go towards the St Vincent de Paul Society.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sfx-winter-dance-2024-tickets-856630554047?aff=oddtcreator>

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

You are encouraged to complete this very brief safeguarding survey. This feedback will help safeguarding to identify the effectiveness of existing practices concerning the children and vulnerable adults in our Parish. Please leave completed survey forms in the foyer. Thank you

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

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 24th June – 9.00am – The Nativity of St John the Baptist.
- Saturday 29th June – 9.00am – St Peter and St Paul

PARISH MISSION 8TH – 11TH MAY 2024

With only 3½ weeks to go, we pray that God looks favourably on our community at this time by praying our our mission prayer:

Jesus, You taught us to know God as “Our Father”.

We ask You Father to shower Your blessings and grace upon our parish community at Saint Thomas More.

Help us, through our parish mission, to grow together in unity and strength, to pray together in love, to learn together in humility and to share in fellowship during the days of the parish mission. We pray through the intercession of Mary our Mother, who knows our needs.

May we deepen our faith, hope and love for You Father as we dedicate this mission to an increase in vocations. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please keep a copy of this prayer to bring to weekday masses.

Reminder: have you purchased your tickets to hear Fr Rob Galea?

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://events.humanitix.com/father-rob-galea>

Facebook event:

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

Please use your flock notes bulletin for easy access to these links.

THE MEN ALIVE 10TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - SAT 20TH APRIL 2024

The Men Alive Choir from Bateman Parish, is celebrating our 10th Anniversary, on the 20th of April, at the 6.00 pm Mass. As we come together to mark this milestone, we invite all past and present members of the choir to help us rejoice in the joyous melodies and shared memories that singing for the parish community has brought us all in communion with Christ.

The Mass will be followed by fellowship and a shared meal in the Parish Hall. For catering purposes, if you would like to help us celebrate the event, please contact James Earnest on 0401 858 216 to advise him of your participation and to indicate what meal you intend to bring along, if any.

Please contact George Lopez on 0419 910 039 if you want to know more about the choir, which meets every Monday from 7.00 to 8.00 PM for practise and 8.00 to 9.00 PM for fellowship.

PARISH NEWS

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.

SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

Our food sale will be on Sun 28th April. Please come and support us. Any donations of food or enquiries, please contact Winnie 0421601095.

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 batesman@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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

HEALING MASS in honour of St Peregrine patron saint of cancer sufferers and all in need will be held on Thursday 18th 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.

ALBUM LAUNCH CONCERT – Fr Mark Baumgarten is launching a new album of original songs with a concert on the evening of **Saturday 4th of May**. He will be joined by several accomplished musicians, including many who helped record the album. The concert will be held in the parish hall of **St Francis Xavier, Armadale (279 Forrest Road, Hilbert)**. The concert will begin at **7.30pm**, with doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets are \$10 standard, \$40 for a family pass, and children under 12 are free. Get tickets at <https://trybooking.com/CQTAN> or by calling 9399 2143, and see more at <https://pianopriest.com>.

MAY PILGRIMAGE AT THE SCHOENSTAT SHRINE SUNDAY 5TH 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)

DIOCESAN NEWS

ST CHARLES' SEMINARY VOCATION OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

“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.

LIFTED UP: A violin & piano recital on the **Feast of the Ascension on Sunday 12th May from 3pm** in the **Braham Auditorium at Trinity College, East Perth**. All welcome. Bring your mum and grandmum along to this Mother's Day hour-long performance by two world renowned musicians in Daniel Carney on violin & Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of a refuge in Mongolia for mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness.

To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU>. Online bookings are essential because seating is limited.

For further details contact Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

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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