

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## Second Reading - Ephesians 1:17-23

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## Gospel - Mark 16:15-20

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

May 12, 2024

## **What do we do now?**

Imagine how many times, through their days living with and following the Lord, that the disciples found themselves dumbstruck. His teaching fell on them like thunder. Parables, like mysterious worlds, snapped and popped about, opening new, wonderful, bottomless points of view.

And his symbolic actions! He cursed the fig tree. He forgave sins. He woke up in the boat and rebuked the storm. He marched right into the temple and, like a whirlwind, drove out the moneychangers. And, of course, there were the miracles! He touched and healed lepers, the infirm, the blind from birth. He turned water into wine. He walked on water. He even raised a man from the dead!

And all of this was like a plane on a runway, gathering speed, faster, faster, to go ... where? To the cross! The man died. The spear went into His side. They saw his blood spill. They saw His naked body hanging lifelessly from the wood. They saw him taken down and placed into the earth. They were certainly confused then: the whole movement, the whole world-changing, upside-down, inside-out revolution he started ends in total defeat?

Of course, from our place in the long line of heirs to this story, we know it's not over:

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

**SACRAMENTAL DATES FOR 2024: ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH, BATEMAN**  
First Holy Communion: 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 - Enrolments for this class have now closed.  
Confirmation: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 - Enrolments for this class have now closed.  
Reconciliation: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Enrolments close for this class on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

You are invited to an information evening to be held in the Church Meeting Room on **Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 6:30pm**. If you would like someone to accompany you or need more information, please call us on 9310 1747.

### WARNING OF MOBILE PHONE SCAM ALLEGEDLY FROM FR. PHONG.

I would like to bring to your attention a current scam that is circulating within various parish communities. The scam involves a message being sent with the parish priest's name and official photo to parishioners asking them to either send money or gift cards. Please ignore scam text messages using my name and identity. If you are in doubt please contact the Parish Office immediately on 9310 1747.

### WARNING OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS ALLEGEDLY FROM FR. PHONG

Recently many parishioners have notified me and called the Bateman Parish Office that they have been receiving suspicious emails purportedly from me asking for a favour. I don't have a gmail account. Please ignore scam emails using my name and identity. If you are in doubt please contact the Parish Office immediately on 93101747. Thank you! Fr. Phong

### 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
3. Bateman Pastoral Care: morecare.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
4. Bateman Catechist: catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
5. Bateman Safeguarding Officer: sgo.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
6. Bateman Youth: youth.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au

## PARISH NEWS

### FR. ANTHONY'S NEW APPOINTMENT AND FAREWELL

We would like to announce that Fr. Anthony Vu has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Pius X, Manning Parish. Please keep Fr. Anthony in your prayers as he prepares to take up his new appointment.

Our Parish is organising a Farewell Mass for Fr. Anthony on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 10.00am** with refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a **DISH of SAVOURY FINGER FOOD** to share. We appreciate if you could write your name, contact details, and what you would like to bring on the sheet available in the church foyer.

Should you wish to contribute towards Fr. Anthony's farewell gift, please place your contribution in the collection box located on the table at the back of the Church.

### PARISH MISSION - THANK YOU

Our loving God is God of abundance. Let us give thanks to Him for all the blessings and graces he gave us individually and as a community during the Parish Mission.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to :

- Carol Ann Norris and members of the Parish Pastoral Council in a special way who have been instrumental in the planning and help to bring the Parish Mission to fruition.
- All the Speakers who delivered inspiring talks.
- The Good Mental Health Group for organising the Active Retreat.
- The Ministry Coordinators who presented material for the expo.
- All those involved in the preparation, organisation and kind assistance during the event.
- Our wonderful Parishioners for participating and showing their gratitude for what was offered.

This year, Pope Francis has asked that we pray in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Archbishop Costello has recently asked for our prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this month, that as we devote ourselves in her honour, may She bring us closer to her Son, Jesus, so that we too may be effective bearers of the Gospel.

With God's abundant blessings upon all of us and our families at St. Thomas More, Bateman Parish.

Fr. Phong Nguyen

### SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2024

The Sacrament of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Bateman Parish on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**. All candidates now have their photos displayed in the church. Let us, as a parish community, support these children, their families and their teachers by praying for them as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH 51<sup>ST</sup> CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION - SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

The Parish 51<sup>st</sup> Candlelight Procession will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

1. Candle Bearers - 2x
2. Flower girl - 1x
3. Rosary:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Decade - English Lead by ....
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade - (*other language* ...) Lead by ...
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade - (*other language* ...) Lead by ...
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Decade - (*other language* ...) Lead by ...
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Decade - English Lead by...

This list will be available on the desk at the foyer of the church. Please complete this list by 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

White Chrysanthemums are needed to decorate the float for Our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the church on Saturday morning (25<sup>th</sup> May) at 10am.

### MONTH OF MAY - OUR LADY'S HOME ROSARY

All those wishing to have the Rosary in their homes during the month of May, are invited to write their names down on the list provided in the church foyer. A statue of Our Lady and some books are available if required.

For more information, please contact Heidi at the Parish office on 9310 1747.

### HONOURING OUR LADY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Parishioners are invited to consider praying more rosaries during the month of May. Please join fellow parishioners praying the rosary 30 minutes before each weekday mass.

### PLANNED GIVING

It is that time of the year when the Parish Finance Committee review the planned giving budget for the next financial year. I will be issuing receipts and new planned giving envelopes for your consideration in the coming weeks.

Instead of using envelopes many parishioners now enjoy direct bank transfers or credit card transfers to make their monthly contributions. If you prefer to use one of these methods of payment, please take a form available in the church foyer or contact the parish office who will arrange a bank authority form for you to complete by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Thank you, Fr. Phong

### 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.

### SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 10AM

Safeguarding Level 1 Induction for **church workers paid/unpaid** within your parish on **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 10-11am** at St Pius X, 23 Paterson Street, Co-mo. Registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL LAST WEEKEND - SAT/SUN 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY



**LAST WEEKEND's** Catholic Mission Appeal invited you to assist our missionaries in Mongolia provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world.

Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided into today's 2nd collection if you have not already done so, or going online at [www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au) to explore the possibilities.

### LIFTED UP FOR MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 FROM 3PM

A violin & piano recital on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** from 3pm in the Braham Auditorium at Trinity College, East Perth. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grandmum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin & Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of other mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness at the House of Mercy refuge in Mongolia. 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](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au)

### MODERN SLAVERY WORKSHOP - WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024



Deacon Greg Lowe, Director of the Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office will be conducting a workshop on Modern Slavery at **7pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** in the parish meeting hall. There are around 50 million people around the world today impacted by modern slavery, and Deacon Greg will be

presenting the current realities and proposed strategies to address the issues. Our Church often reminds us of our strong obligations to defend the needy and those who are unable to defend themselves. Please make the time to come for the workshop and find out how we can actively contribute, including in the way in which we shop as individuals as well as within the organisations we work for.

### CHARISMATIC PENTECOST MASS 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 - CANNING VALE

On Pentecost **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at St Emilie's church, Canning Vale, starting with praise & worship at **4:20pm**, CCR Perth is celebrating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with praise, Mass and the 'laying on of hands' for healing and the renewing of God's Spirit working in us. Mass will commence at 5:00pm. The service will include praying over LISS attendees and all who are keen for prayer. The afternoon will conclude with light refreshments around 4:30pm. Queries to Dan 0409 849 049.

