

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second Reading - Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Gospel - John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of 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.'

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

Pentecost Sunday, Year B

May 19, 2024

God is always working through us

At the centre of Christian faith is the great paradox: there is only ONE God; yet God is THREE [Father, Son and Spirit]. We know this because of the witness of Jesus' own life and the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus' promises his disciples.

Pentecost is the celebration of that promise when the disciples, "filled with the Holy Spirit", have their lives upturned, transforming them into evangelists and missionaries. This is the day the Church begins its missionary outreach to proclaim the "marvels of God" to all the world.

In Acts of the Apostles, Luke strains to explain this experience of the Holy Spirit in words. Rather, he gives us images of a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and disciples speaking in multiple languages! However else we imagine this it is, in the words of a 5th century Syrian monk Pseudo-Dionysius, a mystical experience. This same monk gives us the image of the trinitarian "dancing God" of dynamic light, dazzling darkness, gift, excess, silence and transcendence bringing humanity and creation into being to display the divine glory.

We cannot speak of the Holy Spirit as independent of Father and Son; nor should we speak of any 'person' of the Trinity in isolation. A 12th century monk, Richard of St

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

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>

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

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 on 31st 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 23rd of May at 6:30pm**. If you would like someone to accompany you or need more information, please call us on 9310 1747.

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
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6. Bateman Youth: youth.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au

PARISH NEWS

FR. ANTHONY'S NEW APPOINTMENT AND FAREWELL - SUN 19TH MAY

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.

The Farewell Mass for Fr. Anthony is on **Sunday 19th of May 2024 at 10.00am** with refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a **DISH of SAVOURY FINGER FOOD** to share.

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 51ST CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION - SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2024

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

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

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

White Chrysanthemums are needed to decorate the float for Our Lady. Please bring the flowers to the church on Saturday morning (25th 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

The Sacrament of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Bateman Parish on **Saturday 22nd 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

PLANNED GIVING 2024 - 2025

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 24th May 2024**. Thank you, Fr. Phong

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - 20TH - 26TH MAY 2024

National Volunteer Week recognises the vital role of our parish volunteers and to say thank you for the gifts of their time and services to help those in need in our parish community. Last year Morecare volunteers carried out a total of 1,474 care activities to assist 153 clients and spent a total of 2,122 hours. Thank you!!

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 bate-man@perthcatholic.org.au.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - THANK YOU

THANK YOU for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your donations are helping our missionaries in Mongolia and around the world provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. If you have missed the opportunity to support this important missionary work, please go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia to make a donation. 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 to explore the possibilities.



DIOCESAN NEWS

HAWES HERITAGE TRAIL 4 DAY PILGRIMAGE - 9TH - 12TH JUNE 2024 - \$400 PER PERSON

You're invited to participate in a voyage of discovery, based in Geraldton, of the iconic buildings and sites relating to the heritage of Priest/Architect John Cyril Hawes, in the Midwest of Western Australia. Luxury Coach travel with Tour Guide and Spiritual Director is supplied daily from Geraldton, along with refreshments and lunch. Pilgrims are responsible for arranging their own transport to and from Geraldton and accommodation in Geraldton. Anawim Journeys (0402 290 827) are offering a Pilgrimage Package which includes Travel and Accommodation. For further information and to reserve your place on the Pilgrimage, visit www.monsignorhawes.com or Phone Gerry 0417 912 997.

MODERN SLAVERY WORKSHOP - WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2024



WEST AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC
MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE

Deacon Greg Lowe, Director of the Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office will be conducting a workshop on Modern Slavery at **7pm Wednesday 26th 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.



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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