

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?'

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Second Reading - Romans 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

The Most Holy Trinity, Year B

May 26, 2024

We are all children of God

The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover that they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.

Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife.

As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to "know" their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains "largely on the surface."

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really "know" this God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that

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
Parish Secretary: Heidi Lu

gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.

Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith *via* the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one Godhead. As John says elsewhere, "God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God" (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a trinity of persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent his Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to "know" God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God. Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

Ian J Elmer

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Baptisms:

We welcome Blaire Amelia Hoes into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Wiranto Gunawan, Mega Limadinata, Eka Susiratnawati, Pieu Sai Michael Foo and Juliana Kueh who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Joseph Tan, Dorothy Tan, Marguerite Pretoria McNaughton, Patrick Donaghey, Charles Joseph Owens, Leila Stanley, Lily Julius, Veronica Mary Murphy, Paddy Boyle, Joyce Sugunasingam, Sintha Harijanto, Steve Boylan and John Allen Grout whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 2TH JUNE

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Angel Babu
 Counters: 1. C Correia 2. D Kumala 3. M Woolford

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	D Ng	P Cox	S Muthucumaru A Louie (thurifer)
Altar Servers	J Poole M Poole A D'Monte	J Cherian I Lu	G Chua A Demberger E Gatchalian
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	C Hoare A Loo E Fernandez A Khoo M Magnussen L Rego J Doss	P Price C Cox J Randazzo A Anthony M Ch'ng M Ch'ng M Saji	S Cataldo-Nikolic M Sugijono V Sutijono A Aquino B Bucat A Crossley M Davis
Catechists			CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth
Readers	A De Sousa M Craggs	D Dennis G Dunsford	K Wasley B Bucat
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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**

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.

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
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PARISH NEWS

PARISH 51ST CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION - SATURDAY 25TH MAY 2024
The Parish 51st Candlelight Procession will be held on **Saturday 25th May 2024 after 6pm Mass.**

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.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

The Parish Mission Prayer used words that form a foundation for ongoing prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope. Keeping in mind the words humility, unity, strength, fellowship and love, let us continue praying for an abundance of grace throughout the Jubilee year. Please continue praying for vocations.

FATHER ANTHONY'S FAREWELL – THANK YOU!

It was no coincidence that Father Anthony's farewell was the same day as Pentecost. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was noticeable in the community fellowship. By uniting in our support for Father Anthony and working together to make the lunch such a great celebration; we have demonstrated how success comes from and with the Lord. We would like to extend a big thank you to you all – to our wonderful parishioners who came along to join in the festivity; and to the Parish Admin Staff, Heidi and Ratinda, who organised the event. Thank you to the many parishioners and members of the Parish Pastoral Council who willingly helped with catering, cleaning, set up and donations of food. Your generosity and enthusiasm for our parish makes us all proud to belong to St Thomas More, Bateman Parish.

FIRST SATURDAY AND FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE

Saturday 1st of June after the 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 2nd of June after the 10.00am Mass

Coffee is every Sunday morning after 8.00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Friday 7th of June, from 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

PARISH NEWS

SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY 23RD JUNE AFTER 10.00AM MASS

Saint Thomas More was known by friends as a man of piety and wisdom – never bearing ill will towards anyone. One friend said of him: "Did nature ever invent anything kinder, sweeter or more harmonious than the character of Thomas More?". Our parish will be honouring our Patron Saint by having a lunch together after 10.00am Mass on Sunday 23rd June. Please bring a plate to share. More information to come.

FAREWELL TO CHRIS DE FREITAS - SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2024

Our parish will miss the commitment of Chris to our community, his kind nature, his willingness to help where he can and his wisdom in his reflections at Mass. Chris has been involved in parish life by teaching children in the after school RE program, bringing communion to residents in the aged care facility, reposing the blessed sacrament after adoration, serving at the altar as an acolyte and more. The parish will be saying farewell to Chris at the luncheon celebration on Sunday 23rd June 2024. God bless you Chris as you continue your studies for the priesthood.

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.

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. Thank you, Fr. Phong

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

The Project Compassion Receipts are now available for collection in the church foyer.

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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