

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - Exodus 24:3-8

### A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

## Second Reading - Hebrews 9:11-15

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

## Gospel - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

June 2, 2024

## Eucharist is the 'summit' of Christian life

In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to prepare for the Passover, a Jewish feast celebrating the Hebrew's liberation from slavery in Egypt which is also known as Pesach which means "to pass over," commemorating the fact that God spared the Jewish firstborn from the final plague.

Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise, so it is also known as the feast of Unleavened Bread. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as God's chosen people.

The tradition is that a family has a special meal called the seder to commemorate this critical event. Foods of symbolic significance commemorating their liberation are eaten, prayers and the reading of the Exodus story are part of the seder meal. Passover is a time of great rejoicing, but strict dietary laws must be observed, and special prohibitions restrict work at the beginning and end of the celebration.

## 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

Jesus, as an observant Jew, asked his disciples to prepare a room for this special occasion. However, as Mark tells us there is something different when Jesus, on the eve of his execution on Calvary, gives to his disciples the gift of himself in the form of bread and wine as his body and blood. Building on the Jewish-Christian tradition we have, over the centuries, developed the eucharist as a liturgy of thanksgiving for what God has and is doing for us.

In November 1964, Vatican Council II in its Constitution on the Church declared the eucharist as the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Long before this declaration Catholic Christians celebrated the eucharist as their participation in the life of Christ who calls us to communion (relationship) with God and mission which means outreach to those in our world who are in need and those who have not heard the good news.

The eucharist is a source of nourishment and renewal. When we gather to celebrate eucharist we are reminded of the need to recall the Jewish origins of Catholic and Christian life and to remember that we are called to community and to mission. The first calls us into relationship with God and one another and the second reminds us that we do not exist for ourselves but for the mission proclaimed by Jesus which is to make a difference in our world as we share in his mission for the realisation of the kingdom of God.

We cannot create the kingdom, but we can contribute to its realisation. Our regular participation in the eucharist nourishes and strengthens us as a community and continually encourages us to go beyond the doors of our local community to make a difference in our world.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Brian Mascarenhas, Steve Boylan, John Allen Grout, Henry Joseph Maynard, Rita Edmond, S Andrew, Eliza Correia Da Silva, Hendrikus Brouwer, Salvatore Travia, Dorothy Cox and Molly Elton-Bott whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**R O S T E R S**

**FOR 9TH JUNE**

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

	<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	<b>Sunday 8.00am</b>	<b>Sunday 10.00am</b>
Acolytes	D Morais	R Norris	P Doray
Altar Servers	S Buntoro G Dass T Jomy	B Karczub N Karczub	A Evans S Evans A Hadiyanto
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**MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?**

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- ♦ 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

### 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](mailto:bateman@perthcatholic.org.au)
2. Bateman Planned Giving: [pgiving.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:pgiving.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au)
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## PARISH NEWS

### JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

There will be weekly summarised statements from Pope Francis to help parishioners prepare for the experience of Jubilee.

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

In the papal Bull issued recently, Spes Non Confundit (Hope does not disappoint, Romans 5:5) Pope Francis begins with these statements: Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee, that in accordance with ancient tradition the Pope proclaims every 25 years. My thoughts turn to pilgrims who will travel to Rome and others who will celebrate in their local churches.

May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the door (John 10:7,9) of our salvation.

In the heart of each person is the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing what the future may bring. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope.

### APPOINTMENT OF PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

I am happy to announce the appointment of Priest in Residence, **Fr Anibal Leite Da Cunha** to St. Thomas More, Bateman Parish. Fr. Anibal will assist in the parish administration, pastoral work and ministry in our Parish. He will also provide pastoral care to patients at Fiona Stanley Hospital.

We offer our prayers for Fr. Anibal that his priestly ministry at both St Thomas More and Fiona Stanley Hospital will be joyful and rewarding experience.

Let us welcome Fr. Anibal to our parish community.

With God's abundant blessings, Fr. Phong.

### FIRST SATURDAY AND FIRST SUNDAY COFFEE

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of June after the 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June after the 10.00am Mass

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

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June, from 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

### CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY - 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held in our church on the second Wednesday of each month. The next devotion will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.



### SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

Please come and support our food sale after both weekend masses. Our usual array of delicious hot savouries, kuehs and desserts will be available.

Any enquiries please contact Winnie 0421601095.

## PARISH NEWS

### 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.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2024 - 2025

Boxes of Planned Giving envelopes are now available in the Church Foyer for collection. They are in alphabetical order. Please pick them up after Mass. 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. We would like to thank you for your generous support to the Parish Planned Giving. Thank you, Fr. Phong

### SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June**.

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.

### FAREWELL TO CHRIS DE FREITAS - SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**. God bless you Chris as you continue your studies for the priesthood.

### PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### CFR PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING - FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 7.30PM

**Catholic Faith Renewal (CFR)** invites you and your family to a Praise & Worship Evening at Sts John & Paul Church, Willetton, at 7.30pm on Friday 7 June 2024. Features Songs of Praise, Mass and Talk by the Rev Fr CJ Millen on "Meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament". Admission is free. For info, phone Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

### HAWES HERITAGE TRAIL 4 DAY PILGRIMAGE - 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or Phone Gerry 0417 912 997.

### 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.

### PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH TO SAINTS AND SHRINES IN EASTERN EUROPE (CROATIA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, SLOVENIA AND AUSTRIA) TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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 Pilgrimage is coordinated by Anawim Journeys, with Fr. Phong as a spiritual advisor.

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