

# Sunday Readings

Year B

## First Reading - Genesis 3:9-15

### A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

## Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

## Gospel - Mark 3:20-35

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

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 9, 2024

## Being vulnerable before God

When people hear the word 'myth', they often think 'fiction' or 'untrue'. However, in ancient times, myths – stories rich in symbols, expressions, and characters that were easily recognisable and familiar to audiences – were the primary way for people to ponder and talk about events and experiences that were important to them, but beyond their understanding.

In the Jewish-Christian tradition, the Book of Genesis uses a mythic story to portray the origin of sin. In today's first reading, we're invited to imagine a garden where there's complete harmony between man and woman, between humans and nature, and between humans and God. Peace and union are the hallmarks of this garden.

However, eating from the tree that gives full knowledge is forbidden. Despite God's warning, the woman and man know better! Tempted and seduced by the serpent, the woman eats the forbidden fruit and shares it with the man who also eats. Both think they can act independently of God and follow their own desires without proper discernment. Both fail to grasp the reality that human beings must live within limits.

Their eyes are opened, but rather than becoming like God, they become estranged and naked, fully exposed and vulnerable; which neither can handle. Afraid of God

## 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

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**Priest in Residence:** Rev. Fr. Anibal Leite Da Cunha  
**Parish Secretary:** Heidy Lu

and ashamed of themselves, they sew fig leaves together to hide from each other and from God. Concealment, cover-up and discord are now the hallmarks of this garden.

This mythic story teaches us a fundamental truth about sin: that our lives and relationships become fractured and disconnected, and we're unable to face ourselves, God and others honestly and openly.

Thankfully, God doesn't abandon humanity in its shame and sinfulness. God takes the initiative and is portrayed walking in the garden seeking and searching for the fearful and hiding couple, who are unable to face the consequences of their choices. God asks, "Where are you?" It's not a threat, but a question from someone who cares deeply.

Like so many of us, rather than accept their fault, the woman and man look for excuses and try to justify themselves by blaming each other. The man blames: "the woman you (God) gave me." Of course, he doesn't blame the woman alone; he also indirectly blames God who had generously blessed him with a partner. On the other hand, the woman blames: "the serpent that tempted me." Neither of them says, I'm sorry, I'm wrong, it's my fault or please forgive me.

God created humanity with a capacity for freedom and self-determination, and at times we make wrong choices and poor decisions. By acknowledging our mistakes and wrong doing we maturely take the first step in accepting responsibility for our lives and choices, rather than blaming God or others.

Wherever we find ourselves in life and whatever struggles we're carrying, God is with us. Listen attentively to God's personal and loving question to each one of us today: "Where are you?"

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Deaths:** Please pray for Adolfa Gianotti-Detann, Wiranto Gunawan, Mega Limadinata and Eka Susiratnawati who passed away recently.

**Anniversaries:**

Please pray for Molly Elton-Bott, Clinton Franks, Benjamin Cross, Johanna McManus, Fortunata Princi and Reginard Joseph Warren whose anniversaries occur around this time.

# R O S T E R S

## FOR 16TH JUNE

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo  
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	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	S Dass	C Goh	T Roper
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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

Confirmation: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Reconciliation: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### 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)
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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)

#### 2. From Pope Francis *SPES NON CONFUNDIT*. "Hope does not disappoint" **A word of Hope.**

"Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (*Rom 5:1-2.5*). We know that the Letter to the Romans marked a decisive turning point in St Paul's work of evangelization. He turns to Rome. Before him lay a great challenge, yet he felt impelled to hasten there in order to bring to everyone the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, a message of hope that fulfils the ancient promises, leads to glory and grounded in love, does not disappoint.

### 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.

### SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS AND FAREWELL TO CHRIS DE FREITAS - SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE AFTER 10.00AM MASS

Our parish has much to be thankful for on this day. We have a wonderful role model in Saint Thomas More to inspire us. We are very grateful for all the help Chris De Freitas has given to our parish. He has been involved in many ministries and has quietly worked unnoticed in the parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to focus more on our children and celebrate the joy of family life. The Children's Liturgy team will be providing activity stations during the first part of the celebration.

There will be a basket of goodies to give away to the children during the celebration. The PPC will prepare starters and provide slices/ fruit/sweets after mains. We ask the community to please bring a plate to share for the main meal. There are sign-up sheets in the church foyer. We appreciate if you could write your name, contact details, and what you would like to bring.

## 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.

### RECONCILIATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN. RECONCILIATION 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

All children wishing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year at St Thomas More Parish is now invited to register for the sacrament. Please enrol online using the link below which can also be found on the parish website. The enrolment closes on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024. If you are experiencing any difficulty in enrolling, please contact the RE Coordinator on 9310 1747 (Tues/Wed) or email [catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au).

Online enrolment link:

<https://stthomasmorebateman.formstack.com/forms/enrolment2024>

### WE ARE IN NEED OF R.E. CATECHISTS

We're currently seeking committed individuals to join our team of Catechists for our after-school Religious Education (RE) program. If you have a passion in teaching and a heart to nurture the faith of the young members in our Parish, we invite you to join us. It is the most rewarding experience teaching and imparting our faith and knowledge to the children thus enabling them to make their sacraments.

The RE program runs every Wednesdays from 4pm to 5pm during Term 1 to Term 3, excluding school holiday. For more information, please contact the Parish RE Coordinator on 9310 1747 (Tue/Wed) or email [catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au)

### 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

### PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

## PARISH NEWS

### INSTITUTED ACOLYTE RENEWAL FORM 2024

The Centre for Liturgy is currently updating the Archdiocese's acolyte database. This is to ensure that the Centre for Liturgy maintains an accurate record of all acolytes who have been instituted and completed their renewal.

Renewal Forms are available in the Sacristy. All Active Instituted Acolytes are requested to complete the Renewal Form and return to Fr. Phong or to the Parish Office before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Thank you.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL BATEMAN

We thank parishioners and Corpus Christi College for their donations to the SVDP Food and Winter Appeal so far. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and our pantry is now fully stocked.

We ask that you withhold your food donations until further notice as we do not have anymore storage space and food has expiry dates.

God bless you for your generosity in helping the needy.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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, Marizell, 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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