

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 16, 2024

Planting the seeds of love

Most things start small. Someone asks you to be part of a group and a few years later, on reflection, it turns out to have played a significant part in your life. You just kept turning up and something grew there almost unawares. Then, at a particular point, you may have come to understand God was present there and had been all along.

This is how parables work in today's gospel. They begin where we are, with the familiar, as Jesus speaks to the crowd about God's kingdom. In the first parable, seed is planted which sprouts of its own accord and grows steadily until the time to harvest comes. We're involved in the planting and the harvesting, and may help to facilitate its growth, but ours is not the key role. This is a time of waiting – we wait upon God and God waits with us, and as we do we may recognise God is already present in our lives and the lives of others.

In the second parable Jesus could have mentioned a mighty cedar to suggest what the kingdom of God is like, instead he speaks of the nondescript mustard seed and the bush that emerges from it, 'the biggest shrub of all', where all nations and

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

strangers may find shelter. From what seems insignificant to begin with, like turning up for the first time, there emerges what we could hardly have foreseen, in God's time.

Don't be concerned about the lack of dramatic signs in this time of waiting. It's not our job to make something happen, because it is growing, and it will flourish. So, be patient as Jesus is patient, not waiting passively by, but alive to the presence of God and each another.

In the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel the Lord's power is revealed when he speaks of a 'noble cedar', an image of his kingdom, which he'll plant on the mountain of Israel. It will provide shelter for every kind of bird, like the mustard bush. The growth of the cedar and other trees won't depend on us, but on the power of the Lord and 'he will do it.' This promise is a sign of hope to his people, after their conquest and exile.

In the second reading Paul speaks of the tension between wanting to be with the Lord forever and his calling to live the good news of Jesus Christ. He recognises one depends upon the other. What we do in this life will be the response we make to Jesus in the life to come. So, we're called to live with confidence, walking by faith, doing what pleases him, until, in his presence, our lives will speak for us.

Keep turning up then, remain faithfully present to one another, and allow the seed that has been planted to come to fulfillment as God has promised. This is what the kingdom is like, and we are to be its agents: it's the mission entrusted to us.

Damian Coleridge
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Baptisms:

We welcome Raphael James Mina, Ella Marie Goldstein, Halle Grace Goldstein, Alexandre Ross Goldstein into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Paul Emslie and Mega Limadinata who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Salvatore Randazzo, Reginard Joseph Warren, Andrew Walker, Geoffrey Gale, Teresa Ha, Floryse Dupre, Nooshini Anandappa and Robert Ashley Cooper whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 23RD JUNE

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Justina Yeap
 Counters: 1. H Setiawan 2. M Sequeira 3. A Vinci

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	J Nonis	M Humble	M Braganza
Altar Servers	K Lee J Lee E Antony	B Karczub N Karczub	G Chua A Demberger E Gatchalian
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	A Loo A Khoo L McMinn P McMinn M Magnussen L Morzenti A Ruban	M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz M de Rozario D Dennis G Dunsford	L Saverimutto J Stephen N Winata S Wong A Ring E Tandy J Lim

Catechists	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth
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MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

- ♦ Stephen 0408 167 400 (Coordinator) Christine 0412 887 950 (Transport)
- ♦ Monica 0419 945 005 (Meals)
- ♦ Serina 0420 991 868 (Visiting)
- ♦ 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

Confirmation: 7th/8th September 2024

Reconciliation: 26th October 2024

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

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
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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

From Pope Francis SPES NON CONFUNDIT.

3. Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life" (Rom 5:19). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit. By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:35.37-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life. As Saint Augustine observes: "Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love". [1]

SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS AND FAREWELL TO CHRIS DE FREITAS - SUNDAY 23RD 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. The celebrations will be in the hall if the weather is poor.

PARISH NEWS

SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 16TH 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.

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.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN.

RECONCILIATION 26TH 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 21st 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.
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

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

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 and Inactive Instituted Acolytes are requested to complete the Renewal Form and return to Fr. Phong or to the Parish Office **before Friday 5th 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 26TH JUNE 2024

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

(CROATIA, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA, SLOVENIA AND AUSTRIA)

TUESDAY 1ST TO WEDNESDAY 16TH 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, Mariazzell, 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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