

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Job 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 23, 2024

A calming prayer

The Shetland Islands are north of Scotland and just below the Arctic Circle. They are a group of one hundred islands with only sixteen inhabited. There is a daily ferry for travellers, but also private boats for hire.

A retired naval captain used to skipper a boat taking tourists to the islands, and one day his boat had a party crowd of young people. They smirked at the old captain when they saw him saying a prayer before sailing because the day was fine and the weather calm. However, they were not long at sea before they experienced a sudden storm, and the boat began to pitch violently.

The terrified passengers came to the captain and asked him to join them in prayer.

He replied, "I say my prayers when it's calm and when it's rough I tend to my boat."

We are all likely to pray for help when storms come our way. However, it is also important to seek God in the quieter moments of life and to build a relationship that takes us through all the seasons of life. We are familiar with prayers of petition in times of need and these are personal where we ask God for certain things in life. There are prayers of intercession when we make requests on behalf of other people.

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

Equally familiar to us are prayers of thanksgiving where we rejoice in what God has done for us.

Prayer is about relationship and God invites us to grow the relationship by spending time with God. Two other forms of prayer are prayers of blessing and adoration where we acknowledge our dependence of God and prayers of praise where we express our love for God.

During our busy lives we can sometimes lose sight of the need to stop, reflect and open our lives to God, so it is helpful to heed the advice of the retired naval captain, and to develop a daily pattern of prayer rather than only turning to prayer in the 'storms of life'. This pattern will help us grow a deeper relationship with God who is ever present but not always engaged.

We have routines for exercise and recreation. We have routines for work and for play. Routines are helpful in that they help us engage in what is essential, but they also help to free us for spontaneity because they create space by taking care of the ordinary things in life. When prayer becomes part of the pattern of the day, we are giving time to nurturing our relationship with God.

As we grow in our relationship, we become more like the disciples who were in awe when Jesus calmed the storm, and they began to recognise more fully the identity of Jesus. May we become more conscious of God's presence by developing daily patterns of prayer.

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Baptisms:

We welcome Lucas Drummond Borovac, Caleb Drummond Borovac, Jayden James McGoldrick, Mason John McGoldrick and Levi Choo into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Elizabeth Chong Fung Yun, Colin Brabazon, Hery Susanto, Paul Emslie and Mega Limadinata who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Felix Doray, Robert Ashley Cooper, Cathie Bright, Philip Taranto, Isabella Rajasingam, Jack Butler, Marion Watt, Adrianus Johannes Van Dongen and Bess Sale whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 30TH JUNE

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Joan Louie
 Counters: 1. B D'Sa 2. J Pereira 3. G Weldt

| | Saturday 6.00pm | Sunday 8.00am | Sunday 10.00am |
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| Acolytes | V Roque | C Goh | S Kan |
| Altar Servers | F Lie J Lie J Mar | J Cherian I Lu | A Evans S Evans A Hadiyanto |
| Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion | V Ng K Poole L Rego C Nonis A Roque L Sequeira M Sequeira | W Goh I Kusnadi T Santoso R Margawani C Price P Price J Randazzo | S Cataldo-Nikolic M Sugijono V Sutijono R Triuntari P Braganza B Bucat A Crossley |

Catechists CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Michelle Lowth

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MORE CARE - DO YOU NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

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- ♦ Angela 0418 953 992 (Bereavement Support)
- ♦ Parish Office 9310 1747 (General Enquiries)

PARISH NEWS

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



THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

The amount donated by the **Bateman Parish** for the 2024 Appeal was **\$3,059.30**. Thank you for your generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal which will go towards helping our missionaries in

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Mongolia and around the world to provide safe haven and support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence and homelessness. If you are keen to participate in God's mission by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission, and the vision of Pope Francis, as a parish volunteer, or by leaving a bequest, please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

SECURITY FOR YOUR CARS

In recent times, many cars have been broken into during the mass services. Therefore, we ask you to be aware and not to leave valuable items in your car when you come to church. We encourage you to leave your car at home and walk to church if possible. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

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

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**.*

4. Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Rom 5:3-4). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present "now". Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his Canticle of the Creatures, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister". [2] A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God's own patience, as "the God of all patience and encouragement" (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST - SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

This Saturday, 56 children from the parish and Corpus Christi College will be celebrating the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Please remember to keep these children and their families in your prayers during this very special occasion.

PARISH NEWS

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**. The celebrations will be in the hall if the weather is poor.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENTS IS NOW CLOSED (FOR RECONCILIATION 26TH OCTOBER 2024)

If any children still wishes to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation this year at St Thomas More Parish, please contact the RE Coordinator on 9310 1747 (Tues/Wed) or email catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au.

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

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.

Both Active and Inactive Instituted Acolytes are requested to complete the Renewal Form and return to Fr. Phong or to the Parish Office before Friday 5 July 2024. Thank you.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE? HOW PRAYERS HAVE HELPED YOU.

Your story may give hope, inspire, and encourage those who need prayers. When you share, your name can remain confidential. For enquiries call Jeremiah 0422 237 268 or email jckloo18@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

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

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.

CFR PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING – FRIDAY 5TH JULY 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 5th Jul 2024. Features Songs of Praise, Mass and Talk by the Rev Fr Gregory Donovan on "A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission". Admission is free. For info, phone Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

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, 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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