

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

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

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel - Mark 5:21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kumi!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

June 30, 2024

Jesus' touch brings new life

Today we continue with readings from Mark's gospel. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus has demonstrated his divine mastery over destructive forces of nature (in calming the sea) and over a legion of demons who were afflicting a man (in the exorcism of a deeply troubled person).

Mark brings his account of the miracles which Jesus worked to a climax in one of Mark's most striking stories. His accounts of Jesus' miracles culminate in the healing of two women, both of whom are restored to new life, wholeness and holiness because of the touch of Jesus. Here Jesus demonstrates his divine mastery—and the power of the Kingdom and of his Lordship—over disease and even death.

Notice how Mark intertwines two miracle stories here, sandwiching one story within another: the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage who touches Jesus' clothing, and the raising of the Jairus' daughter. Both the woman (we don't know her name) and Jairus demonstrate great faith and trust in Jesus.

Given the growing tension between Jesus and the synagogue officials, it is remarkable that Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, had the courage and the humility to approach Jesus and to beg Jesus to come and save his daughter who was dying. The

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

daughter was desperately ill and Jairus was clearly desperate for her. Jesus immediately sets out for Jairus' home, with the crowd accompanying them, pressing in on them.

In that pressing crowd, the unnamed woman, who has suffered for years with a haemorrhage, sees and takes the opportunity to come close to Jesus and she boldly dares to touch him, confident that touching him will heal her. And it does. She knows immediately that she is healed. He senses that power has gone out of him and calls on whoever it was who touched him to come forward.

In fear and trembling, she confesses. But, instead of chastising her, he praises her, affectionately addressing her as "Daughter," and commending her: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." The word 'touch' appears four times in this story of the healing of the woman with the haemorrhage.

Meanwhile, back to the story of Jairus, people from Jairus's home arrive, announcing that Jairus' daughter has died. It is, they think, too late to do anything. But Jesus says: "Do not fear; only believe." Just keep on believing! They head to Jairus' home. Jesus takes the young woman by the hand, and she is restored to life. With great affection, Jesus speaks to her, telling her to get up, and telling her parents to give her something to eat. Again, we notice that Jesus restores the young woman to life by touching her.

In both of these miracles, Jesus' touch brings new life, wellness, wholeness, and holiness. See how he responds with care and compassion to those who seek his help. He does for us too.

Let us pray, as Jesus' disciples asked of him on another occasion: "Lord, increase our faith!"

Anne Hunt

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Baptisms:

We welcome Liana Mae Lloyd and Noah George Norris into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deaths: Please pray for Francis Chen, Mary Oliver, Elizabeth Chong Fung Yun, Colin Brabazon, Hery Susanto and Paul Emslie who passed away recently.

Anniversaries:

Please pray for Nikki Fletcher, Bess Sale, John Henry McLeod, Leonards Tatulli, Mario Cicchini and Alice Hobkirk whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 7TH JULY

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
Flowers: Joan Louie
Counters: 1. I Basuki 2. T Basuki 3. T Santoso

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	S Cowman J Loo (thurifer)	P Cox	S Muthucumaru
Altar Servers	J Poole M Poole A D'Monte	B Karczub N Karczub	A Kan G Winaulin
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	A Anthony O D'Mello J Doss E Fernandez C Hoare A Khoo M Magnussen	M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz M de Rozario D Dennis G Dunsford	A Aquino P Braganza B Bucat A Crossley M Davis M Doray A Faleiro
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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)

PARISH NEWS

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

If so, we would love to hear from you. The parish runs a program for people who may be interested in becoming a Catholic.

Please contact the parish office on 9310 1747 for more details.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION



Reach out. Give life.

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 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.

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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PARISH NEWS

SAINT THOMAS MORE FEAST DAY AND FAREWELL TO CHRIS DE FREITAS

There are many people to thank for making the Saint Thomas More Feast Day Celebration and farewell to Chris De Freitas such a happy occasion. Thank you to Michelle Lowth and her team for providing activities for the children; to the army of volunteers who worked tirelessly in the kitchen; to all the people who brought food to share and to visitors and parishioners who came to honour Chris and bid him farewell. Chris' farewell speech reminded us of the need for prayer – for himself, his fellow seminarians and for Father Phong who was his Spiritual Father for the 4 months. Please pray for Fathers Phong and Anibal who carry out their priestly responsibilities in a very busy parish. Father Phong has requested prayers for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **God bless, Bateman Parish Pastoral Council.**

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST 2024: THANK YOU

Last Saturday, 55 children from Corpus Christi College and St Thomas More Parish received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time. As Parish Priest, I extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the organisation of this significant celebration. Your dedication and support made this event truly special.

Whilst so many people are involved and their efforts are so much appreciated, I would especially like to thank the following groups and individuals:

- Fr. Anibal Leite Da Cunha, Concelebrant
- Ms Clara Law, our Parish Religious Education Coordinator
- Mr Louis Papineau and Ms Tania Herbert, our catechists
- Corpus Christi College Principal Jeff Allen, Deputy Principal Damian Ramos-Nunez, and Head of Junior School Katya Anderson
- Teachers Mr Simon Overton, Ms Elianne Souter, Ms Carma de Groot, Ms Elizabeth Moller and Mr Chris Honey
- Corpus Christi College for the beautiful flower arrangements
- Mrs Angela McCarthy, Ms Olivia Morais, and the Bateman Music Ministry
- Mr Cyril Goh, Mr Danny Ng, Mrs Vivian Ng, and Ms Ratinda Oetomo
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Acolytes
- Photographer Mr Gerard de Souza
- Alvin & Dina Sukmono from Muffin Break for the delicious muffins

Thank you all for your contributions in making this a wonderful celebration for our Parish community. Your efforts are deeply appreciated. **God bless, Fr Phong**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Friday 5th of July, from 6.00pm – 9.00pm.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - SAT 6TH JUL & SUN 7TH JUL

We invite all parishioners to join us for **coffee** immediately after 6pm mass every **First Saturday of the month**; and **every First Sunday of the month** immediately after 10am mass. Both groups gather in the courtyard. If the weather is inclement, coffee will be in the meeting room.

The early morning coffee group meets **every Sunday after 8am** mass in the hall. Come along, enjoy fellowship with other parishioners and build our community.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Knights of the Southern cross Bateman and Willetton Branch is being commissioned this Sunday at the 10am mass. To mark this special occasion there will be morning tea in the courtyard immediately after 10am mass this Sunday.

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY - WED 10TH JULY 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 10th July 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.



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

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

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. - A journey of hope

5. This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a journey calling for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality. How can we fail to recall the various ways by which the grace of forgiveness had been poured out upon God's holy and faithful People? We are reminded, for example, of the great "Pardon" that Saint Celestine V granted to all those who visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in Aquila on the 28th and 29th days of August 1294, six years before Pope Boniface VIII instituted the Holy Year. The Church was already experiencing the grace of the Jubilee as an outpouring of divine mercy. Even earlier, in 1216, Pope Honorius III granted the plea of Saint Francis for an indulgence for all those visiting the Porziuncola on the first two days of August. The same can be said of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: in 1222, Pope Callistus II allowed the Jubilee to be celebrated there whenever the Feast of the Apostle James fell on a Sunday. It is good that such "dispersed" celebrations of the Jubilee continue, so that the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way.

Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, pilgrims of hope will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works. The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting-point of any true journey of conversion. In the particular Churches, special care should be taken to prepare priests and the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form.

In a particular way, I would like to invite the faithful of the Eastern Churches, particularly those already in full communion with the Successor of Peter, to take part in this pilgrimage. They have suffered greatly, often even unto death, for their fidelity to Christ and the Church, and so they should feel themselves especially welcome in this City of Rome that is also their Mother and cherishes so many memories of their presence. The Catholic Church, enriched by their ancient liturgies and the theology and spirituality of their Fathers, monks and theologians, wants to give symbolic expression to its embrace of them and their Orthodox brothers and sisters in these times when they endure their own Way of the Cross, often forced by violence and instability to leave their homelands, their holy lands, for safer places. For them, the hope born of the knowledge that they are loved by the Church, which does not abandon them but follows them wherever they go, will make the symbolism of the Jubilee all the more powerful.