

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Amos 7:12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel - Mark 6:7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

July 14, 2024

Making a difference

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone was wealthy, popular and influential. Yet, he renounced his wealth, privilege and lavish lifestyle to follow Jesus and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Francis of Assisi, as we now know him, embraced poverty, dressing himself in a coarse woolen tunic, the dress of poor Umbrian peasants.

In today's gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve, selected from among his disciples. He sent out the disciples in pairs, emphasising the importance of community. The disciples went forth together to preach the good news, drive out demons and heal people. Jesus also gave them specific instructions about travelling light: they were to bring no food, money, or even a spare tunic. They were utterly dependent on the providence of God and the hospitality of others.

Our call to discipleship is a profound call to live and love radically. In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us all to follow the example of St Francis who embraced simplicity and poverty, sowed seeds of peace and love, and walked alongside the least of his brothers and sisters. Pope Francis describes St Francis's attitude of "fraternal openness" which allowed him to "acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

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

This call to live simply does not mean that being poor is in itself a virtue. In fact, poverty often exists because of unjust social structures which widen gaps between rich and poor and do not provide for those in need. Rather, we are called to be free from accruing status, possessions and self-importance, in order to commit ourselves deeply to living the gospel. This attitude grounds us in an entirely different set of values from those held by the world. It also emboldens us to strive to create just social structures which distribute wealth equitably and empower the weak.

Jon Owen, who leads Wayside Chapel, Sydney, is a contemporary example of this call to live Jesus's commission. The Wayside Chapel, which has more than 600 volunteers, supports the homeless, drug addicts, domestic violence victims and refugees. It provides showers, emergency clothing, and free meals, as well as counselling, employment support, and social activities like bingo and music jam sessions.

While studying at university, Jon felt the need to work for Urban Neighbours of Hope. He left an upwardly mobile path in life to take vows of poverty in order to work with the disadvantaged. Later, with his wife Lisa, he opened their Sydney home to those in need, including refugees, former criminals and recovering drug addicts. Jon's attitude that "no one is a problem to be solved but a person to be met" has inspired him to reach people who would otherwise remain unseen.

May the radical love of Jesus inspire all of us to make a difference in our communities and in the world today.

Sophie Clements
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Death anniversaries:

Please pray for Henry Alexander Hofmeester, Evan Jones, Yvonne Carslyle Reed, Mary Ch'ng, Felipe Cornejo, Chris Hill, Peter Verga, Victor Celedin, Eileen Bydder, Catherina Mulyani Setiawan, Gloria Hishmeh, Francis William Tacey, Vincenzo Sciacia, Eunice Coelho and Nola Antoinette Powell whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 21ST JULY

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Justina Yeap
 Counters: 1. P Golding 2. D Kumala 3. D Puspita

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	J Loo	C Goh	P Doray
Altar Servers	C Vahala O Vahala J Reutens	B Karczub N Karczub	A Evans S Evans A Hadiyanto
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	P Ardianto L Rego A Roque J See M Sequeira L Sequeira V Ng	M Saji J Sciorilli M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz D Dennis	J Mohan N Mourad S Cataldo-Nikolic C Poore G Prasetyo A Ring E Ross

Catechists	CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth		
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Readers	M Sequeira L Sequeira	C Tan D Dennis	J To K Wasley
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- Marguerite Parker (margparkersgo@gmail.com)
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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

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:

- Saturday 2nd November – All Souls' Day
- Monday 9th December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday 30th December – Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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.

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.

FRONT GARDEN MAINTENANCE

There is an opportunity for garden enthusiasts to express their love for the Lord. Help is needed to maintain the front garden beds of our church and presbytery. Please contact Max Mayes 0407 990 506.

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

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: To reinforce Pope Francis' call for prayer to be intensified in 2024 in prepare for the 2025 Jubilee year, the archdiocesan Centre for Liturgy has posted 38 catechesis on prayer by Pope Francis. Summaries of these teachings will be published weekly in the bulletin. Details of the catechesis can be found in this link: <https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/year-of-prayer-2024/>

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE

6 May 2020 **Prayer of Christian:**

Prayer involves our entire being yearning for some "other" beyond ourselves. It is born from the realization that the "other" we are seeking has been revealed in the tender face of Jesus, who teaches us to call God "Father", and wants personally to enter into relationship with us. When we commune with God in prayer, we need not be fearful, for he is a friend, a trusted ally. Whatever our situation, or however poorly we may think of ourselves, God is always faithful, and willing to embrace us in mercy. We see this unconditional love on Calvary. This is the burning heart of every Christian prayer: entrusting ourselves to the loving and merciful arms of our heavenly Father.

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** - Signs of hope*

7. In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the *signs of the times* that the Lord gives us. As the Second Vatican Council observed: "In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. In this way, in language adapted to every generation, she can respond to people's persistent questions about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other". [4] We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGM - SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024

Parish Pastoral Council AGM will be on Sunday 23rd August following 10am mass. Light refreshments follow. The Parish Priest report and Chairman's report will be issued via flocknotes in the week prior to the AGM.

(Hard copies will be available in the foyer for parishioners not using flocknotes).

Can any questions related to the reports please be left in the suggestion box attached to the foyer column?

PARISH NEWS

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

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS - AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION

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

PARISHIONER – SAFE PARKING NOTICE

To whomsoever has parked in the dedicated pick up and drop off driveway of our church

There are families in our parish who need to use the drop off and pick up driveway zone for elderly family members needing easy access to our church. Also very importantly all parishioners entering and leaving church need to have a clear and safe path to get to their cars in the car park. Accordingly we kindly request parishioners to please complete the drop off and pick up as safely as possible and then park your cars in a parking bay and not in the drop off and pick up driveway.

Sincere thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

WARNING OF MOBILE PHONE SCAM ALLEGEDLY FROM FR. PHONG.

I would like to bring to your attention a current scam that is circulating within various parish communities. The scam involves a message being sent with the parish priest's name and official photo to parishioners asking them to either send money or gift cards. Please ignore scam text messages using my name and identity. If you are in doubt please contact the Parish Office immediately on 9310 1747.

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



DIOCESAN NEWS

SAVE GOD'S FARM. There is a spiritual haven in the South West called God's Farm. It is a centre for retreats, prayer rest and rejuvenation of the spirit. God's farm is under threat of being sold and a campaign has been launched to save it. If you wish to participate in this cause and help save God's Farm please use the link below to get more information and to make a financial pledge.

<https://roadtothetriumph.com/save-gods-farm-pledge-appeal/>

BOOK SALE - SATURDAY 4TH & SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2024

The Pater Noster Catholic Church is having a Book Sale on Saturday 4th August from 9.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday 5th August from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION (12TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12th and Friday 13th September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14th we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation (Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)

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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