

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Second Reading - James 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 22, 2024

Being great in God's eyes

This week's reading from the Book of Wisdom illustrates the kind of thinking that was common in the ancient world: If God is with someone then, assured of God's protection, they will prosper. If, on the other hand, they are suffering and not prospering, then it must be that God is not on their side.

How, then, would the ancient world have understood the teaching of Jesus in the gospel? "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death." If his enemies were to kill him, let alone if he was to be publicly humiliated and suffer, surely he could not be the messiah for whom the people waited.

This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus has prophesied his death. At this point, the disciples don't understand and are too confused and afraid to ask Jesus what he really means.

When instead the disciples talk about who among them is the greatest, they still dream of becoming earthly lords and princes of status, power and authority. But before we judge the disciples too harshly, we must remember that this story from Mark's gospel has been recorded to mirror our own sins and temptations. We too

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

have ambitions and desires that impede our ability to respond to what Jesus wants from us.

Jesus is charting a very unusual and very new path to what it means to be great in the eyes of God, one that cuts against the culture of his day. In his eyes, serving God means loving and serving the lowliest and those most in need.

When Jesus instructs his disciples to welcome children, he is taking the side of the most neglected, least powerful, and least respected members of society.

For Jesus, greatness is not in career achievement, status, power, attention or appreciation in the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to set aside our desires and ambitions to get ahead. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, it is those who are willing to lose their lives who will find life. It is those who put their own egos last and lowest who will be first and greatest in the eyes of God.

St James reflects on this mystery in the second reading. He describes the disciples' self-interest and ambition as told in today's gospel as destined to result in "disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done".

But look at the benefits that come from discarding this self-centred way of living and thinking. James describes the wisdom that Jesus brings as bringing "peace". It makes us "kindly and considerate", "full of compassion", and "shows itself by doing good".

There in that way of living is true freedom and true greatness.

Joseph Doyle
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Baptisms: We welcome Nathan Lwin, Joseph Carcione, Lachlan Cummins and Nathan Sim into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Elsie Haines, Edna Christina Amaral, Salvatore Greco, Fr Augustine Thomas Pandara-Parambil, Rusman Effendi, Louise Chee, Tan Kia Hong, Michele O'Brien, Terry McCabe and Peter Van Dijk who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Ethel White Lee, Regina Ross, Dr Yong Lee Goh, Mireille Parker, Rita Dorothy Orr, Gerrard Emslie, Tom Cunningham, Maria Conceicao Rebola (Connie), Arnaud Gunawan Chan, Wally Haddleton, Helena Choy Lin Yap, Anthony Dominic Bianchi, Domenico Sansalore, Blaise Braganza, Kenneth Sherlock Maingot and Waclaw Golebienski whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 29TH SEPTEMBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Shan Fialho
 Counters: 1. I Basuki 2. T Basuki 3. T Santoso

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
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Acolytes	P Doss	C Goh	S Muthucumaru
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Altar Servers	C Vahala O Vahala J Reutens	B Karczub N Karczub	A Kan G Winaulin
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Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	L Rego A Roque J See L Sequeira M Sequeira S Teo A Anthony	I Kusnadi T Santoso R Margawani C Price P Price M Saji J Sciorilli	V Tan E Tandy R Triuntari N Winata A Aquino P Braganza B Bucat
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Catechists	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
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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)

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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 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.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING

WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024

A reminder that all **parish workers and volunteers** are required to do the **Safeguarding Induction Training**. The online Induction Training takes only 45 minutes to watch and complete.

Alternatively, you can attend the Induction Training at:

1. **St Jude, 20 Prendville Way, Langford WA 6147** on Wednesday, 9th October 2024 at 10-11 am
2. **Palmyra Parish** on Saturday 19th October 2024 at 10am.

Registration: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.

Your compliance is necessary and will be greatly appreciated.

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
3. Bateman Pastoral Care: morecare.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
4. Bateman Catechist: catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
5. Bateman Safeguarding Officer: sgo.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au
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2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: To reinforce Pope Francis' call for prayer to be intensified in 2024 in preparation 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

POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Paul VI Audience Hall, Wednesday, 28 October 2020[Multimedia] Catechesis on prayer - **12. Jesus, man of prayer**
The Lord chose to begin his public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan 3 river. It is significant that this great event took place in the midst of a community, in an atmosphere of communal prayer and repentance. Sinless himself, the eternal Son of God was baptized by John as a sign of his loving solidarity with sinful humanity. Saint Luke tells us that, after his baptism, as Jesus prayed, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice of the Father proclaimed him as his beloved Son. By our own baptism, we become sharers in Christ's sonship through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are thus enabled to share in Jesus' own prayer, the eternal expression of his dialogue of love with the Father. At every moment of our lives, even those in which we feel the weight of the cross and the burden of our sins, may we persevere in prayer, confident that, as Christ's brothers and sisters, beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, the gates of heaven are always open to us.

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** - Appeals for hope*

17. The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea. It is worth noting that, from apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place in both East and West, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. The Jubilee can serve as an important occasion for giving concrete expression to this form of synodality, which the Christian community today considers increasingly necessary for responding to the urgent need for evangelization. All the baptized, with their respective charisms and ministries, are co-responsible for ensuring that manifold signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world. The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his

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consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression “ We believe”, [10] as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church’s history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, “consubstantial with the Father”, [11] who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of fitting ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus “that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (Jn 17:21).

The Council of Nicaea also discussed the date of Easter. To this day, different approaches to this question prevent celebrating the fundamental event of our faith on the same day. Providentially, a common celebration will take place in the year 2025. May this serve as an appeal to all Christians, East and West, to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter. We do well to remind ourselves that many people, unaware of the controversies of the past, fail to understand how divisions in this regard can continue to exist.

SVDP FOOD SALE - SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

Our food sale will be on Sunday 22nd September 2024. Please come & support us. Any donations of food/enquiries, please contact Winnie 0421 601 095.

WORLD DAY OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS - SUN 29TH SEP AT 10AM

We will be commemorating this event at the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 29th September 2024 in a special way. We are encouraging parishioners to attend Mass, dressed in national costumes or national colours. If you would like to assist by reading a prayer during the Prayer of Faithful in your own language, please contact Michele Doray on 0416 291 429. Please stay after Mass for a cuppa and light refreshments provided by the Parish Council.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 26TH OCTOBER 2024

As a Parish community, let us remember to keep these candidates, their families and their teachers in your prayers as our candidates prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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OUR LADY’S CANDLE-LIGHT PROCESSION - SAT 19TH OCTOBER 2024

The Legion of Mary invites you to join our Parish Bi-Annual Candlelight Procession in honor of Our Lady on **Saturday 19th October 2024**, immediately following the 6:00 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to take part in this beautiful tradition.

We are also seeking donations of white or cream roses to decorate Our Lady’s float. If you can contribute, please bring your flowers to the church by 10am on Saturday morning (19th October 2024).

We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you.

LEGION OF MARY ROSARY AND CHAPLETS AT THE SHRINE EVERY WEDNESDAY during school term at 2.30pm. Parishioners and parents please join us even if only for one Hail Mary.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS’ NIGHT – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024.

Save the date!!! More information to follow.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - SAT 26TH OCT 2024

Our Parish Annual Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass and Supper will take place on **Saturday 26th October 2024 at the 6.00pm Mass** followed by a celebratory supper in the parish hall. Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 1, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 etc years are invited to register their names at the parish office with Heidy on 9310 1747 or email her at bateman@perthcatholic.org.au by **Tuesday 8th October 2024**.

For enquiries, please contact **Michele Doray on 0416 291 429**.

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.

DISABLED PARKING BAYS.

Please remember that the disabled parking bays are reserved for those with a valid permit. Kindly avoid parking in these spaces unless you have the appropriate permit. Let's ensure these spots are available for those who genuinely need them. Thank you for your understanding and respect.

