

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Second Reading - James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel - Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

September 29, 2024

Working together for God

A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details.

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities.

In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who

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

works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects the disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasising the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of everyone who acts in faith and good will, calling them his "little ones". He encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God.

The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice. Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries. Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service: *God the Creator, all that comes from your hands is good. Help us to discern your presence in the beauty of your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.*

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Baptisms: We welcome Luna Molloy, Lacey Molloy and Maria Grace Qian Hui Lim into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Patrick John McManus, Liria Caranna, 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 Kenneth Sherlock Maingot, Waclaw Golebienski, Maxine McManus, Michael Gerard Murray, Mary Rose B and Judith Wai Bo Ip whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 6TH OCTOBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
Flowers: Little Babu Angel
Counters: 1. B D'Sa 2. S Fernandes 3. G Weldt

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	D Ng J Nonis (thurifer)	R Norris	P Doray
Altar Servers	K Lee J Lee E Antony	J Cherian I Lu	G Chua A Demberger E Gatchalian
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	O D'Mello E Fernandez D Gareffa G Garreffa C Hoare A Khoo A Loo	M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz D Dennis G Dunsford W Goh	A Crossley M Davis M Doray A Faleiro S Fialho P Fraser M Sugijono

Catechists

NO
CHILDREN'S
LITURGY

Readers	C Hoare D Hoare	D Dennis C Morzenti	V Hodgson S John
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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 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
6. Bateman Youth: youth.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au

PARISH NEWS

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, 4 November 2020 Catechesis on prayer - **13. Jesus, Teacher of prayer**

we now consider how Jesus himself prayed, for this reveals key aspects of how we also are to pray. Even when immersed in caring for the people, Christ never neglected his dialogue with the Father, which guided all that he did and taught. In solitary prayer he nurtured a loving intimacy with his Father, an intimacy for which we too yearn. From our Lord's example, we see that prayer first means listening, and encountering God: the primary desire of each day. Second, we need to pray with perseverance, so that it can become a rule of life, gradually transforming us and, by God's grace, strengthening and sustaining us in times of tribulation. Third, solitude and silence are essential for prayer, not in order to escape from the world but, on the contrary, to help us open ourselves more effectively to the needs of others. Finally, prayer reminds us that everything depends on God. This leads us to recover the proper sense of our relationship with him and with the whole of creation. Let us, then, learn from Jesus, the master of prayer – who alone can grant us true joy and peace.

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** - Anchored in hope*

18. Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12). Surely we need to "abound in hope" (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. Yet what is the basis of our hope? To understand this, let us stop and reflect on "the reasons for our hope" (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).

PARISH NEWS

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. Please stay after Mass for a cuppa and light refreshments provided by the Parish Council.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 6 - 9PM.

Why not spend some time with the Lord in silence and give Him the opportunity to speak to you?

COFFEE GET-TOGETHER - FIRST SAT & SUN 5TH & 6TH OCTOBER 2024

1. **First Saturday Evening Coffee - Saturday 5th October 2024**
(Immediately after 6pm mass)
2. **First Sunday Morning Coffee - Sunday 6th October 2024**
(Immediately after 10am mass)
3. **Every Sunday morning after 8.00am Mass**, coffee and tea will be in the Parish Hall.

Please join us, share friendship, and get to know other parishioners. It's a great way to feel welcomed in the parish.

RCIA CATECHUMEN BLESSING - SAT 5TH OCT 2024 AT 6PM MASS

Please pray for our catechumens!

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY - WED 9TH OCT 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 9th October 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.



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

The Legion of Mary invites you to join our Parish Bi-Annual Candle-light 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.

MONTH OF OCTOBER - OUR LADY'S HOME ROSARY

All those wishing to have the Rosary in their homes during the month of October, are invited to write their names down on the list provided in the church foyer. A statue of Our Lady and some books are available if required.

For more information, please contact Heidi at the Parish office on 9310 1747.

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 NEWS

HONOURING OUR LADY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Parishioners are invited to consider praying more rosaries during the month of October. Please join fellow parishioners praying the rosary 30 minutes before each weekday mass.

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 Heidi on 9310 1747 or email her at bate-man@perthcatholic.org.au by **Tuesday 8th October 2024**.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 26TH OCTOBER 2024

The candidates now have their photos displayed in the Church. 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.

RELIGIOUS PROGRAM CATECHIST: INTRODUCTION

For those who's interested to find out what's involved being a Catechist in Parish RE program, you're invited to "**Come and See: Introduction to the Catechetical Ministry**" at **9:30am-12:30pm on 30th October** at Catholic Education Centre in West Leederville. Please contact the Parish RE coordinator, email: cate-chist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au for more details.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL DAILY MASS

We are seeking a volunteer to accompany **Father Anibal** to Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) to assist with the reading during **Mass at 12:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month**.

If you are available and willing to help, please contact the parish office or speak directly with Father Anibal.

Thank you for your generosity in serving our community!

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

Your story may give hope, inspire, and encourage those who need prayers. Read the story of a miraculous healing "*Surrender to the Great Healer*" posted on the notice board and in the foyer. When you share, you can choose to remain anonymous. For enquiries, please call Jeremiah 0422 237 268 or email jckloo18@gmail.com

REPAINTING OF CEILING (SOFFIT) ABOVE THE CHURCH WALKWAY IN THE COURTYARD

We will be repainting the ceiling (soffit) above our church walkway in the courtyard over the next few weeks. Please be mindful of the work area and any potential disruptions. We appreciate your patience and support during this time! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the church office.