

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel - Mark 10:17-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 13, 2024

To live happily ever after

The fairytales and fables we heard as kids have taught us to hope that in the end, the good will be rewarded and the evil will get their comeuppance. The humble and persecuted Cinderella won the prince, while her cruel stepsisters failed to impress. Jack got his golden egg-laying goose, while the greedy giant met a sticky end. The Little Red Hen enjoyed her bread with her chicks, while the unhelpful pig, cat, and frog went hungry.

These stories instil an expectation: virtue leads to reward, and wrongdoing brings punishment. However, today's gospel challenges this notion, showing us that eternal life cannot be won solely by our best efforts.

In the gospel, both the wealthy man and Jesus' disciples believe that their strict observance of the Law or their sacrifices for the mission will guarantee them salvation. Jesus, however, disrupts their expectations. The wealthy man is told to let go of his "many possessions" (Mk 10:22), and the disciples are reminded that their rewards come with "persecutions" (Mk 10:30).

This narrative exemplifies Jesus' radical reinterpretation of God's commandments. In

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

the Matthean "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5:1-7:29), Jesus redefined righteousness. It is not enough to stay one's hand from murder; one must also avoid anger (Mt 5:21-26). It is not enough to be devoted to one's friends; one must love those who persecute us as well (Mt 5:43-44). Similarly, the wealthy man of today's gospel might live by the "letter of the law" (Mk 10:20), yet still fall short. He "went away sad" (Mk 10:22), blinded by his riches; he was unable to fully commit to Jesus.

Like a fairy tale character, this man sought a formula to earn his place in heaven (Mk 10:17). He viewed salvation as a commodity achievable by being "good." But Jesus isn't a Fairy Godmother, and eternal life isn't a magical golden egg. Salvation is a gift from God to all, whether blameless or blameworthy (Mk 10:27); it cannot be earned.

The point of this story is that the gospel is no fairytale, even though it promises a happy ending. The spectre of the Cross haunts every page of Jesus' story. The path to eternal life winds through dark days of persecution and disappointment. The happy ending can only be achieved through genuine self-sacrifice. On his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus warns his disciples three times that he will suffer death at the hands of his enemies (Mk 8:31; 9:30; 10:32).

So, there is no secret recipe for salvation. Eternal life comes from accepting God's gift wholeheartedly, committing everything we are and own to the vocation to which God calls us. This acceptance is not a simplistic equation: be good, win salvation! To paraphrase Mark's Jesus as he set out on his final journey to Jerusalem, "if you want to live happily ever-after, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34).

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Rosalba Capurso, Tuti Sutedja, Patrick John McManus, Liria Caranna, Elsie Haines, Edna Christina Amaral and Salvatore Greco who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Adrienne Chadwick, Ivo Viskovich, Giuseppe Ferraro, Caterina Cinanni, Arthur Codalonga, Deone Geoffrey Peppin, Patrick Barron, Tony Byrne, Irene Ross, Patricia Fitzpatrick, Edgar D'Abreo, Dorothy Aldridge, Teresa D'Souza, Peter James Murphy, Leslie Smith and Herman Streppel whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 20TH OCTOBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Khuyen Hoang
 Counters: 1. P Foley 2. G Weldt 3. L Thornett

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	J Nonis	M Humble	S Kan
Altar Servers	G Dass J Noel	J Cherian A Evans S Evans	R Anwar G Chua
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	R Oetomo K Poole L Rego A Roque J See L Sequeira M Sequeira	M Ch'ng M Ch'ng C Cox B D'Cruz D Dennis G Dunsford W Goh	N Mourad S Cataldo-Nikolic C Poore G Prasetyo E Ross T Rudianto L Saverimutto

Catechists CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Michelle Lowth

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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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

MOTHERS PRAYERS THANKSGIVING MASS 2024 - FRI 25TH OCT AT 10AM


Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers, god-mothers and all women with a mother's heart to a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 25th Oct at 10 am at St Benedict's Church, Applecross. Do arrive early to place the names of your children and grandchildren into the basket which will be brought to the altar during Offertory, signifying our surrender of these precious children into Jesus' loving care. Mass will be followed by morning tea, when you will be able to hear about the many blessings and answered prayers received through Mothers Prayers.

For more information, please email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator at perth@mothersprayers.org

RIGHT TO LIFE: ANNUAL DINNER - SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2024

at 6pm for 6.30pm start, RAAFA Club Memorial Estate Bull Creek, \$85/person.

Buy tickets at <https://www.righttolifewa.co/calendar/events/?event=9734>

 Catholic Mission invites Bateman parishioners to **the 2024 Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery**. Titled, 'A Season for Hope', this beautiful classical and sacred music event, performed by some of Perth's premier musicians at **St**

Mary's Cathedral on Monday 25 November, shines a light on the problem of modern slavery both locally and globally and on what we can do to lessen and eradicate its impact on the lives of vulnerable people and their communities. So please save the date and book a ticket to this inspirational musical *experience by going on-line to <https://www.trybooking.com/CVWHK>*. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating together a start to the season of Hope that is Advent.

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** - Anchored in hope*

20. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Saint Paul states this succinctly by the use of four verbs: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5). Christ died, was buried, was raised and appeared. For our sake, Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit, and made of his humanity the first fruits of our eternal salvation. Christian hope consists precisely in this: that in facing death, which appears to be the end of everything, we have the certainty that, thanks to the grace of Christ imparted to us in Baptism, "life is changed, not ended", [15] forever. Buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death, making it a passage to eternity.

The reality of death, as a painful separation from those dearest to us, cannot be mitigated by empty rhetoric. The Jubilee, however, offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama. It is worth reflecting, in the context of the Jubilee, on how that mystery has been understood from the earliest centuries of the Church's life. An example would be the tradition of building baptismal fonts in the shape of an octagon, as seen in many ancient baptisteries, like that of Saint John Lateran in Rome. This was intended to symbolize that Baptism is the dawn of the "eighth day", the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage (cf. Rom 6:22).

The most convincing testimony to this hope is provided by the martyrs. Steadfast in their faith in the risen Christ, they renounced life itself here below, rather than betray their Lord. Martyrs, as confessors of the life that knows no end, are present and numerous in every age, and perhaps even more so in our own day. We need to treasure their testimony, in order to confirm our hope and allow it to bear good fruit.

The martyrs, coming as they do from different Christian traditions, are also seeds of unity, expressions of the ecumenism of blood. I greatly hope that the Jubilee will also include ecumenical celebrations as a way of highlighting the richness of the testimony of these martyrs.

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.

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, 18 November 2020 Catechesis on prayer -

15. The Virgin Mary, prayerful woman

We now consider our Blessed Lady as a woman of prayer and a model for our own life of prayer. From her youth Mary always prayed with humility, open to wherever the Lord might lead her. We find her at prayer when the angel Gabriel announces that she is to be the Mother of the Son of God. Her simple words, "Let it be done to me", are a model for all prayer, which consists in trusting openness to God's will. Mary remained close to her Son in prayer at the critical moments of his life, even to the foot of the cross. In the joy of the resurrection, she prayerfully accompanied the newborn Church. Through her 3 openness to the power of the Holy Spirit the Mother of God thus became the Mother of the Church. Saint Luke tells us that Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (2:19). In union with her Immaculate Heart, may our hearts too be open to God's will through our own meditation on the mysteries of the life and saving work of Jesus Christ.

THE SURRENDER PRAYER. The Surrender Prayer is the third card to be handed out by the Parish Pastoral Council in response to Pope Francis' request to intensify prayer in 2024 in preparation for the Jubilee year of Hope 2025. This 9 day Novena has the imprimatur and is a gentle way of reminding us to not worry and place our trust in God. Large Print copies are available in the foyer.

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.



HONOURING OUR LADY DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Parishioners are invited to pray more Rosaries and prayers to Our Lady during October.

- **Before Weekday Masses** - The Rosary is a powerful prayer and begins 30 minutes before every weekday Mass.
- **Scriptural Rosary Group** - Please join us every Tuesday at 8.50am in the church.
- **Our Lady's Shrine** - The Rosary and Chaplets are recited every Wednesday at 2.30pm. Parishioners and parents please join us even if only for one Hail Mary.

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.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR VISIT - SAT 19TH & SUN 20TH OCT

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting our parish on Saturday 19th October and Sunday 20th October 2024. They will speak about their mission of caring for the elderly poor. Those who wish to support their work will have the opportunity to do so after all Masses. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

PARISH VOLUNTEERS' NIGHT – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.15PM

Please come along to enjoy each other's company, share a meal together, enjoy wine, food and fellowship. Volunteers are invited to bring their spouse. For catering purposes, please sign up on the sheet provided, indicating your name and if your spouse will be attending. Some of the ministry leaders are currently away and the invitation to attend the Volunteers Recognition Evening may not reach all volunteers.

The invitation is also on the notice board.

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.

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: catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au for more details.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING SATURDAY 19TH OCT 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 **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.

ALL SOUL'S DAY - Our parish is celebrating the lives of our dearly departed. If you have lost a loved one during the past 12 months, we would like to invite you to display a photo in church so that we can remember them & pray with you.

Please provide us with a framed photo of your loved one & labelled with name, date of birth & departure in front, and your name & contact behind. It would be appreciated that the size of the photo be no larger than A5 (size of parish bulletin). Please leave the photo at the designated box at the church foyer or with Angela.

There will be a mass at **9am on Saturday 2nd November 2024**. This will be followed with brunch for the grieving families. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Angela at: 0418 953 992.