

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 27, 2024

There are those who get it

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high. The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living,

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

but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town. Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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Baptisms: We welcome Elizabeth Christine Polgardy and Logan Alexander Polgardy into our Parish Community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Carmel (Charles) Busuttill, Daisy Pereira, Maria Collica, Rosalba Capurso, Tuti Sutedja, Patrick John McManus, Liria Caranna and Elsie Haines who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Hilda Clinton, Des Humphreys, Ross Alphonse Robert, Peter James Murphy, Marie Pickersgill, Sara Hennessy, Phyllis Morrison, William Light, Wu Chi Tuan (John), Douglas Roberts and Gloria Randazzo whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 3RD NOVEMBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Justina Yeap
 Counters: 1. S Lau 2. R Sciascia 3. A Vinci

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	S Cowman	C Goh P Cox (thurifer)	S Muthucumaru
Altar Servers	M Poole A D'Monte R Roki	J Cherian A Evans S Evans	A Kan G Winaulin J Winaulin
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	L Sequeira M Sequeira C Hoare A Khoo A Loo M Magnussen L Morzenti	C Cox B D'Cruz M de Rozario D Dennis G Dunsford R Margawani W Goh	S Wong A Aquino P Braganza S Cataldo-Nikolic A Lu M Doray A Faleiro S Fialho
Catechists			CHILDREN'S LITURGY Michelle Lowth
Readers	L Sequeira M Sequeira	C Tan D Dennis	K Wasley J To
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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)
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- ♦ 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 at 9am: All Souls' Day
- Monday 9th December at 9am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday 28th December at 9am: The Holy Innocents
- Monday 30th December at 9am: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

PARISH MASSES: With attendance of students from Corpus Christi College

1. **Thursday 9am Masses:** 31st October, 7th November, 14th November, 21st November, 28th November and 5th December
2. **Friday 9am Mass:** 1st November 2024

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.

MARY GOLDING'S RECOGNITION EVENING

Dear past and current RCIA Candidates, Catechists, and Sponsors,

We are delighted to invite you to a special evening in honour of **Mary Golding**, as we celebrate her remarkable **30 years of dedicated service to the RCIA program** at St. Thomas More Parish. Mary has been a guiding light for so many on their journey of faith, and this evening is an opportunity to show our appreciation for her tireless commitment and support. It would be wonderful to have as many past RCIA candidates, catechists, and sponsors as possible join us for this celebration. If you know of anyone else who might like to attend, please feel free to pass the invitation along.

Date: **Thursday, 14th November 2024** Time: **6.30pm**

Location: **St. Thomas More Parish Hall, Bateman**

RSVP by Thursday 7th November 2024 to bateman@perthcatholic.org.au or 9310 1747 to ensure we can prepare for this special event.

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.

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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, 2 December 2020[Multimedia] Catechesis on prayer - **17. The blessing**

We now consider the importance of blessing as an essential dimension of prayer. To "bless" literally means to "speak something good". In creating and sustaining the world, God speaks a good word; he "blesses" his creation and sees that it is "good". God did not withhold his blessing even after we turned away in sin, but continues to desire our good. In the history of salvation, the greatest of God's blessings is Jesus Christ himself. Saint Paul exhorts us to bless God, who has blessed us in Christ, and made us his beloved sons and daughters (cf. Eph 1:3-6). In response to God's blessings, we in turn bless him, the source of all good, through our prayers of praise, adoration and thanksgiving. As the Catechism teaches: "The prayer of blessing is man's response to God's gifts" (No. 2626). May we always find joy in blessing the Father with gratitude for the infinite goodness he has shown us in giving us his Son.

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

22. Another reality having to do with eternal life is God's judgement, both at the end of our individual lives and at the end of history. Artists have often attempted to portray it – here we can think of Michelangelo's magnum opus in the Sistine Chapel – in accordance with the theological vision of their times and with the aim of inspiring a sense of awe in the viewer. We should indeed prepare ourselves consciously and soberly for the moment when our lives will be judged, but we must always do this from the standpoint of hope, the theological virtue that sustains our lives and shields them from groundless fear. The judgement of God, who is love (cf. 1 Jn 4:8.16), will surely be based on love, and in particular on all that we have done or failed to do with regard to those in need, in whose midst Christ, the Judge himself, is present (cf. Mt 25:31-46). Clearly, then, we are speaking of a judgement unlike any handed down by human, earthly tribunals; it should be understood as a rapport of truth with the God who is love and with oneself, within the unfathomable mystery of divine mercy. Sacred Scripture states: "You have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins, so that... when we are judged, we may expect mercy" (Wis 12:19.22). In the words of Benedict XVI: "At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy". [17]

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Judgement, then, concerns the salvation in which we hope and which Jesus has won for us by his death and resurrection. It is meant to bring us to a definitive encounter with the Lord. The evil we have done cannot remain hidden; it needs to be purified in order to enable this definitive encounter with God's love. Here we begin to see the need of our prayers for all those who have ended their earthly pilgrimage, our solidarity in an intercession that is effective by virtue of the communion of the saints, and the shared bond that makes us one in Christ, the firstborn of all creation. The Jubilee indulgence, thanks to the power of prayer, is intended in a particular way for those who have gone before us, so that they may obtain full mercy.

ALL SAINTS' MASS - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT 9AM and 5.30PM

(The Evening Mass will be followed by Adoration)

Masses for the Solemnity of All Saints will be celebrated on **Friday 1st November 2024** at **9.00am** (with attendance of students from Corpus Christi College) and **5.30pm** (Incense will be used at evening Mass).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2024 AT 6 - 9PM.

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

ALL SOULS' DAY - SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 9.00AM

There will be Masses for All Souls' Day at **9.00am** on Saturday 2nd Nov 2024.

NOVEMBER BOOK AND ENVELOPES

During the month of November, all Masses will be offered for the Deceased. Please write the names of the deceased that you want to pray for in the Book of "Remembrance" available in the foyer. Also, the November envelopes are available on the table in the church foyer, should you wish to offer Masses for all your loved ones who have died. These envelopes can be dropped into the collection baskets at any weekend Mass and will be placed in a box at the foot of the altar for the whole month of November.

ALL SOULS' 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.

COFFEE GET-TOGETHER - FIRST SAT 2ND & SUN 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - 26TH OCTOBER 2024

There are 51 children who celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this Saturday 26th October at 10:00am. Their photos are now displayed in the Church. As a Parish Community, let us remember to keep these candidates, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

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.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS - SAT 26TH OCT 2024

Congratulations to 18 couples who celebrate their Significant Wedding Anniversary. The Mass and Supper is taking place on **Saturday 26th October 2024 at the 6.00pm Mass.**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic schools have been a part of the West Australian community for more than 150 years. Parents choose a Catholic education for their child because these schools are affordable, easy to access and provide quality education in a caring and supportive environment. Regardless of which Catholic school you choose for your child you will find a welcoming community with excellent teachers and a Christ-centred and child-focused learning environment. The schools are an important part of the life of our parish and students are support in their faith journey by the committed teachers at each school. If you are interested in enrolling at a school we have representatives here today from Corpus Christi College.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor, along with the residents of Glendalough, would like to express their sincere gratitude for the wonderful support and generosity shown by our parish last weekend. Thanks to your kindness, the weekend collection raised a total of \$9,487.50, which will greatly assist in continuing their vital work caring for the Aged Poor. They are deeply thankful for your help and assure all parishioners of their daily prayers. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity!

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.