

Sunday Readings

Year B

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel - Mark 10:2-12

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

October 6, 2024

Let the children come to me

The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the *wonder* of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom").

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

Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God

belongs to such as these."

On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then?

Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God.

Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Tuti Sutedja, Patrick John McManus, Liria Caranna, Elsie Haines, Edna Christina Amaral, Salvatore Greco, Fr Augustine Thomas Pandara -Parambil, Rusman Effendi, Louise Chee and Tan Kia Hong who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Frank Di Renzo, Judith Wai Bo Ip, Beatrice Mitchell, Eric Sia, Cynthia Butler, Giuseppe Ferraro, Julie Ann Norris, Deone Geoffrey Peppin and Patrick Barron whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 13TH OCTOBER

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
Flowers: Diana Puspita
Counters: 1. C Correia 2. D Kumala 3. D Puspita

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
Acolytes	S Dass N Rojan (assistant)	P Cox	T Roper
Altar Servers	J Reutens E Antony N Antony	B Karczub N Karczub I Lu	Am Kan G Winaulin J Winaulin
Extra Ordinary Minister Of Holy Communion	G Lopez M Magnussen L McMinn P McMinn L Morzenti V Ng C Nonis	I Kusnadi R Margawani C Price P Price M Saji J Sciorilli W Goh	P Demberger J Stephen J Lim J Louie A Lu F May J Mohan

Catechists CHILDREN'S LITURGY
Michelle Lowth

Readers	A Loo K A King	A Martin B Martin	K Gamba K Lingoh
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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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- ♦ 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.

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>

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, 11 November 2020 Catechesis on prayer - **14. The persevering prayer**

In our catechesis on prayer, we have seen that Jesus prayed to his Father with perseverance. Three parables in Luke's Gospel emphasize how we too need to be constant in our prayer. The first parable, in which a man asks for help from a friend in the middle of the night and does not give up until his friend responds, teaches us the need to pray with insistence. In the second parable we see in the widow who persists in asking the unrighteous judge for justice, the importance of patience. The third parable, that of the publican and the Pharisee at prayer in the Temple, reveals that God responds to those who pray with humility. We see these three attitudes – insistence, patience and humility – reflected in the saints who persevered in prayer through moments of darkness when God seemed to be silent or absent. May we continue to persevere in prayer conscious that we never pray alone, but with Christ himself, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As Saint Augustine succinctly puts it: Jesus "prays for us as our priest, he prays in us as our Head, and as our God he is the one to whom we pray" (cf. CCC, 3 2616).

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

19. "I believe in life everlasting". [12] So our faith professes. Christian hope finds in these words an essential foundation. For hope is "that theological virtue by which we desire... eternal life as our happiness". [13] The Second Vatican Council says of hope that, "when people are deprived of this divine support, and lack hope in eternal life, their dignity is deeply impaired, as may so often be seen today. The problems of life and death, of guilt and suffering, remain unsolved, so that people are frequently thrown into despair". [14] We, however, by virtue of the hope in which we were saved, can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory. As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20).

PARISH NEWS

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

Please pray for our catechumens!

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.

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 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

The Rosary and Chaplets are recited every Wednesday at 2.30pm. Parishioners and parents please join us even if only for one Hail Mary.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Resumes on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 8.50am in the church.

PARISH NEWS

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

THANK YOU - VOLUNTEER FOR FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL DAILY MASS

We are grateful to everyone who responded to our call for volunteers to assist with the Mass at Fiona Stanley Hospital on the first Thursday of each month. Thank you for your generosity and support in serving our community!

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING WED 9TH & SAT 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:

1. **St Jude, 20 Prendiville 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.