

Sunday Readings

Year C

First Reading - Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel - Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

February 9, 2025

The journey of discipleship

In this week's gospel, we witness the all-too-familiar story of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee calling Simon Peter and other fisherfolk to join him in his mission. Unlike similar call stories in Mark (1:16-20) and Mathew (4:18-22), the journey to discipleship in Luke is not a single moment of decisive conversion but rather a gradual process, marked by repeated encounters, personal challenges, and an evolving understanding of Jesus' identity.

By the time we encounter Simon Peter in this passage, he has already had several meetings with Jesus. Earlier, Jesus performed miracles in Peter's hometown of Capernaum (Lk 4:31-37), healing many who came to Peter's house (4:40-41), including Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4:38-39).

Peter and his colleagues may have been curious about this miracle worker from Nazareth. However, curiosity alone was not enough to prompt them to abandon their lives and livelihoods. In this later encounter by the lake, Peter and his companions still engaged in their work, weary from an unfruitful night of fishing, are still rooted in the security of their familiar lives.

Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to "put out into the deep" (Lk 5:4) which, 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

Luke is probably meant to be read as both a physical and a spiritual quest. The depth of the lake symbolises a deeper dive into trust and faith, a willingness to venture beyond comfort.

The miraculous catch that follows is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also a revelation for Peter, who, "seized with astonishment" (Lk 5:9), falls to his knees and acknowledges his own unworthiness. This response signifies a transformative moment, one in which Peter's initial curiosity is challenged by the overwhelming presence of the sacred in Jesus.

This passage reminds us that discipleship often requires repeated encounters with the sacred presence in our lives. Each encounter deepens the call, drawing us from curiosity to faith and, eventually, to a committed life of discipleship. It is easy to think that a single moment of conviction or inspiration will suffice to sustain a life of faith. However, Peter's journey suggests that a faithful response to Jesus is nurtured over time, with each encounter inviting us to trust more deeply and let go of our reservations. The call to "leave everything and follow" (Lk 5:11) becomes possible only when Peter has experienced both Jesus' authority and his compassion in a personal and transformative way.

In our own lives, we may find that discipleship also unfolds through a series of invitations to trust, each one a step deeper into relationship with Jesus. We might be drawn to the message of Jesus through curiosity, but it is through ongoing encounters—moments of insight, challenge, or comfort—that we grow into a life of committed discipleship.

Like Peter and his fellow fisherfolk, we come to realise that following Jesus is not merely a call to faith but a call to transformation. We are invited to leave behind the life we know, trusting in the new purpose Jesus reveals, one encounter at a time.

Ian J Elmer

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Please pray for Lindinha Leite Da Cunha, Douglas McKirdy, David Booth, Cameron Andrew Bedford and Francis Xavier Huong Nguyen (Father of Fr Francis Nguyen, the Rector of St Charles Seminary) who passed away recently.

Death Anniversaries:

Please pray for Kenneth John Kelly, Allen Bannister-Jones, Fr Wayne Davis, Anna Stasia Gannon, Joane Theresa Smith, Patricia Owens, Ronald Chapman, Basil Lee, Leonardo and Antoinetta Gizzi whose anniversaries occur around this time.

R O S T E R S

FOR 16TH FEBRUARY

Bulletin: Ratinda Oetomo
 Flowers: Little Babu Angel
 Counters: 1. P Golding 2. L Thornett 3. G Weldt

	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.00am	Sunday 10.00am
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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 2025, 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:

- Monday 17th March 2025 at 9.00am: Solemnity of St Patrick
- Monday 14th April 2025 at 9am: Monday of Holy Week
- Monday 21st April 2025 at 9am: Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday 26th April 2025 at 9am: Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday 1st November 2025 at 9am: All Saints
- Monday 8th December 2025 at 9am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Monday 29th December 2025 at 9am: Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

2025 SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Holy Communion: **Saturday 21st June 2025**

Confirmation: **Saturday 6th September 2025**

First Reconciliation: **Saturday 25th October 2025**

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BATEMAN - SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

On behalf of SVDP Bateman Conference, I would like to thank our Bateman parishioners, Corpus Christi College and Bateman Primary School for their generous donations & support of non perishable food during the Christmas season and throughout the year 2024. Our clients have expressed their gratitude for your generosity and spirit of charity.-

We will be having our first **Vinnie's coffee & cakes sales** for this year on **Sunday 16th Feb 2025**. We look forward to your continued generous support for the coffee and cake morning. Those who are looking at supporting our Vinnie's coffee & cakes sales by donating their food can contact Winnie Goh on mobile #: +61 421 601 095, Vincent Tan President SVDP Bateman Conference.

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
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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

2024 YEAR OF PRAYER: To reinforce Pope Francis' call for prayer to be intensified 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, 12 May 2021 Catechesis on prayer: **33. The Struggle of Prayer**

We now consider the traditional theme of "spiritual combat". The great spiritual masters recognize that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. The Catechism teaches that prayer, although a free and unmerited gift of God's grace, can be affected by our human experiences of discouragement, sadness or disappointment (cf. No. 2728). Many of the saints in fact experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. Saint Ignatius of Loyola uses military imagery to stress the importance of discipline in our efforts to serve under the banner of Christ. Saint Anthony learned from his harsh spiritual battles in the desert that although God may at times seem absent amid these struggles, he remains always at our side. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (cf. Gen 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

JUBILEE PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

QUOTE - HOPE:

To come to know God—the true God—means to receive hope.

Pope Benedict Spe Salvi 3

PARISH NEWS

JUBILEE:

Chinese/Lunar New Year: Friendships are valuable. They give support, encouragement and joy to each other. Our parish social gatherings are opportunities to make friendships. We grow together in understanding and compassion.

<https://majellan.media/hope-and-friendship/>

A loving and supportive community has a spiritual purpose as expressed by Pope Francis: *We are all brothers and sisters in the Lord, and looking at each other helps us to pray for one another.* (San Damaso courtyard Wednesday, 12 May 2021).

Thank you to all who participated in Chinese New Year celebrations: choir, readers, entertainers, lion dance and parishioners. Each community celebration is an opportunity for increasing hope in our parish family.

Discovering Sacraments of Initiation: Christ instituted the sacraments as a means of restoring man's relationship with God - bringing **hope** to mankind. Come to the faith formation sessions to learn more about the sacraments from the wonderful speaker Sister Luka. Information on this talk series is in the bulletin.

USEFUL LINKS ON JUBILEE:

- <https://liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au/jubilee-year-2025/>
- https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_penitenzieria-ap_20240513_norme-indulgenza-giubileo2025_en.html
(Vatican link on gaining plenary indulgence in Jubilee Year of Hope)

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE CHURCHES AND SHRINES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Archdiocese of Perth

- St Mary's Cathedral, Perth
- The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle
- St John Paul II Parish, Banksia Grove
- Schoenstatt Shrine, Mount Richon
- Carmelite Monastery, Nedlands
- Sacred Heart Parish, Highgate

Bunbury Diocese:

- Saint Patrick's Cathedral Bunbury
- Saint Damien's Church Dawesville
- Our Lady of Immigrants Church Harvey
- Saint Joseph's Church Busselton
- Saint Mathew's Church Narrogin
- Saint Joseph's Church Albany
- Our lady, Star of the Sea Church Esperance

Perth Cathedral has provided information on the gaining of Jubilee indulgence for pilgrimage to Saint Mary's. This is available in the church foyer. For all the information on plenary indulgence please refer to the following link:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/13/240513f.html>

ST THOMAS MORE BATEMAN LADIES CRAFT GROUP 2025

Interested ladies are invited to join our Parish Ladies craft and fellowship group commencing **Tuesday 11th February 2025**.

We meet each Tuesday afternoon during school term between **12:15pm - 2:15pm** in the air-conditioned Parish Meeting Room. Come along, 'share a chair' and knit or natter – a great way to make new friends! Bring your own lunch; coffee/tea provided.

Enquiries to Jenny: 0438 967 483

PARISH NEWS

CHINESE/LUNAR NEW YEAR MASS - SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2025

Join us for a special celebration of the Chinese/Lunar New Year with a Thanksgiving Mass on **Sunday, 9th February 2025 at 10:00 AM**.

We encourage all parishioners to wear their cultural clothing as we gather in unity to give thanks for the blessings we have received. The Mass will be followed by a vibrant **Lion Dance performance**, bringing joy and excitement to our celebration.

We also invite you to contribute to our community feast by bringing a plate of shared food to enjoy with fellow parishioners after the performance.

Let us come together in faith, culture, and fellowship to mark this special occasion. We look forward to celebrating with you!

REDISCOVERING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND THE EUCHARIST - TUES 11TH FEB - 4TH MAR 2025

On: Tuesdays 11th February - 4th March 2025

From: 7:30pm – 8:30pm (4 sessions)

With: Sr M Luka Juenemann ISSM

At: Bateman Parish - Corner of Dean & Marsengo Roads

Suggested Donation: \$20

The building blocks of a Christian life within the Catholic Church are built upon a personal and communal relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ. This relationship is expressed sacramentally and ritually within the Initiation Sacraments. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist call Christians to discipleship of Christ and to be visible signs of God's presence in the world. What does our personal and communal relationship with God mean for our lives? How is our church leadership or ministry seen as flowing from the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist?

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY - WED 12TH FEB 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 12th February 2025 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Our 2025 PREP classes has now commenced. Our classes run from Pre-Primary to Year 6 including sacramental classes (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) every Wednesday from 4 -5pm during Term 1 to Term 3, excluding school holidays. Special arrangements can be made for high school students who may not have celebrated their age relevant Sacrament. Please use the following link <https://stthomasmorebateman.formstack.com/forms/prep2025> or the QR code for enrolment. For more information, please contact the RE Coordinator via email catechist.bateman@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9310 1747 (available Tue/Wed)



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The Catholic chaplain at Fiona Stanley Hospital is unable to visit a catholic patient unless requested to do so by the patient or next of kin. This is hospital policy. If your loved one is in FS hospital and wishes to have a visit from a Catholic priest, please direct the request to the hospital chaplaincy.

(This policy may apply to other hospitals as well).