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This Week's Liturgy

Mon	9.00am	
Tue	9.00am	
Wed	5.00pm	Holy Hour
	6.00pm	St Mary of the Cross
Thu	9.00am	
Fri	9.00am	
Sat	5-5:30pm	Reconciliation
	6.00pm	
Sun	8.00am	
	10.00am	
	5.00pm	

This weekend we welcome
40 of the 125 children this year
who are receiving their
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.



As they are now gathered around
the Table of the Lord, please keep them
with their families in your prayers.

We thank all of the teachers and catechists
who have been instrumental in the children being
prepared so well to receive the Sacrament.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK is in the first week of September.

During that week the Safeguarding Team will run workshops at various parishes covering the topics:
"Protecting God's Children" – a workshop for parents on how to use the Parent Handbook;
"Cyber Safety" – dealing with how parents can keep their children safe online; and
"Love, Sex and Relationships for Teenagers" – a workshop based around the new resource for 2018.

The Child Protection Breakfast is on **Tuesday 4 September at 7:30am** at the Duxton Hotel. All are invited to attend at \$49 per person or \$350 for a table of 8. In this Year of Youth we will be launching the new **Teenagers Handbook "Love, Sex and Relationships – The Basic Essentials for Catholic Teenagers"** which has been developed by the Archdiocese as part of the Safeguarding Project.

The Safeguarding Competition aims to help our children become more aware of needing to feel and to be safe. Students are asked to answer a series of questions which will help adults learn how to make young people feel safe at all times. Prizes will be awarded to the best answers from Kindy to Year 3, from Year 4 to Year 6 and from Secondary School with the overall winner receiving a \$500 gift voucher.

Entries are due by Sunday August 19 and can be handed in to one of the Safeguarding Officers or to Fr Dat, Fr Joseph or Sr Emmanuel. Entry forms are available in the Church Foyer or from the Catholic schools.

The Safeguarding Project is a part of Archbishop Timothy Costello's response to the Royal Commission Into Institutional Child Abuse. All Parishes now have Safeguarding Officers who maintain a presence in the Parish and are trained as a first point of contact for children and vulnerable adults who are experiencing abuse or have concerns along these lines. Officers are also responsible for overseeing Parish activities to keep our children safe.



Can you help?? We are currently looking for a few more people willing to go on the roster as a **FACILITATOR for the 10am Mass**. A few of our long-term volunteers have moved out of the parish or have needed to 'hang up their boots' due to ill-health, so we are seeking some reinforcements for those left! This person is only responsible for ensuring that there are the correct number of readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist as well as arranging a few people to take up the Offertory during the Mass. Once these things are done, the job finishes.

If we have a few new volunteers come forward then the commitment can be spread out over the roster. **Leonie** is one of our long-term people who regularly facilitates and is very happy for you to approach her after Mass this weekend to have a chat about the job and for you to leave your contact details with her. She can also be contacted on **0401 205 778** if you have any queries.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT MATER CHRISTI

Requests for reception of **Baptism** need to be made to baptism.mc@westnet.com.au
All **other Sacraments** enquiries can be made to the Parish Office.
RCIA enquiries should be directed to rcia.mc@westnet.com.au
The best method of contact is the parish email address: materchristi@westnet.com.au

RCIA

Mater Christi's second group of RCIA pre-catechumens have completed their third week of RCIA sharing about introduction to the Catholic bible part 2. Frs. Dat and Joseph call on the congregation of Mater Christi Catholic Parish to actively welcome, support and pray for these pre-catechumens in their faith formation journey."

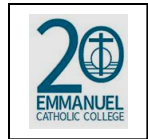


WHO ARE YOU, HOW DO WE CONTACT YOU??!

If you have changed any of your contact details since our last Parish Census in November 2016, or you have joined the parish since and haven't completed a Parish Census form, *please do so*. We would **love to know you** and any way the parish can be of service to you or even what you can offer our ever-growing parish! Any queries related to the Parish Census forms can be directed to Marina in the Parish Office. Forms are available in the foyer of the church this weekend. Please hand the forms to Sister of either of our priests. You can complete as much of the form as you feel comfortable to do so.

Les Hodgson (from 8am Mass) would like to express his deep gratitude to those who offered him condolences on the passing of his beloved wife Betty a few weeks ago.

Explore **EMMANUEL** at our next **College Tour** being held on Wednesday, 5 September at 4.00pm. If you would like a tour of our College to learn more about our programmes and see our College facilities including our new English and Arts Building please RSVP via this our website www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au



NURTURING FAITH WITHIN THE HOME: PASSING FAITH ON TO YOUR CHILDREN

Presenter: **Dr Carmel Suart**

On Wednesdays 8 Aug - 5 Sept from 7-8.30pm at Bateman Parish, 100 Dean Road, Bateman.
(Please note, – No Class on **15 August** - Additional Prayer Family Event on **12 September**).

"If parents are secure in their faith... then the faith will indeed be passed on to the next generation"
Sandra De Gidio.

Held over four evenings in August, this course has been designed to affirm, encourage and support families in their endeavour to nurture faith within the home. The course will be divided into four sections:
Understanding the domestic Church: what are families called to do?; Teachable faith moments; Praying in the home and Rituals: Helping families create and celebrate.

Cost: \$25.. **Further info** or to register, call 9241 5221

Or visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au,

The International Centennial Statue of Our Lady of Fatima has been commissioned by His Holiness Pope Francis to travel the world. It will be at the **Our Lady of the Mission, 276 Camberwarra Drive, Craigie, on Saturday 18th August**, starting with Holy Mass at 8.30am and concluding at approximately 2pm. Please bring your children, grandchildren and friends to take advantage of this great blessing.

CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The Next devotion will be on 8th August 2018. If you have not attended previously, why don't you come along and participate in this uplifting experience? All are welcome. Enquiries to George Lopez on 9310 9493 or 041 991 0039.