

CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPECROSS

St Benedict's Church Newsletter



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All of us in the Church are called to pray for, support and follow the lead of the Holy Father. But our Catholic identity comes from our communion with our local church, in and through its bishop, who is in turn, in communion with the Bishop of Rome. This is what the five-yearly ad limina visits are all about: a brother bishop sharing with the Pope the graces and challenges in his local Church and reaffirming the Catholic faith that unites all of us as members of the same universal Church.

Soon after Jesus called the apostles, disputes broke out among them. We know from the whole of the New Testament that there were serious disagreements between the earliest leaders in the Church. Their different temperaments and missions led to several misunderstandings. What St Paul found in Corinth, however, was a fractured Church, pleading allegiances to different leaders over and against Jesus. He teaches the Corinthians a critical lesson in being Church: we are all one under Jesus' leadership. Christ is the head of the Church.

Within ancient and clear limits the Church has a wonderful diversity, a plurality of expression, emphasis and culture. It's always been like this. It means the Church is taking seriously its role of finding Christ in every place and every community in the world. The moment we pit one local Church against the other ('I prefer the Pope to my bishop') we lose the Catholic communion in Christ Jesus which holds us together.

Paul tells us preaching the Cross of Jesus is the mission of the Church. Jesus shows us in today's Gospel that teaching, preaching and healing are the hallmarks of his ministry. And the same should hold for us. No matter how differently any local church might develop, the Bishop of Rome confirms in the faith Bishops who continue to preach Christ crucified, teach in Christ's name, heal the sick and reconcile the estranged.

That's what makes us Catholic and why today we need to listen again and very carefully, to Paul's admonition, 'I beg you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and purpose.'

To the degree to which we live this out in our communion with our local successor to the Apostles, the more chance all members of the Church have to use the energy and gifts given at baptism to do what Christ wants of the Church: to change the world for good and be a beacon of the saving Christ's gifts – faith, hope and charity.

Dates to Diarise

26 JAN—AUSTRALIA DAY— MASS @ 9AM

7 FEB—MASS OF HEALING @ 9AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

9 FEB—LITURGY MEETING @ 7.30PM

16 FEB—PPC MEETING @ 7.30AM

18/19 FEB—SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

25 Jan MARIST REUNION

Wednesday, 25 January, Newman College, Empire Avenue, Churchlands. RSVPs not necessary. BYO everything. **Further info:** Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104 or Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187.

27 Jan REFLECTION, SHARING AND PRAYER EVENING

4-8pm, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth. RSVP Alma Cabassi 0419 044 136.

PALMS ENCOUNTERS: An experience to share this Easter and beyond. Register now for our **2 - 14 April Encounter on 02 9560 5333** or go to www.palms.org.au/

Readings for next week

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YR A

1st Reading: Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12



WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Please fill-in a Membership Form which is available from the turn stand in the foyer of the Church and post or hand-in to the Parish Office. **Thank you**

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: Anne Karlsson

ANNIVERSARIES: Candida Crispino-Nardone, Betty Smith, Michael Mastaglia, deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank you



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MASS TIMES

Wed/Fri: 7.00am
 Tues/Thurs: 9.00am
 Sat: 7.30am
 Sat Vigil: 6.00pm
 Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

**If Public Holiday falls on Wed/
 Fri, Mass will be celebrated at
 7.30am**

Reconciliation:

Sat: 11am—12noon
 4.30pm—5.30pm

**Exposition of the
 Blessed Sacrament**

Mon: 7.30am—6pm
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—6pm
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—6pm
 Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

For the Sick: Mon-7pm
 For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am
 Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:
 Holidays

Baptisms:

Sundays at 11.30am.

Marriages:

By appointment

**ALTAR SERVER'S
 TRAINING**

We are now looking for any
 new servers in grade 4 and
 up to begin training. We
 are asking that you please
 attend the following one
 hour session: Friday, 3rd
 February, at 3.30—4.30pm.

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 22 Jan 2017

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: CF. PS 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: IS 8:23 - 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. V.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 COR 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MT 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their

father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON: CF. PS 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—28/29 JANUARY 2017

	<u>SAT: 6PM</u>	<u>SUN: 7.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 9.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 6PM</u>
ACOLYTE	A. SUDJANA	R. DOWLING	L. HANDCOCK	M. WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	L. MORRIS S. CAIN	T. DOWLING K. SCOTT	A. HANDCOCK M & S COVELLA	R. HACKETT A. HACKETT
COLLECTORS	A. VARNAKU- LASINGHAM S. DONOVAN	J. GALVIN	L. ORIFICI M. HARRIS	G. CINANNI C. JOSEPH
COMMENTATORS	M. REGO	A. SCOTT	P. CICCARELLI	R. RANIERI
READERS	L. REGO A. SEQUEIRA	E. MUENCHOW A. SCOTT	N. PARKER T. BOLAND	J. NORTON M. BRIGHT
EMOCH	Y. GARBIN C. MORRIS C. CARDOSO T. MEO F. MEYERKORT B. MEYERKORT	M. KILROE J. BOWYER H. OVERMAN	K. WRINGE D. RIGG R. ODORISIO M. BUNN G. WAKE M. HANDYSIDE	R. PAUL B. KERMAN W & P DORAY Y VAN DER BURG
ALTAR SOCIETY	MRS P BELVISO	MRS B YOUNG		
COUNTERS	P. SEQUEIRA	L. ORIFICI	J. COWIE, L. LIU	I. DOWNES
PILGRIM STATUE	D & C VALLINI			