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"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

St Benedict's News

current events >>>

- 11 FEB— 7.30AM PARISH MORNING TEA
- 13 FEB— PANCAKE TUESDAY MORNING TEA AFTER MASS
- 14 FEB— ASH WEDNESDAY— MASSES @ 7am/9am/7pm
- 16 FEB— STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7PM
- 23 FEB— STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ 7PM
- 24 FEB— PARISH BUSY BEE @ 8AM
- 24 FEB— 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE @ RAAFA CLUB, BULLCREEK
- 25 FEB— ANNIVERSARY MASS @ 9.30AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA
- 28 FEB— RCIA TALK— MORAL LAW: LAW AND FREEDOM TALK BY FR PETER BLACK @ 7.30PM
- 1 MAR— 'SPIRITUAL EXERCISES' TALK BY FR MICHAEL HANSEN @ 7.30PM

**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
@ 7.30AM**

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:

Karl Brown, Marina Ciccarelli,
Frances Meyerkort, Alana Coffey, Ondine Komnick, Rodney Dowling



11 FEBRUARY 2018—6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YR B

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus
As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 7:16

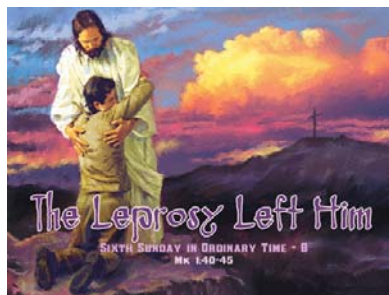
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
The leprosy left him and he was cured.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.



WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF APPECROSS

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**

PARISH ROSTERS — 17-18 FEBRUARY 2018-

	SAT: 6PM	SUN: 7.30AM	SUN:9.30AM	SUN: 6PM
ACOLYTE	C. CARDOSO	N. THOMAS	W. VAN ALEBEEK	K. BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	M & S FOWLER		A. ALBURQUERQUE I BARFIELD T. HAN	M & S ELHAJ B. GOMES
COLLECTORS	T GARBIN I. COORAY	G. DOYLE	M. SANDFORD E. FEW	C. JOSEPH M. NARDONE
COMMENTATORS	E. DIAS	A. SCOTT	M. HANDYSIDE	M. CINANNI
READERS	A VARNAKULASINGHAM T. RYAN	J HERON S HOBBDAY	P SEARSON G WAKE	M BRIGHT J NORTON
EMOCH	S & C CLAY C MORRIS Y GARBIN M HILL	J LEE T CAMMARANO	G WAKE J PHILLIPS D RIGG M BUNN L HANDCOCK	M & G CINANNI D LONGO C GELDENHUYS R PAUL

ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS C DALLA COSTA, MRS A NANKIVELL, MRS C & MISS F VALLINI
COUNTERS: M. ALBUQUERQUE, Y.VAN DER BURG, R. WANIGASEKERA

PILGRIM STATUE: A. ANDRIANI
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: E. GLASSON & L. PERUZZA

MASS TIMES

Mon: Communion Service @ 7am
 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 Mon/
 Wed/Fri, Mass/Communion
 Service will be celebrated at
 7.30am*

Reconciliation:
 Sat: 11am-12noon
 4.30pm-5.30pm

BENEDICTCARE CO-ORDINATORS

Anne - Meals 0477 284 906
 Cora - Meals 9364 8951
 Rosemary - Visiting 9364 3961
 Lourdes - Visiting 0492 929 391
 Silvana— Transport 0418 910 256
 Margaret - Transport 9364 8146
 Elizabeth - New Parishioners
 9364 9386
 Layne—Home Help/Handyman/
 Garden 9315 2323

ST BENEDICT'S NEWS:

ST BENEDICT'S MOVIE NIGHT

EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT @
 7PM IN THE FR ALBERT LYNCH ROOM—
 CHECKOUT NOTICE BOARD FOR SCREENING
 DETAILS



LENTEN PROGRAM:

Project Compassion Weekend
 commences: **10 & 11 February**
 Shrove Tuesday: 13 February
 Ash Wednesday: 14 February
**Masses: 7.00am, 9.00am, 4pm (Liturgy)
 & 7.00pm**



Stations of the Cross: Each Friday during
 Lent—7pm



Our monthly morning teas will begin from March and so we begin this journey of pleading for helpers to serve and provide a plate to share. We are **ASKING/PLEADING NOW** for volunteers to put their names forward so that we can make up a roster and prevent the heart wrenching pleading during the year. Please email the office with your name & contact details.

THANK YOU IN GREAT ANTICIPATION!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon: 7.30am—5pm
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—5pm
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—5pm
 Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

For the Sick: Mon—7pm
 For Priest & Vocations: Sat—8am
 Cenacle: Thurs—9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Thurs @
 1pm in Fr Albert Lynch Room

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in
 the Fr Albert Lynch Room @ 1.30pm

Baptisms: Sundays @ 11.30am

Marriages: By appointment

St Benedict's Young Adults group invites you to our Friday Movie Night!

Friday 23rd February 2018

**St Benedict's Parish
 Albert Lynch Room**

**Time: 7:00 PM & Dinner
 Provided**

Cost: \$5 Donation

Please note: this is an 18 - 30 years event.

RSVP by Monday 19th February
 to: stbeneyoungadults@gmail.com
stbeneyoungadults.com



REFLECTION: by Greg Sunter

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man. To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code. For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

DINNER DANCE

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
ST BENEDICT'S NEW
CHURCH

Music by **KLASSWORKS**



24 FEB

RAAFA CLUB
2 BULLCREEK DRIVE, BULLCREEK
@ 7PM

TICKETS: \$65PP (INCLUDES
3 COURSE MEAL & DRINK ON
ARRIVAL)

Catholic Women's League is an organisation dedicated to upholding the dignity of women through education and encouraging their participation in social and public life.

CWL promotes the spiritual, social, cultural and intellectual formation of women.

CWL also advocates respect of human rights with a particular focus on women and children. Our vision is to create a more just society through prayer and action. Our hope is that more women, young and old, will join with us. **CWL Applecross** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm. Contact: Adele Parsons 93645968. All welcome.



BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW OR YOU MIGHT MISS OUT

Available after all masses - \$65pp (includes drink on arrival, 3 course meal, tea & coffee. Music by **KLASSWORKS**)

Here is a wonderful opportunity to share in this great celebration of the 10th anniversary of our New Church

Let's Celebrate!

10th ANNIVERSARY MASS &
MORNING TEA

SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2018
@ 9.30AM

ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE
AND PAST PRIESTS WILL BE
CELEBRATING MASS

We invite you to come along and celebrate in this significant moment in the history of St Benedict's and make it a wonderful occasion

We look forward to seeing you all there.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Patricia Forkin, Frank Humphris, Pauline Belviso, Tom Lyons, Patrick Gavin, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Tony Garbin, Winnie De Mello, Peter Colleran, John Milbourne and all others who are not included in this list.

**In Need
of Your
Prayers**

**A MESSAGE TO THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY AT THE BEGINNING OF LENT
BY THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS
CONFERENCE**

Days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims –

February 14-17, 2018

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year until their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those from their 14th year.

TWO LENTEN REFLECTIONS

28 FEB: 'Moral Law and Freedom' by Fr Peter Black, *Moral Theologian*. In the Fr Albert Lynch Room @ 7.30pm

1 MARCH: 'Spiritual Exercises' by Fr Michael Hansen, SJ. In the church @ 7.30pm

New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details: Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name _____ Email _____

Residential Address _____ No of People in household _____

PS: If you would like to join the Applecross Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to maintaining the parish buildings and grounds, please tick this box and Colleen, the Parish Secretary, will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you.

Next Week's Readings:
1st Sunday of Lent, Yr B

1st Reading:
Gen 9:8-15

2nd Reading:
1 Pet 3:18-22

Gospel:
Mk 1:12-15

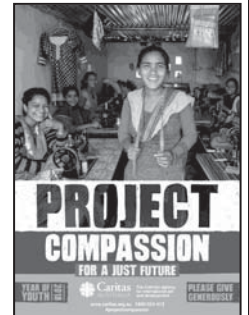


LAUNCH 2018

**Project Compassion Sunday
11th February 2018**

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PRAYER GROUP

We invite you (men, women) to join Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer group in celebrating our 30th Year together. We have moved through the phases of a Charismatic, Faith Sharing, Lectio, and Contemplative group. As Jesus said "Come and See" and we hope you will like what you see and keep coming regularly. We meet in the Albert Lynch Room at St. Benedict's Church, Applecross at 1pm on Thursday afternoons. No need to say if you are coming or not, just come. We finish at 2.30 to allow parents to collect children at school or you can stay for friendship and a cuppa! It is a wonderful way to grow spiritually, support one another through ups and downs and share your faith journey. Come and See!



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Peg Officer, Joyce Wong, Brian Bradley, Charlie Egleston, Jim Phillips, Patricia Andrew, Arthur Corbert, Eric Lange, for all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

