

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



St Benedict's News

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8 DECEMBER, 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR A

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. *Is 30:19,30*

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading: *Is 11:1-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
He judges the poor with justice.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7*
(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: *Rom 15:4-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Acclamation: *Lk 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mt 3:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Communion Antiphon: *Bar 5:5; 4:36*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Calendar of Events >>>

- ◆ 14 DEC—CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT AFTER 6PM MASS
- ◆ 17 DEC—ADVENT RECONCILIATION 1ST RITE @ 7PM
- ◆ 19 DEC—THURSDAY COFFEE MORNING @ GARDEN CITY @ 10AM
- ◆ 21 DEC—PARISH BUSY BEE @ 8AM
- ◆ 22 DEC—PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 24 DEC—OUTDOOR FAMILY MASS @ 6PM
- ◆ 24 DEC—CAROLS @ 11.15PM FOLLOWED BY MIDNIGHT MASS
- ◆ 25 DEC—CHRISTMAS MASSES @ 7.30AM & 9.30AM
NO EVENING MASS

All Welcome



REFLECTION— RICHARD LEONARD

In today's Gospel we hear what a fierce character John the Baptist was. He lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were the publicly devout churchgoers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. We know they regularly demanded observances of ordinary Jews that they did not live out themselves. No wonder John disliked them so much.

Their religious observance was a charade, focused on their needs, their souls, their salvation. They were going to get to heaven, and everyone else be damned! They even come out to the wilderness to get baptised. This was like going to salvation mega-store. They buy a little of everything, just to be sure. John attacks them violently and in doing so condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility.

In Christianity there is an important distinction between personal and private faith. Personal faith knows that God is close and intimate, which is what we celebrate at Christmas. For Christians, however, there is no such thing as private faith. We should always be careful of hymns that only ever speak about 'me and Jesus against the world'. Inheriting the promises made to Israel and seeing them as intended for all God's children, we believe we are saved AS A PEOPLE. For us, it is 'we and Jesus for the world.'

If we have no interest in justice, development and peace for our world. If we don't care to know our fellow parishioners. If all we want is to be left alone, to come to Mass, say our prayers and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again. May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: 'comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.'

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HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION EVERY FRIDAY MORNING @ 7.30AM

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

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



2020 COLUMBAN CALENDAR - ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar, a Catholic Calendar is well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. It is the main fundraiser for the Missions

COST: \$10.00ea

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

The Plenary Council 2020 is moving forward to its next phase, the Listening and Discernment phase. This phase follows from the wonderful work done by many of our parishioners plus other parishes across Australia in the Listening and Dialogue phase last year. The last session is still available for participation by anyone interested in our parish on 10th December commencing with dinner at 6pm in the Fr Albert Lynch Room. Please record your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church entrance with the theme/s you may be especially interested discussing in this Discernment phase.

Thank You, *Parish Plenary Council Team*

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

These are now available at the back of the Church, for parishioners to volunteer for the different duties which make the Christmas celebrations a wonderful experience for all. Please write your name on the sheet for the Mass that you will be attending. Many hands make light work. Your help and support is much appreciated. Thank You.

Wanted! A Joseph, Herod, some shepherds and a throng of angels.

We are looking for children from our parish to participate in the Gospel re-enactment during the Christmas Eve Family Mass. There are no speaking parts, so no requirement to learn any lines. If your child would like to be involved, please contact the Parish office on 9364-1120 or admin@stbenedicts.net.au by **Tuesday, 17 December 2019**

Rehearsals for the St Benedict's Carols Evening will begin this Wednesdays at 7.00pm.
All welcome to join – no experience necessary ... just a willingness to sing and attend practices!



CAROLS NIGHT 14 DECEMBER @ 7PM

PARISH BUSY BEE

SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER @ 8.00AM—12NOON

If you have an hour or two to spare, please come along and help keep our beautiful church looking great. Delicious Morning Tea Provided



TUESDAY,

17 DECEMBER

@ 7PM

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

1st Friday Friends End of Year Garden Party

Will be held on Friday, 20 December @ Maureen's place: 14 Kinross Rd, Applecross from 11am. All members are invited to attend and please bring a plate to share.

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 will be celebrated at 7.30am

Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30pm—5.30pm

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:

For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am

Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: **ON HOLIDAYS UNTIL 6 FEBRUARY 2020**

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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

Baptisms:

Sundays at 11.30am.

Marriages:

By appointment

Next Week's Readings:

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YR A

1st Reading: Is 35:1-6, 10

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

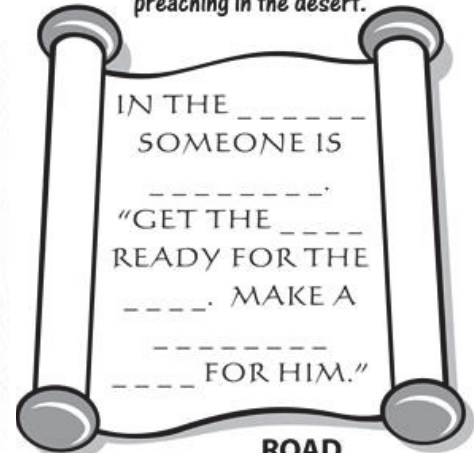
Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Color the shapes that contain dots purple. Fill the other shapes with different colors.



Use the words below to complete Isaiah's prophecy which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the desert.



ROAD
STRAIGHT LORD PATH
SHOUTING DESERT

CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR VIGIL MASS

Please remember to bring along your own chairs or rugs to sit on and a wrap to keep yourselves warm if the weather turns cool.

All children are invited to dress as shepherds, kings or angels appropriate for the Christmas theme.

Thank You.

Christmas Gift Drive

MAKE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SPREAD SOME CHEER & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are collecting christmas gifts and non perishable foods for St Vincent de Paul Society. Please place items in the box provided.

Thank You.

PARISH ROSTERS — 14 & 15 DEC 2019

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	MICHAEL KILROE	PRAVIN SUPPIAH	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	J CARDOSO D & D MANNAR	C & L KILROE	L HANDCOCK I & E ITOTOH E TRUEMAN	E & N CAUCHI
COMMENTATORS	RENEE STEENKAMP	ADELE PARSONS	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	BEV FUNGA
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ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS C GELDENHUYS & MRS T BOLAND

PILGRIM STATUE: CORA KEELEY

COUNTERS: M ALBUQUERQUE & Y VAN DER BURG

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NO LITURGY

ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

08 Dec ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SINGING

Prepare for the Christmas season with a relaxing, fun-filled afternoon of singing featuring popular carols and special Advent chants sung in the Cathedral. Registration \$15 or \$12 concession. Complimentary light Miss Maud refreshments included. Proceeds go towards Cathedral's Fundraising Appeal. Sunday 8 December 2pm til 4pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. Register at music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or at Cathedral Piety Stall. Further info: Jacinta; 08 9223 1377.

11 Dec MIRACLE PRAYERS

The next Miracle Prayers Healing Service is on Wednesday 11 December, 7.30pm at 67 Howe St, Osborne Park. Guest speaker, Fr Ted Miller will be addressing the question, "Does God Heal?" As usual there will be an opportunity to receive personal prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available. Further info; www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth or 0404 028 298.

12 Dec A VOICE FOR HER – CHRISTMAS REFLECTION IN WORD AND MUSIC

A beautiful and inspiring evening of readings and sacred music with Jennifer Barrington (soprano), Paul O'Neill (tenor), Adrian Biemmi (violin), Hugh Lydon (conductor), Dominic Perissinotto (pipe organ), The Giovanni Consort and Scola Choir (from Aquinas College). Reflection by Nick and Leigh Marvin. All are welcome. Thursday, 12 December 7pm til 8.30pm, St Patrick's Basilica, 47 Adelaide St, Fremantle. Tickets: Adults \$30; Concession \$20; Under 12 yrs free. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BGRGF>. Further info: Lydia, on Istanley@catholicmission.org.au or 08 9422 7933.

14 Dec PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE - ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

Pregnancy Assistance invites you to our annual Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 14 December, 10am at St Mary's Cathedral. Principal celebrant will be Rev Fr Conor Steadman. Further info; lissette@pregnancyassistance.org.au or 08 9328 2929.

22 Jan MARIST EX-STUDENTS - REUNION

Marist Ex-Students of all former and current Marist schools are warmly invited to a Reunion on Wednesday 22 January at Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands. Mass in the College Chapel at 4.30pm followed by BBQ 5.30pm and fellowship in the college grounds. BYO everything. RSVP is not necessary. Further info: Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187, Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Malone, Thomas Spalding, Melvyn Byrne, Edna McCaig, Kevin Webster, deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

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



Prayer for the Day

Presence

Lord, you are always there waiting for me. May I never be too busy to find time to spend in your presence.

Freedom

Lord you gave me life and the gift of freedom. Through your love I exist in this world. May I never take the gift of life for granted. May I always respect the right to life of others.

Consciousness

Where do I sense hope, encouragement, and growth areas in my life? By looking back over the last few months, I may be able to see which activities and occasions have produced rich fruit. If I do notice such areas, I will determine to give those areas both time and space in the future.

The Word of God



PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA



SUNDAY, 22 DECEMBER @ 10.30AM



PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PART TIME, 12 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACT—RECORDS OFFICER, ARCHIVES OFFICE OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

Applications are being sought for a Records Officer (part time 0.60 FTE, 12 month fixed term Contract) with the Archives Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. Applications close Friday 13 December 2019. To receive the Job Description and submit your application please email the Archivist, Odhran O'Brien at: odhran.obrien@perthcatholic.org.au

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Beatrice Leong, Peter Colleran, Kathleen Howell, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, June James, Sim Tan, Aylmyr Sequeira and all others who are not included in this list.



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 _____

Tel / Mobile: _____

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 the Parish Secretary, will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you.