

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—17 MAY 2020



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

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Reconciliation:

Sat: **ONLY ON REQUEST**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

OPEN

Rosary Groups:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Baptisms: CANCELLED

Marriages: By Appointment

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HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

Dear Parishioners

It has been weeks since I last communicated to you. I hope you are all keeping well and warm in these days leading up to winter. I have received the latest update from the Vicar General Peter Whitely informing all the priests and deacons that "the Office of the Archbishop is currently preparing guidelines to be sent out in response to the new directives from the government in relation to the easing of restrictions in regard to religious services. We will send the guideline to you as soon as possible noting that the new directives do not come into effect until next Monday, 18th May 2020."

In view of this, I asked you all to have a little bit of patience in this difficult time knowing that the road back to normality will be gradual and will take some time. On my part, I will endeavour to think of ways by which we can implement these new restriction guidelines. There is no such thing as "new normal" because we will be back to the way we live our lives normally. In the meantime, the church is open for private prayers. I am very pleased to see a few people dropping by for prayers as they do their daily walk and exercise.

Let us continue to pray for one another. May God bless us all.

Fr Nelson

PERPETUAL ADORATION—GLENDALOUGH PARISH

The Archbishop has consented to Eucharistic Adoration from Monday 18th May 2020, on the condition that the protocols of the Covid Safety Plan are observed. Perpetual Adoration will be in the Church with the 4 square meters social distance rule.

Commencement will be on Sunday/Monday 12 midnight on 18th May and it will be 24 hour adoration

Please call, text or email if you have any questions or comments.

Tel: 9444 6131 or e-mail glendalough@perthcatholic.org.au

Fr Doug Harris

Chaplain of Perpetual Adoration,



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READINGS FOR THE DAY— AT HOME FOR YOU

Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Is 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading: *Acts 8:5-8. 14-17*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1*

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! *(R.)*
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. *(R.)*
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. *(R.)*
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. *(R.)*

Second Reading: *1 Pt 3:15-18*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Jn 14:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon: *Jn 14:15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,

and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,

to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

COMFORTING PRESENCE

The essential idea behind 'Paraclete' is that of someone who stands beside you in time of difficulty, providing a comforting, supportive and encouraging presence. One thinks perhaps of a highly respected person whom you might ask to go to court with you and act as character witness. Such is the idea that the Gospel applies here (and in several other places) to the Spirit. Though Jesus may no longer be physically present, the comfort and assurance his presence gave the disciples during his lifetime will continue in the presence of the Holy Spirit. In the face of constant trial and rejection from the world, the Paraclete will be for the disciples 'the Spirit of Truth' in the sense of imparting to them a conviction that what they believe and hold on to is indeed reality in the most profound sense. We come close here to the fine statement in the Second Reading, 1 Peter 3:15-18: 'Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that is within you'.

LOVE PREVAILS

Finally, we should note the way in which the Gospel begins and ends with the sense that believers 'have entered into the same reciprocity of love that unites the Father and the Son' (C. K. Barrett).

Though the language may suggest it to be the case, the Gospel does not mean that God's love is conditional upon human observance of the commandments. The essential commandment is that of love. What the Gospel is saying is that when the community is indeed one where love prevails, the atmosphere of love that it experiences is nothing other than a sharing in the communion of love that is the Godhead.

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21 May COPYRIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND CHURCH - MUSIC WORKSHOP

Thursday 21 May, 7pm to 8.30pm online. In the midst of COVID-19, copyright has taken a different direction with podcasting and streaming of liturgical services. This workshop on Copyright will be offered online using Zoom and will address the issues surrounding streaming music as well as general issues with copyright. Participants can tune in live to the workshop or can watch it 'on demand' at a later time as it will be recorded. Each participant will need to register by email so that they can receive the link to join the live workshop. This workshop will be offered free of charge. Email your registration to registrations.cfl@perthcatholic.org.au, by Friday 15 May 2020. Click here for flyer. Further info; 08 9207 3350.

02 Jun to 16 Jun THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR DAILY LIVING

Tuesdays, 10am to 11.30am, online – three sessions. Saint John Paul II provided the Church with a profound, rich teaching on the meaning of human sexuality and relationships. This course provides a broad overview of his Theology of the Body and looks specifically at its implications for daily living. Saint John Paul II calls us to deeply explore ideas like original solitude, original unity, original nakedness and original sin. What significance do these ideas hold for us now and how is St John Paul II inviting us into more authentic relationships with one another and with God? Join us for this user friendly online course! CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation. Cost: \$15. Presenter: Derek Boylen. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

02 Jun to 23 Jun BIBLE BASICS FOR CONTEMPORARY TIMES

Tuesdays, 7pm to 8.30pm, online – four sessions. Though it sits as a foundational component of the Christian faith, many people can struggle to understand the Bible; how we came to have it, how we use it and what is really in there. This online course will look at how we can make sense of the Bible in the modern world. Various skills and concepts will be explored including inspiration and truth, how the Bible was formed, how we can understand difficult parts, and what Catholics and Christians in general really believe about scripture. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge. Cost: \$20. Presenter: Mr Joe Tedesco. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.

Presence

Lord, help me to be fully alive to your holy presence. Enfold me in your love. Let my heart become one with yours.

Freedom

Thank you God for my freedom may I use this gift to do what I can for those who are oppressed or burdened.

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

SPIRITUAL RETREAT DURING ISO

Jesus cooking with his Disciples

Prayer— Dear Lord, help me to be open to you now, and all this day. Believing that you are everywhere, may I sense your presence with me now. May I learn anew that you love to be with me. Amen.

Readings— (John 21: 3 – 14 NRSV) / Psalm 95 [NRSV]

Reflection— When eventually we are free to leave our place of isolation most of us will be excited at the prospect of freedom and wider company. This happiness and excitement, which have a central part in the rhythms of faith, is caught in the story of the disciples with Jesus. The Gospel suggests that we can make an enormous difference by simple things.

Closing prayer.

Loving God, I thank you for your presence with me on this journey through the desert with Jesus' Help me to look out for others as you looked out for the disciples wherever my life will now take me. Console, too, my friends and all the other people who are still isolated during the epidemic, and are anxious for their lives and families. Thank you, too, for the gift of all the people who keep hanging in with me, and for the gift of those whom I love and care for. Amen

CHILDREN'S CORNER:

Jesus loves us and asks us to keep his commandments. Name some of the commandments?



Three empty speech bubble shapes for writing answers.

The Holy Spirit helps us to love God and to love others. Draw a picture of someone you love.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lois McAdam

ANNIVERSARIES: John McAdam, Norman Pearn-Rowe, Ted Middleton, Kathleen Cassidy, Daryl Coelho, Mervyn Andrews, Dante Vallini, all 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 REQUESTS

Daily Mass is offered each day for your intentions, especially for the sick and those who feel isolated. If you would like to request prayers for your loved one who are sick or passed from this life, then please email Fr Nelson on nelson.po@perthcatholic.org.au with details of mass intention and preferred date. If you would like to make a donation, then please use banking details below or drop the envelope into the parish office.

Thank you & God Bless

PLANNED GIVING & 1ST COLLECTION

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have made contact with us about their weekly donations. For those of you who are still in a position to support our Parish, you may drop off your envelopes to the parish office or use the details below to contribute to our Parish through Direct Debit.

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. Take care and God Bless.

Account Name: Applecross Parish

BSB: 086 006

Account number: 450486124

Ref: Second Collection/PG Number or Name

Account Name: Fr Nelson Po Presbytery Account

BSB: 086 006

Account number: 666370833

Ref: 1st Collection

The Parish is grateful and thankful to our parishioners

ROSARY DURING MAY

Pope Francis encourages families to continue praying the rosary during the month of May so in answer to the Pope's request each Friday @ 6pm there is Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction and you can view this service courtesy of Attadale Parish on YouTube:- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITH3M_bJISzd5ZrGik5cvQ



PRAYING AT HOME

The outbreak of the coronavirus has affected our lives in ways many of us have never seen before. But Jesus, the Great Shepherd, hears the cry of His flock. He never abandons His sheep. Our Lord is still present in the Tabernacles of our churches, and we can unite ourselves to Him.

Some suggestions on how we can still connect with Our Lord:

- * Set aside a special place in your home which will be your prayer focal point. If possible light a candle, place a crucifix or image of a Saint.
- * Treat Sunday as if you were going to attend Mass, invite your family or those in your household to join you.
- * Pause and reflect for a few minutes, take time to let the Word of God settle in your heart, 5-10 minutes.
- * Think of what and who you want to pray for, offer these prayers to Our Lord.
- * Pray the Our Father.
- * Take time for silence, 10-15 minutes.

CHURCH ACCESS

Whilst Mass are still suspended, Church will remain open for personal quiet prayer from 9am to 5pm during weekdays. This is made possible as we are now able to have up ten people at any one time inside or outside subject to social distancing. Please keep these two policies in mind at all times.

BENEDICTCARE GROUP

We are here for You! How can we help?

Our parish is available to assist those parishioners that might need extra help or support during these challenging times. Here are some of the things we could do for you:

- Pick up some groceries from the local shops
- Post letters or small parcels for you
- Cook a dish and drop it off at your home
- Run small errands for you

Please contact Fr Nelson on 9364 1120 to request assistance. If there are any parishioners who would like to offer their help or able to assist then please contact the parish office.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

If you still have your project compassion envelopes and would like to hand them in, then please drop them off at the parish office between 10am and 4pm from Tuesday to Friday by **31st May 2020** or you may donate directly online @ <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate>

Thank you once again for all your support.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

For the children receiving their sacraments this year and those attending religious education classes, as soon as the restrictions have been lifted, dates will be organised ASAP and you will be notified of the new program. All current registrations are still valid. Updates will be also be provided in the Parish newsletter as well on the Parish website.