

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—20 SEPTEMBER 2020



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

## WEEKLY SERVICES

### Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @ 7am  
Wed/Fri: 7.00am  
Tues/Thurs: 9.00am  
Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @ 6pm  
Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

### 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:

**STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

### Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @ 1.00pm

### Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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

**Baptisms:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

**Marriages:** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION  
FRIDAYS @ 7.30AM**



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## 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

### REFLECTION

#### FIRST IS LAST AND LAST IS FIRST

In the quotation, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways ...", the prophet Isaiah sets the scene for the parable of Jesus that Matthew shares with us in today's gospel. Trade Union leaders would not readily choose the story to promote the cause of equal rights and justice for their workers, yet the owner of the vineyard has honoured the contracts he made and the story reinforces all that Jesus does and teaches.

Jesus is forever seeking out those who have lost out in life or made a mess of their lives and adjusting their perspective and their prospects. Just think of the story of the Prodigal Son or the number of times that Jesus eats and drinks with those whom society has already cast aside. And every time he does this, Jesus calls forth the wrath of the self-righteous.

Many years ago I was introduced to the notion of 'lateral thinking' by a very entertaining speaker, who could tie his audience up in knots by presenting a series of conundrums, to which the answers were obvious but only when he gave them to you! He explained the theory of Dr Edward de Bono, who had realised that we all have a tendency to pigeon-hole our knowledge; filing it in such a way that particular problems lead us instinctively to pull out what we think is the appropriate file for the answer. His theory was that the more creative we are, the more likely we are to be able to look along the files – laterally – and find the correct solution. My point is that, if we are to understand the teaching of Jesus, we need to reorder our files and take Isaiah at his word, realising that God's ways are not our ways.

I would suggest that we can only begin to unlock the mystery when we recall Jesus' warning that we should not judge others, and that we would do well not to try to take the splinter from another's eye until we have removed the plank from our own.

In the parable Jesus leaves us to fill in the gaps. The owner of the vineyard asks those who are still hanging around at the end of the day why they have been idle. We can only surmise why they had not been hired. All that matters in God's topsy-turvy world is that it is never too late for a God of loving compassion and generosity. Long before Jesus came, Isaiah had got the message and was urging the wicked to let the Lord "take pity" on them.

Which of us dare suggest we do not need God's compassion? And once we accept that, we might be able to understand the paradox of the last being first and the first last.

*Timothy J Buckley CSsR*

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## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading: *Is 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*

*(R.)* The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

### Second Reading: *Phil 1:20-24. 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation: *See Acts 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: *Mt 20:1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

### Communion Antiphon: *Ps 118:4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 26 & 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	P SEQUEIRA	B FARRELL	L HANDCOCK	W DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	J CARDOSO D FERNANDES		M & J VINCI	T & O FIRTH A PEREIRA
COMMENTATORS	R STEENKAMP	J HERON	P CICCARELLI	M CINANNI
COLLECTORS	A VARNAKULASINGHAM T GARBIN	J GALVIN	E FEW J HOWARD	C JOSEPH P BELVISO
READERS	A SEQUEIRA S SALDANHA	M ILICH E MUENCHOW	A SUPPIAH P VINCI	C COSTIN A D'SOUZA
EMOCH	A SEQUEIRA E DIAS	M ANDERSON T CAMMARANO	A GOMES K DWYER	O D'SOUZA J NORTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: MS M CAMPBELL			PILGRIM STATUE: M HANDYSIDE	
COUNTERS: H OAKLEY, J TAN, A BANKS, J LITTLE & B O'BRIEN			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: <b>NO LITURGY DURING COVID-19</b>	

PARISH NOTICES

**EVENTS**

- ◆ 27 SEPT—PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, ALL WELCOME
- ◆ 4 OCT— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS—SUPPORTING ST VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY
- ◆ 11 OCT—PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS, ALL WELCOME

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The parish is pleased to announce that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on **Saturday 7th November at 2pm**. If you have not already enrolled your child please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the parish website. They are to be returned to the parish office with a fee of \$20. For further information contact Rosa Ranieri Sacrament Co-ordinator [stbenedictsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsacraments@gmail.com)

Any adult who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Fr Nelson at the parish office on 9364 1120



**MORNING TEA INVITATION**



**SUNDAY,  
27 SEPTEMBER  
@10.30AM**

**HOSTED BY  
BENEDICTCARE GROUP**

**PLEASE BRING ALONG A  
PLATE TO SHARE**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

The parish will be celebrating the sacrament for our children at the masses below:

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of September 6pm
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 9:30am



To accommodate additional people at the above masses chairs will be put out in the foyer and Albert Lynch room.

We look forward to making this a very memorable time in the lives of our children and their families despite the restraints of COVID 19 and thank you for your understanding and support at these masses.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



IS NOW     
 WILL

**LAST EVERYONE BE WHO FIRST**



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

**GENEROUS**

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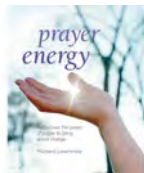
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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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



**PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Violet Hender, Richard Reid, Edgar Rodoreda, William Fahy, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.  
*Thank You.*



**22 Sep WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY: HOW WE GOT HERE AND WHERE ARE WE MEANT TO BE?**

Tuesdays 7.30pm to 8.45pm - online. The Church tells us that as “the people of God” (Gaudium et Spes 11), each person within the Church is called to be Priest, Prophet and King. This understanding affirms the common identity and equal dignity of everyone in the Church and sheds light on the ‘call to holiness’ for all. Where did such understandings come from and what does it mean for us today? How can we best respond to this life of holiness in the reality of the 21st century? Join us for four evenings online as we address these and other questions and enrich our understanding of faith. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge Suggested Donation: \$15. Presenter: Joe Tedesco. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9241 5221.

**23 Sep IDEAL FOR YOUNG ADULTS: SAINT JOHN PAUL II’S UNDERSTANDING OF FREEDOM, LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate. In partnership with Catholic Youth Ministry, this course is aimed at young adults and those interested in learning the Church’s deep and inspiring understanding of sexuality and sexual ethics. It will focus on Saint Pope John Paul II’s book Love and Responsibility, which arose from his pastoral care of young people, couples preparing for marriage and married couples. The idea behind the book was to assist people in maturing their eros from attraction, to romantic love, to true friendship, to the surrender of self in spousal love. We will discuss JP II’s concept of the primacy of the person in love, the sexual drive as part of our personhood, dealing with shame, the true meaning of chastity, and living justice in marriage. A light supper will be provided. Suggested Donation: \$20 (includes light supper). Presenter: Natalie Thomas. Further info or to register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>, email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9241 5221.

**23 Sep FEAST DAY MASS – ATTADALE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP**

There will be St Pius of Pietrelcina Feast Day Mass, hosted by the Attadale Padre Pio Prayer group on Wednesday 23 September at 7pm. St Joseph Pignatelli Parish, 18 Galloway Street, Attadale. Further info: [don.kettle@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:don.kettle@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 6181 5020.

**Presence**

As I begin this prayer, God is present, breathing life into me and into everything around me. For a few moments, I remain silent, and become aware of God’s loving presence.

**Freedom**

Lord, may I never take the gift of freedom for granted. You gave me the great blessing of freedom of spirit. Fill my spirit with Your peace and Your joy.

**Consciousness**

I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord. I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in times of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow.

**The Word of God**

**PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE**

An information evening is to be held in the Fr Albert Lynch room on Thursday, 24 September at 6pm. Members of our Formation committee including Emily Hardbottle who is one of our delegates to the Council and a member of our Parish Youth group will provide an update on the progress and preparation for the forthcoming Council to be held in Adelaide in 2021. COVID delayed matters but our St Benedict’s submission and others can be discussed plus answering questions on the plan forward. Dinner will be provided before the update so please register by adding your name to the list at the rear of the church. Further information about the Plenary Council is available on their website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>



**COMMUNITY NOTICE:**

Melville Cares will be giving a talk on Navigating Home Care Packages at Mt Pleasant Bowling Club 40 Bedford Street Ardross on Thursday 24 September at 5pm. Please contact Felicity on 9319 0900 to register your attendance.

**CWL RAFFLE FOR THE LEBANON DISASTER RELIEF.**

APPLECROSS Catholic Women’s League will hold a raffle of hampers on the first weekend of November. Parishioners are invited to aid these causes by donating new items for the hampers.

Some suggestions:- tinned biscuits, chocolates, wine, decor items, tableware, platters, jewellery & Christmas ware. Items may be left at the office or contact - [adele.parsons@gmail.com](mailto:adele.parsons@gmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Weekly Reflections & Prayers with Norma Woodcock**

Weekly Reflections—Sunday Readings with Norma Woodcock  
<https://normawoodcock.com/sundayreading>  
 Weekly Prayers—Miracles: Prayers for Miracles with Norma Woodcock  
<https://normawoodcock.com/youtube>  
 [approx. 4 –6mins each—Cost—Free of charge]  
 Google—Norma Woodcock YouTube Channel  
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**MORNING TEA INVITATION**  
**SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER**

**AFTER 9.30AM MASS**



**RAISING FUNDS FOR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE**

**1x TICKET—\$2.00**

**OR**

**3 x TICKETS—\$5.00**



**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st: Ezek 18:25-28  
 2nd: Phil 2:1-11  
 Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

