

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — 13 FEBRUARY 2022



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

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @7am (after the service, the church will be closed)

Wed/Fri: 7.00am

Tues/Thurs: 9.00am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7.00AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8.00am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

Scriptural context – Message for all

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

Have you thought? – Gospel of prosperity

The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success – particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn't take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 13 FEBRUARY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: ADELE PARSONS & MEGAN DOWLING)
- ◆ 16 & 23 FEBRUARY — CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) PROGRAMME ON WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY 2022, STARTS WITH ADORATION @5.30PM & FOLLOWED BY MASS
- ◆ 17 FEBRUARY — LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR @7PM-9PM IN THE ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (2ND SESSION)
- ◆ 19 FEBRUARY — BUSY BEES @8-11AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA
- ◆ 2 MARCH — ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES @7AM & 6PM
- ◆ 2, 9, 16 & 23 MARCH — SCRIPTURE AND MORALITY: LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD (CFE COURSE) ON WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH @7.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 4 MARCH — 2022 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER @10-11AM
- ◆ 4 MARCH — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM

Life in the Spirit Seminar

We invite you to start the new year off with a life changing experience! Come join our parish mission outreach for 2022.

"Life in the Spirit" is a journey of discovery, designed to help our understanding of the Holy Spirit or be refreshed in our walk with the Holy Spirit. This seminar is being run by the Disciple of Jesus Community.

Every Thursday: 17 & 24 February & 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March (remaining 7 sessions):

Time: 7pm—9pm Place: Albert Lynch room at St Benedict's Church

Cost: Free (a \$10 donation is suggested in week 2 to cover the cost of the prayer journal). Light refreshments provided. All welcome.

Contact: Nicole on 0429 859 308 & Gerri on 0407 201 848.

World Day of Prayer, a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, began in the 19th century. Today WDP involves people in a day of prayer in over 170 countries on the 1st Friday of March.



The service has a theme prepared by an ecumenical committee in a different country each year. In this way those who take part in the prayer services come to know how people of other countries, cultures and languages understand the Biblical passages from their cultural viewpoint and circumstances. They hear of the joys, concerns and needs of other people and pray for them. Offerings at services support interdenominational programs, such as the Bible Society, in Australia and in the host country - this year for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



St Benedict's Catholic Church is the host Church for our surrounding Churches for 2022.

You are invited to join the ecumenical service for England, Wales and Northern Ireland at **10am on Friday 4 March** – theme – **'I know the plans I have for you'**.

Participating churches are Mt Pleasant Uniting Church, St Stephen's Uniting Church, St David's

Anglican Church, St Michael's Anglican Church, Mt Pleasant Baptist Church, Mt Pleasant Church of Christ and St Benedict's Catholic Church.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Patrick Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Jake Heron, Nick Odorisio, and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 12 March 2022 @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Pope Francis announced last October 2021 to our world wide church his intention to hold a review of **Synodality**. This is the term used to encourage greater participation for all to be involved in our church emphasising our Baptism as our authority to participate. This is not to displace ordained clergy but rather to look at ways in which there might be greater participation by all groups within our church. It is a wonderful initiative & supported strongly by our Australian Church.

Our neighbouring parishes are seeking to offer discussion opportunities for those interested in the next few weeks. Detailed info can be obtained via the Parish office or those involved in your Faith Formation Committee should anyone wish to participate.

We at St Benedict's carried out extensive discussion group work re the Plenary Council & submitted various reports from our meetings. Since then the Plenary Council has met & information from all seventeen focus groups is being made available. This will continue until the final week of the Council scheduled for July 2022. More information will be provided via this Parish bulletin when ready.

Your Faith Formation Committee has advised your Parish Council we have had sufficient Parish discussion to submit a further report re the Synod because of our Plenary Council meetings. A similar report will be prepared answering questions postulated for Synod discussion because the questions are similar.

Should you require further information please contact any member of your **Faith Formation team**: Fr Nelson, Maria Harris, Anushia Suppiah, Clare & Malcolm Farr, Kevin Wringe, or Michael Perrott.

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2022

Families who wish to enrol their child in the **2022 Sacrament programme** at St Benedict's Parish Applecross can download enrolment forms via the St Benedict's parish Applecross Website, www.stbenedicts.net.au

Follow the instructions via the About Us (Top Panel). Read the information sheet which has all the information required on the requirements and instructions on how to enrol your child.

All enrolment forms are to be returned to the Parish office **by Friday 4 March**. Payment is to be made by direct debit into the Parish Bank Account. Details are outlined on the relevant enrolment forms.

Further enquires can be directed to the Sacrament Co-ordinator Rosa Ranieri at stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com.

PARISH BUSY BEE



SATURDAY, 19 FEBRUARY @ 8AM—11AM
PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian Bradley, Charlie Egleston, David Jim Phillips, Patricia Andrew, Arthur Corbett, Eric Lange, Enid McKenzie, Percival Ted Pitts, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank You.*



CARITAS AUSTRALIA – EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA AND THE PACIFIC

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications, and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges, and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to your donation.

18 Feb BLESSING AND OPENING - ALL SAINTS PARISH CENTRE - GREENWOOD

Fr Elver Delicano warmly invites you to the Blessing and Opening of **All-Saints Parish Centre, 7 Liwara Place, Greenwood, Friday 18 February 6pm**. Refreshments provided later. **Further info** or to RSVP, phone 0466 604 754.

2 – 23 March SCRIPTURE AND MORALITY: LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL ACCORDING TO GOD’S WORD

Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm, (4 sessions) Applecross Parish
The Catholic Church’s teachings on morality suggest that God wants us to lead a life that is good. But what does a ‘good life’ look like and what role has Scripture played in the development of this teaching? This course focuses on the changing role of Scripture in the moral teaching of the Church and explores how moral thinking developed in the early Church. Using passages such as The Sermon on the Mount and Jesus’ Great Commandment of loving one’s neighbour as oneself, we will explore just how relevant and urgent these teachings are in our changing world today. Suggested Donation: \$20.00 Presenter: Mr Joe Tedesco. **Further info or to register**, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 9278 0261.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES. Enrich your love for one another away from everyday distractions. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage. We invite you to join us on our next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend 12-13 March 2022 (Live-out at Prendiville College Ocean Reef) or 29-31 July 2022 (Live-out Atrium Hotel Mandurah)**. For more information or booking contact: Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625 – Email: WAb bookings@wwme.org.au
Website – www.wwme.org.au

Presence

I pause for a moment and think of the love and the grace that God showers on me:
I am created in the image and likeness of God;
I am God’s dwelling-place.

Freedom

Lord God I thank you for the gift of freedom. Help me to use this gift with integrity. I am free to make choices. Help me to choose to follow you, to live in a Christian way by caring for others. Remind me to consider always those less fortunate than myself, the oppressed, the prisoner, those who are not free to worship in public. Guide me always to seek your holy will in all the events of my life.

Consciousness

Lord, grant that I may always desire to spend time in your presence. May I not forget your goodness to me. Guide me to share your blessings with others.

Conversation

Dear Jesus, I can open up my heart to you. I can tell you everything that troubles me. I know you care about all the concerns in my life. Teach me to live in the knowledge that you who care for me today, will care for me tomorrow and all the days of my life.

The Galvin Family would like to thank the kind people who were so attentive to our granddaughter on Christmas Eve. She fainted during the mass and we were so grateful to everyone who were so kind.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



CHILDREN’S CORNER

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus’ teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are _____.

His _____ will belong to you.



God will bless you _____ people.

You will have _____ to eat.

God will bless you people who are _____.

You will _____!



Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

_____ **HAPPY**

WEAK _____

_____ **FULL**

ASLEEP _____

HEAVY _____

LITTLE _____

_____ **OPEN**

Heaven is God’s _____.

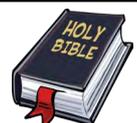
Church/School Parking – Reminder

Please park on the allotted bays in the church carpark and in the school carpark at Alness Street. Do not park on the neighbouring residents’ lawn across the church. Thank you.



NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: 7th Sun in Ord Time, Yr C

1st: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23;
2nd: 1 Cor 15:45-49;
Gospel: Lk 6:27-38.



READINGS FOR THE DAY

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: Jer 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

- Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
- He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
- Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 19 & 20 FEBRUARY 2022

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	BARRY FARRELL	TERRY MEO	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	ELLA & MATTHEW TRUEMAN		CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS MICHAEL SARAVANAN	MICHAEL & STEFAN ELHAJ
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COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE & LUCY LIU

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