

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 15 DECEMBER 2024



"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: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @1pm (except school holidays)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @10am, gathering @9.45am

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Is it any wonder that there was a growing sense among the people that John might be the Christ? His teaching in the first part of this week's gospel might just as easily have come from the mouth of Jesus. It demonstrates for us just how much John was preparing the way for Jesus: even his teaching was in line with what Jesus would later say. In this instance, the people gathered around John (presumably having been baptised by him) are asking how they should live out their new-found conversion of heart. John's response to the three groups is about the need for generosity and justice. It is about not taking more than your share when someone else does not have sufficient. To the crowd of people, he instructs them to give away a second tunic to someone who doesn't have one at all and to share their food with those who are hungry. To the tax collectors, he cautioned them to collect no more than what they were supposed to. Tax collectors made their profit by overcharging taxpayers. Together with the fact that they worked for the Roman occupiers, this made tax collectors one of the most despised groups in society. John's caution to them is to be just in their dealings. He also cautions the soldiers against intimidation and extorting money from the people to supplement their pay. The themes of justice and hospitality that will echo throughout the gospel of Luke are clearly evident in this episode with John. When the people start to talk about him being the Christ, John is quick to point them to the one who is still to come; the one who will share with them more fully the love of God and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

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Someone is coming,
someone who is more
powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to undo
the strap of his sandals.

Luke 3:16



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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 21 DEC — BUSY BEE @8-11AM
- ◆ 22 DEC — CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 24-25 DEC — CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE (SEE BELOW)
- ◆ 1 JAN — NEW YEAR DAY MASS @9AM
- ◆ 3 JAN — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM



CHRISTMAS EVE:
Outdoor Family Mass @6pm

Carols @11.30pm
Midnight Mass @12am

CHRISTMAS DAY:
@7.30am &
@9.30am

Real Presence of Christ

The Mass is a time when Jesus is present with us **'Christ is always present in the Church, especially in its Liturgical Celebrations.'** (CSL no.7)

He is present in the person of His minister, the priest, who acts in the person of Christ, offering the same sacrifice that Jesus offered on the cross.

He is present especially under the Eucharist species.

The Eucharist is a 'memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.' (CCC 1330)
Jesus instructed his apostles to 'Do this in memory of me' at the Last Supper, and so we memorialise Jesus' Death and Resurrection at every Eucharistic celebration. The words and actions of the Last Supper are repeated during every Mass at the Eucharistic Prayer.
The Mass is a thanksgiving celebration *'The Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving.'* (CCC 1328) By his power He is present in the sacraments.

He is present in the Word, since it is He himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. The Mass is a time to listen and respond to God's Word

'In the reading, God's word is laid before the people and the treasures of the Bible opened to them.' (GIRM 33-34) During the Liturgy of the Word, we listen to the Word of God in the readings and the Gospel and then respond in prayer to each.

He is present in the gathered assembly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: "When two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matt. 18:20 (SC#7). During Mass, we actively participate through prayers, hymns, responses, and gestures, engaging both heart and body in worship (CSL 30).

The Mass challenges us to go out and live as Jesus did, *'We are sent forth to live the Gospel in our daily lives.'* (Directory for Mass with Children no.54)

At the end of Mass, we are called to go out into the world and take our beliefs in Jesus and our knowledge of His life out into our own lives and to live a truly Christian life.

(CSL: Constitution of Sacred Liturgy; CCC: Catechism of the Catholic Church; SC: Sacrosanctum Concilium; GIRM: General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Truus Botman, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey, Kamani Jayaratne, Sue Miguel, Carol-Jean Wilson, Harsono Setiawan, Norm Thomas, Steven Robertson and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 11 January 2025 @6pm

PARISH BUSY BEE

Gardening & Window Cleaning



SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER @8AM—11AM
PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY
22 DECEMBER 2024
AFTER 9.30AM MASS



PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
ALL WELCOME

The countdown is on and the Applecross conference of St Vincent de Paul Society is preparing to deliver Christmas hampers for people in the local area and to bring joy to their families at Christmas time. We plan to deliver the hampers in the week before Christmas Day.

If you would like to contribute - these are some of the items that would be helpful: Plum pudding, long life custard, jelly, tinned fruit, savoury or sweet biscuits, Christmas cake, tea, coffee, shower/bath items, and toothpaste. Any non-perishable items would be most appreciated.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the very generous support of the parishioners of St Benedicts, Applecross.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM
21 DECEMBER 2023 TO 1 JANUARY 2024
(INCLUSIVE)

Flowers under the statues

Fresh flowers are welcome, but **NO POT PLANTS** please. Thank you.

SPOOFING

This week lots of people received an email from **WE SEND IT** stating that Files are waiting for you & that applecross@perthcatholic.org.au has sent you some files with subject of invoice due & message from Stefani Chen [Applecross Parish] shared new files with you. **PLEASE DO NOT CLICK THE DOWNLOAD LINK OR DOWNLOAD** as this email **WAS NOT** from the office and please **DELETE** the email. Thank you all for reporting this matter to the office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Alice Bowyer, Felisardo Lopez, Frances Rear and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING for ALL Parishes and Church Workers paid or unpaid — LEVEL 1 (New requirements & Personal Declaration Form is to be completed)

The Safeguarding Level 1 Induction is now available as a **Self-Paced Online Learning Module**. This format offers greater flexibility and an easier, user-friendly experience. To complete the Safeguarding Level 1 Induction, please follow these steps:

- Visit our safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/ to check out the Induction.
 - Click on “Safeguarding Level 1 – Induction ONLINE Training”.
 - Watch the Presentation Video.
 - Proceed to Step 2 to register personal details and complete the quiz.
- The Safeguarding Office will notify the Parish/Agency/Organisation of the attendance record.

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING (in person)

2025 Dates coming soon. To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.

Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

Thank you to all who have already completed the course and submitted their personal declaration forms to comply with the new Archdiocese Directives regarding Safeguarding.

20 Dec IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH - SCARBOROUGH CHORAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Scarborough presents ‘Mysterium’ on **Friday 20 December at 7pm**. It will be an evening of Advent and Christmas music brought to you by select Perth choral singers and directed by Emma Spadaccini (nee Oorschot). Join us as we ponder the great mystery of Our Lord Jesus Christ’s Incarnation. Enter more deeply into the season through sacred choral music and join us in singing a selection of favourite carols. Please join us for some refreshments following the concert in the Parish Centre. Entry by donation. We hope to see you there.

Further info; Maryse Galea, scarborough@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9341 1124.

PARKING ON PEOPLES’ LAWN IN FRONT OF OUR CHURCH

Please do not park on peoples’ lawn in front of the church or surrounding area of the church. A man came to the church and said he had to fix the reticulation for 3 hours and cost him around \$700. We are good Catholic people so please do not do this. Try to get parking either in our church parking or in school parking. Thank you.

Presence

“You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.” (Psalm 16). Lord, help me to live in Your presence today.

Freedom

Lord, too often I think I am the one in control of my life. Help me to see that I am powerless over so much. I ask for the grace to be able to hand over my life to You and experience the joy of that freedom.

Consciousness

Grant, O Lord, that I may be conscious and grateful for all the good things you have given to me. May I share my blessings with others always.

Inspiration

As they listened to John the Baptist’s call for repentance his hearers rightly asked what change they needed to make in their lives. In his reply the law of charity came first, as he urged them to share with the poor and to deal honestly with all. Lord, may we show our love by our care for and treatment of others.

John the Baptist in his humility acknowledges that he is not worthy even to untie our Lord’s sandals. We are all called to grow in humility and to acknowledge our own littleness and our complete dependence on our God. We ask God to reveal this more and more to us.

Conversation

The gift of speech is a wonderful gift. May I use this gift with kindness. May I be slow to utter harsh words, hurtful words, and words spoken in anger.

Conclusion

Filled with the loving presence of God, I ask Him to bless me and guide my steps as I go to do His work in my daily life.

Amen

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Gaudete Sunday



The third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday; the Sunday of Joy! Draw a picture of something you can do to bring joy into the lives of others during this week of Advent.

Water is used in the sacrament of Baptism as a symbol of life and purity. Below there are clues to six hidden words that are all symbols used in Baptism and Mass.



G	F	A	Y	I	H	I	Q	K
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N	C	A	N	D	L	E	B	J
B	H	B	R	E	A	D	D	Q

Church/School Parking – Reminder

Please park on the allotted bays in the church carpark and in the school carpark at Ainess Street. **Do not park on the neighbouring residents’ lawns across the road from the church.** Thank you.



NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

1st: Micah 5:1-4

Ps: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel: Lk 1:39-44



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading *Zephaniah 3:14-18*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear,

do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm *Is 12:2-6 R. v.6*

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

- Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*
- Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
- Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Philippians 4:4-7*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 3:10-18*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon *Cf Isaiah 35:4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 21 & 22 DECEMBER 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	ROD DOWLING	LUKE HANDCOCK	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	DANYCKA FERNANDES JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	GRACE STEWART OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	REGINALDO CAMMARANO JOEY VILLEGAS JACKSON HANDCOCK	TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	SALLY HOBDAV	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
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EMOHC	CARLA CARDOSO MICHELLE CARRICK	JUDY LEE	MARGARET SANDFORD TERESA LEECH	COLLEEN MORRIS JILL NORTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: MILDRED REGO & MARY FERNANDES			PILGRIM STATUE: MARGOT LYON	
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	