

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 16 FEBRUARY 2025



"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

Senacle: 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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Not a Celestial Joke!

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 22 FEB— PARISH BUSY BEE @ 8AM – 11 AM
- ◆ 23 FEB — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 24 FEB TO 5 MAY — ALPHA STARTS AT FR ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- ◆ 4 MAR — ANOINTING MASS @9AM
- ◆ 5 MAR — ASH WEDNESDAY @9AM (SCHOOL) & @7PM
- ◆ 7 MAR—FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM

Jubilee 2025

The prayer for the Jubilee 2025 was written by Pope Francis

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.



May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, 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, Rev Fr Peter Mao, Lisa Bailey and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 8 March 2025 @6pm

COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT
 SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2025
 AFTER 9.30AM MASS



The first Alpha course for 2025 will start on **Monday, 24 February 2025 at 9am to 10.30am at Fr Albert Lynch Room in St Benedict Church, 115 Ardross St, Ardross.**

We invite you to explore ever more deeply, **'Is There More To Life than This?'**

If you wish to participate in this course, please add your name to the sheets at the back of the church.

The St Benedict's Craft Group has now resumed for the year. We meet each Wednesday morning at 9.15 am in the Father Albert Lynch room.

Come along, share what you are up to, or even just stay for a cuppa and a chat. All welcome.

PARISH BUSY BEE

Gardening & Window Cleaning



SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY @8AM—11AM
 PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2025

If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation this year, the enrolment forms are now available on the parish website. Please read the important information for parents and download the relevant form and return to the parish office. Payment is via direct debit, details are all on the enrolment form. Applications for all Sacraments **close on Friday, 14 March 2025.**

The Sacrament Programme is parish-based, family-focused and school-supported and the Sacrament team looks forward to working with and welcoming new families to the program.

For further information contact Rosa Ranieri, Sacrament Co-ordinator at

stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Arthur Corbett, Eric Lange, Aenid McKenzie, Percival Pitts, 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.

16 May to 29 May 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY

Come to Italy for the Jubilee Year 2025. Our Spiritual Director is Mgr Michael Keating. We will be visiting Rome, Assisi, Loreto, Padre Pio, Puglia, Calabria and Sicily. Pilgrims may leave the pilgrimage in Calabria or Sicily to return home to Australia later. They must leave from Catania, Sicily. Any deviation will have to be discussed with Anawim Journeys. Full board cost including flights, accommodation, tours, meals for 30 paying persons is A\$8820. For enquiry, please contact Veronica Scully 0402 290 827/ veronica@anawimjourneys.com; Sheila Mohgan 0433 771 979/ sheila@anawimjourneys.com; or Sue Gardiner 0421 835 408/ sue@anawimjourneys.com.

Presence

I pause for a moment and think of the love and the grace that God showers on me, creating me in His image and likeness, making me His temple...

Freedom

I try to let go of concerns and worries that may be dragging me down at this present moment. I place any concerns I have in God’s hands – at least for these few minutes of prayer.

Consciousness

Jesus, You are always there waiting for me. Grant that I may be still more often, that I may always desire to spend time in your Presence, to know Your peace, Your love.

Inspiration

The Beatitudes outline for us many of the values of the Kingdom of God, which are so different from the values sought and honoured in our world. We pray for the mindset to take them in and to practise them.

It is those who recognise their inner poverty and their complete dependence on God who possess the kingdom of God. The values and ways of the world will always be different from those of the kingdom, so there will be opposition from a secular society. Let us pray for all who are persecuted for their faith and ask for the grace of perseverance in our fidelity to Christ.

Conversation

Lord, You have engraved my name on the palm of Your hand. Even if others forget me, You never will.

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given concerning the text.

Amen



CHILDREN’S CORNER

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

_ _ (O) < HAPPY
 WEAK > _ _ _ (O)
 _ (O) _ _ < FULL
 ASLEEP > _ _ _ (O)
 HEAVY > _ (O) _ _
 LITTLE > _ _ (O)
 _ _ (O) _ _ < OPEN
 Heaven is God’s _ _ _ _ _

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 _ _ _ _ _ !

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’ lawns across the road from the church & the church’s lawns.** Thank you.



NEXT WEEK’S READINGS: Seventh Sunday in Ord Time, Yr C

1st: 1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 Ps:102:1-4,8,10,12-13
 2nd: 1 Cor 15:45-69 Gospel: Lk 6:27-38



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 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 Jeremiah 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 Corinthians 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 Luke 6:23

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

Gospel Luke 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 Psalm 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 — 22 & 23 FEBRUARY 2025

| | SAT 6PM | SUN 7.30AM | SUN 9.30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| ACOLYTE | MIKE TARANTO | ROD DOWLING | TERRY MEO | PETER MOORE |
| ALTAR SERVERS | DANYCKA FERNANDES JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA | JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT | MASON SIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI | TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE |
| COMMENTATORS | STEFANI CHEN | JACQUIE HERON | MARGARET HANDYSIDE | JILL NORTON |
| COLLECTORS | STEPHEN DONOVAN LOUIE BOVE | ANTHON LIM | ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI | JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT |
| READERS | FRANCES MEYERKORT TONY RYAN | GAY PULKER ADELE PARSONS | NICOLE PARKER PAUL VINCI | KELVIN GRACE JACKIE WONG |
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COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —