

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 2 MARCH 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

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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye.

Luke 6:39



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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 3 MAR TO 5 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT FR ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- ◆ 4 MAR — ANOINTING MASS @9AM
- ◆ 5 MAR — ASH WEDNESDAY @7AM, @9AM (SCHOOL) & @7PM MASSES
- ◆ 7 MAR — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 7 MAR — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **7 March** will be a normal gathering @11am in the Albert Lynch room. All are welcome to attend and if you are staying for lunch please bring along a savoury plate to share. Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

There is only **ONE SINGLE ENVELOPE** for the **six week lent period for this year**. You may bring your envelopes or boxes during the lent period or at the end of the lent and put them in the collection basket. Thank you.



PROJECT COMPASSION



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

Project Compassion Sunday
1st and 2nd of March 2025

Please donate today.

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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



TUESDAY, 4 MARCH 2025 @9AM

The Applecross conference of Vinnies is running very low on non-perishable foods. We would appreciate donations to be put in the box in the Church foyer. The latest Vinnies update is at the rear of the Church next to the parish bulletin.



MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

5 MARCH 2025

@7AM,

@9AM (SCHOOL)

& @7PM

THIS IS A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

World Day of Prayer 2025 The Cook Islands



"I made you wonderful"

This year, the annual World Day of Prayer - a time of ecumenism - will be held **at the Mt Pleasant Uniting Church, Corner of Coomora and Reynolds Rd, @10am on Friday, 7th March**. A time of unity in prayer. A small collection, as is usual, will assist with Trauma Healing programs in the Cook Islands.

All welcome; engage in interfaith fellowship afterwards with a cuppa. More info on World Day of Prayer –

www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent @ 7pm



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Giuseppe Argese - Funeral: Thursday 6/3/25 for Viewing @6.15pm & Rosary @6.45pm. Mass: Friday 7/3/25 @1.30pm

Valerie Walsh - Funeral: Wednesday 12/3/25 @2pm

ANNIVERSARIES:

Victoria Loh Kim Kee, John Brophy, Benedicto De Souza, Doris Zoccoli, Nebai Lopez-Alvarado, Wendy Fazey 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.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC YOUTH

Join us for the launch of the **Catholic Youth Assembly in the Archdiocese of Perth**. This exciting new initiative is designed to lay the foundation for the formation of a **Catholic Youth Council (CYC)**. This synodal process is an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of our Church!

When: Friday, 7th March 2025

Time: Arrive 6:45pm for 7:00pm Start, Conclude 9:00pm

Where: St Mary’s Cathedral Parish Centre, 41 Victoria Square, Perth WA 6000

Parking: Available on-site

Light refreshments and food will be provided.

REGISTER NOW: <https://events.humanitix.com/cya-launch>

Your Voice Matters. Your Faith Inspires. Your Future Begins Here. We can’t wait to see you there!

Presence

“Be still and know that I am God”. (Psalm 46:10)
Lord, may Your Spirit guide me to seek Your Loving presence more and more.

For it is there I find rest and refreshment from this busy world.

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

At this moment, Lord, I turn my thoughts to You. I will leave aside my chores and preoccupations. I will take rest and refreshment in Your presence.

Inspiration

As a Christian, to pray means to try to pray. We are limited in our understanding and our following of Jesus. So, we can never judge others when we are so blind about ourselves. To strive to correct our own faults is a great enough task for a lifetime. ‘Lord, help us to see correctly and then we can be a light for others.’

Love is shown in deeds rather than in words. Let our good deeds speak for themselves.

Conversation

I imagine now one of the Persons of the Trinity before me, Father, Son or Holy Spirit, whoever comes to my imagination most naturally, and I have a heart-to-heart conversation about what I have just read or what I am feeling and experiencing in my life today.

Conclusion

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Amen



CHILDREN’S CORNER



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
 ___ in your
 ___ eye,
 but do not ___ the
 ___ in your own ___?

**FRIEND’S SPECK LOG
 EYE NOTICE WHY**



HYPOCRITE

How many words can you make from the letters in the word **HYPOCRITE**?

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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: First Sunday of Lent, Yr C

1st: Deut 26: 4-10

Ps: 90: 1-2, 10-15

2nd: Rom 10: 8-13

Gospel: Lk 4: 1-13



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 17:19-20*

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading *Sirach 27:4-7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2*

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. *(R.)*
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. *(R.)*
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. *(R.)*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true: Death is

swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is
sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us
thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 6:39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind
man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to
your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that
is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye
first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out
the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For
every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from bram-
bles. A good man draws what is good from the store
of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is
bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow
out of what fills his heart.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 12:6*

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 8 & 9 MARCH 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	MIKE KILROE	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	REGINALDO CAMMARANO OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	MATTEO REDOLATTI MATTHEW PRANATA JOEY VILLEGAS	SACHA AUTON NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON FRANK GERICEVICH	JUDY PHILLIPS TERRY BOLAND	JILL NORTON GLENDA BEUKES
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ANGELA SCOTT MONICA ANDERSON <i>Volunteer needed</i>	MARGARET HANDYSIDE CARMEL RECHICHI RUTH THORN TERESA LEECH	KEVIN AUTON DONNA ARTINGSTALL COLLEEN MORRIS LINDA ROBERTSON

ALTAR SOCIETY: *No Flowers due to Lent*

PILGRIM STATUE: ROBERT & JACQUIE HERON

COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE & HELEN VESTER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —