

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 23 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Politics, Economics, and the Gardener

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

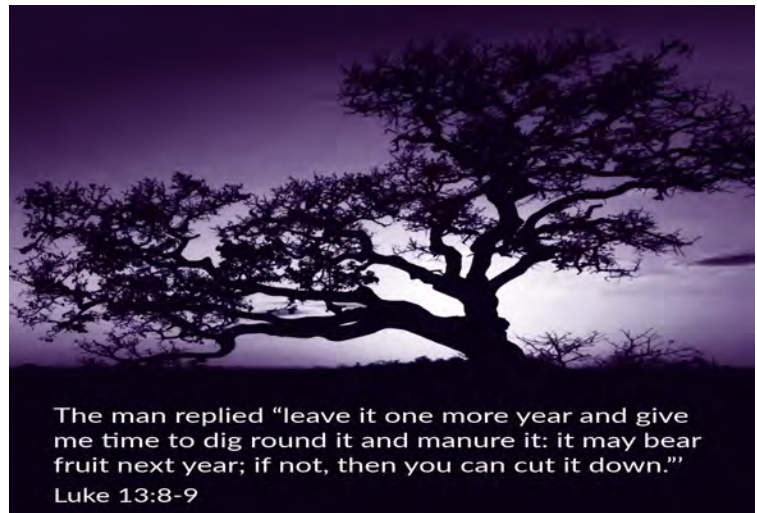
watering us with the waters of baptism;

pruning us, especially during Lent;

nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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The man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."
Luke 13:8-9

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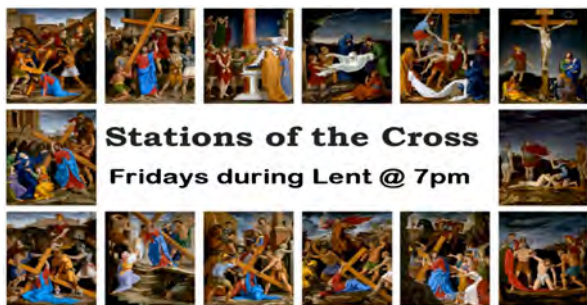
PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 24 MAR TO 5 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- ◆ 28 MAR — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM (YOUTH GROUP)
- ◆ 29 MAR — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- ◆ 30 MAR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 8 APR — LENTEN RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE) @7PM

YOUTH CORNER

- Stations of the Cross — 28 March @7pm
- Youth Mass — 12 April @6pm
- Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross — 18 April @10.30am



Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent @ 7pm

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.



**Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMAGE**

The Jubilee calls for us to set out on a journey and to cross boundaries. When we travel, we do change places physically, but we also change ourselves. It is important to prepare ourselves well, to plan the route, and learn about the destination. In this sense, the Jubilee pilgrimage begins before the start of the journey itself: the starting point is the decision to set out.

The journey takes place gradually: there are various routes to choose from and places to discover; it is made up of particular sets of circumstances, moments of catechesis, sacred rites and liturgies. Along the way our travelling companions enrich us with new ways of understanding things and fresh perspectives. Pilgrimage is an experience of conversion, of transforming one's very being to conform it to the holiness of God.

COMMUNITY MASS
SATURDAY,
29 MARCH @6PM

**COME ALONG AND ENJOY
PASTA & PIZZA EVENING
AFTER THE MASS.**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR
FAVOURITE ITALIAN DISH
TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE.**

Thank you



LifeLink 2024 The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink 2024 raised a total of **\$704,685**. Our parish contributed **\$41,295** towards this amount. The Archbishop personally thanks all parishioners for supporting this appeal.

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.

PARISH MORNING TEA
SUNDAY, 30 MARCH 2025
AFTER 9.30AM MASS
PLEASE BRING A PLATE



Project Compassion Sunday
22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Photo credit: Caritas Australia

Please donate today.

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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



TUESDAY, 8 APRIL 2025
LENTEN RECONCILIATION @7PM
(1ST RITE)

"Come back to the Lord, your God..." Hosea 14:1

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, Lenna Hosseini and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Basil Rigg & Nerida Mutter

ANNIVERSARIES:

Kathleen Hossen, Kevin Hodge, Vincenzo Cinanni, Judith Osmetti, Brian Gardner, Johannes Merks, Manuel Serralha, Antonio Orifici, Shelia Becker, Blossom Aung 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://](https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction)

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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.

**“We cannot ignore the fact that there is as much slavery in the world today, as there was before, or perhaps more” – Pope Francis.
Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?**

Ten years ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure and consumer demands, most supermarkets will sell some. Thank you for contributing to the demand for slavery-free chocolate, but we have a long way to go. Slavery-free chocolate is delicious and is no more expensive than other chocolate. Try ALDI, Haigh's, and leading supermarkets. Please remember that if you are putting together a fundraising chocolate raffle for your school, parish or workplace, choose products displaying the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logo on the wrapper or be guided by the Chocolate Scorecard (<https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/>) to find companies working towards the elimination of slavery in the chocolate industry. For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/>



Presence

Dear Lord, help me to be open to You for this time, as I put aside the cares of the world. Fill my thoughts with Your peace, Your love.

Freedom

Lord, I let go of the worries, resentments and fears that I can sometimes hold on to so tightly. Let me open my hands and my heart to receive freely all the gifts that I need at this time.

Consciousness

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your love never fails and that Your mercies are new every morning. May I never fail to turn to You with my needs, with my love.

Inspiration

During Lent we are invited to reflect on the really important things in life. The allotted life span of each of us is always an unknown and mysterious fact to us. Only God sees the bigger picture of our lives. Our time on earth is indeed a time of grace to prepare for an eternity of happiness, but this time is made up of a series of nows, of moments, none of which will ever come again. 'Carpe diem! – Seize the day!' In the gospels we are frequently called to watch and pray! Let us do so now.

The sudden death of friends and the experience of life-threatening illnesses and accidents are all reminders to us that our sojourn on earth is temporary. Both Jesus and his Father are continually at work in our lives. Let us make good use of the opportunities that are being given to us.

Conversation

God came to bring life, both in Flesh and Word. What life-giving word have I received today? Or if nothing touched me, can I feel the life-giving presence of Jesus with me right now?

Conclusion

I thank God for His gift of love as I go forth with joy and hope to serve His people.

Amen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



Jesus told his followers the story of a fig tree that would not bear fruit. The gardener said he would try hard for one more year to help it grow. God wants us to try hard so that we too can grow, and 'bear fruit'. What are four things you can do during Lent that help you be a better Christian and bring you closer to Jesus?



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: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st: Joshua 5: 9-12

Ps: 33: 2-7

2nd: 2 Cor 5: 17-21

Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,

slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

Communion Antiphon John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 29 & 30 MARCH 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	ROD DOWLING	LUKE HANDCOCK	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	DANYCKA FERNANDES DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR	IHINOLEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTHEW PRANATA GRACE STEWART JACKSON HANDCOCK	SOFIE GABRIEL ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
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READERS	LEO REGO ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	GAY PULKER ANGELA SCOTT	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	GLENDIA BEUKES JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	KELLY DWYER CARLA CARDOSO YONNE GARBIN STEFANI CHEN	TINA CAMMARANO JUDY LEE Volunteer needed	JUDY PHILLIPS TERESA LEECH MARINA CICCARELLI MELISSA TROLIO	DONNA ARTINGSTALL LINDA ROBERTSON JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI
ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: RASHANTHI WANIGASEKERA	
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	