WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 30 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is perhaps the most famous of the parables that are unique to the Gospel of Luke. Sadly, what is often overlooked is the accusation aimed at Jesus that leads into the telling of this and two other shorter parables (the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin – Lk 15:4-10). The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behaviour in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he actually shares meals with them. This would be absolutely scandalous behaviour. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean.

The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or lost son. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 29 MAR — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- 30 MAR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 31 MAR TO 5 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 4 APR — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- 4 & 11 APR — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM
- **8** APR — LENTEN RECONCILIATON (1ST RITE) @7PM
- 17-20 APR — HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE 2025 (SEE THIS PAGE)

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.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday
29th and 30th of March 2025

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Please donate today.

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

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

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.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 12 April @6pm

Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross — 18 April @10.30am

HOLY WEEK (EASTER) TIMETABLE 2025:

Lenten Reconciliation 8 April (1st Rite): @7pm

Holy Thursday 17 April: Mass @7pm
(Followed by Adoration until 10.30pm)

Good Friday 18 April:
Stations of the Cross @10.30am
Passion of the Lord @3pm

Easter Vigil 19 April:
Mass @7pm

Easter Sunday 20 April:
Masses @7.30am,
@9.30am & @6pm

Easter Monday 21 April:
Communion Service
@7.30am (**no Mass**)

VINNIES URGENT APPEAL — we are very short of funds at the moment and need to cover a significant expense for a local family — if you are able to help with a donation, please donate through the poor box at the rear of the church, or otherwise contact Clare on 0406 973 595. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Basil Rigg - Funeral: Wednesday 2/4/25 @10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Court, Richard Hudson, Mary De Cruz, Lou Giglia, Gerald Logan, Rosemary Searson, Nick Mansour, Yvonne O'Leary, Michael Gardner and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

Pope Francis said "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

It is estimated that more than 40 million people are trapped in slavery globally – 1 in 4 of these people are children. Use your buying power to make a difference and only buy products displaying the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance logo this Easter. It is delicious.

For information how to make ethical choc\ices when purchasing Easter chocolate go to: **https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/**

https://www.chocolatescorecard.com/

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Dear Lord, as I come to You today,
fill my heart and my whole being
with the wonder of Your presence.

Freedom

I need to close out the noise, to rise above the noise:
the noise that interrupts, that separates,
the noise that isolates.
I need to listen to God again, in stillness and quiet.

Consciousness

How am I really feeling? Light-hearted? Heavy-hearted? I may be very much at peace, happy to be here. Equally, I may be frustrated, worried or angry. I acknowledge how I really am. It is the real me that the Lord loves.

Inspiration

The marginalised and sinners found something very attractive in Jesus, and they came in droves to listen to him. They sensed his love and compassion for them. This beautiful story of the father and his wayward son epitomises these qualities in Jesus. Jesus came to reveal the Father to us. Our God is a God of infinite love and compassion. In this season of Lent, when we reflect on our own waywardness, let us kneel at his feet and acknowledge our need for his mercy and help.

The elder brother, while keeping all the rules, had closed his heart to the call to be compassionate and forgiving. Are there attitudes in my life that block me from hearing this same call to me?

Conversation

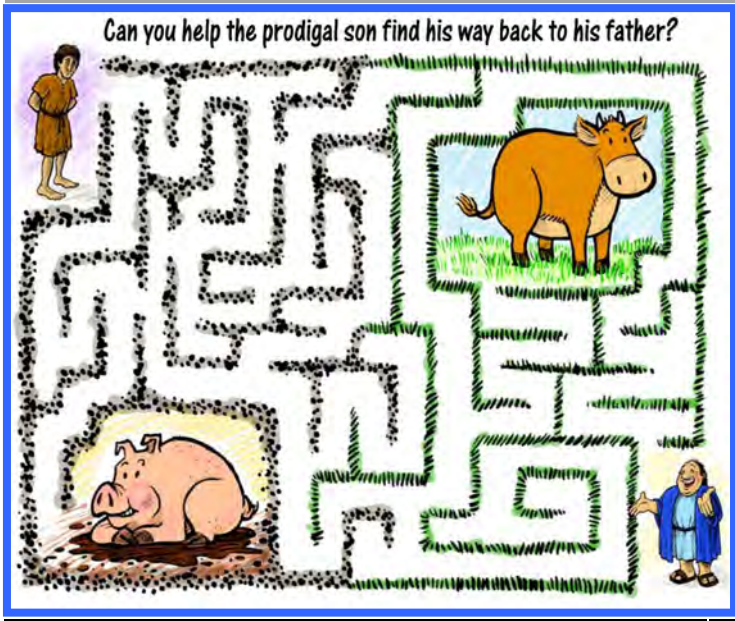
How has God's Word moved me? Has it left me cold? Has it consoled me or moved me to act in a new way? I imagine Jesus standing or sitting beside me and I turn and share my feelings with Him.

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



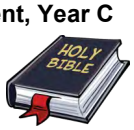
Church/School Parking – Reminder

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: Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

1st: Is 43: 16-21 **Ps:** 125

2nd: Phil 3: 8-14 **Gospel:** Jn 8: 1-11



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Isaiah 66:10-11*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading *Joshua 5:9-12*

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9*

(R.) Taste and see t**he** goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
   his praise always on my lips;
   in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
   The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
   Together let us praise his name.
   I sought the Lord and he answered me;
   from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
   let your faces not be abashed.
   This poor man called; the Lord heard him
   and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

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

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. . So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel *Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."'

Communion Antiphon *Luke 15: 32*

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to life;
he was lost and is found.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 5 & 6 APRIL 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	LEWIS HERON JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	MATTEO REDOLATTI IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTHEW PRANATA LETICIA AVERY JOEY VILLEGAS	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX & OLAF RJKS
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	ALICE BATY	TERRY BOLAND	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	ADRIAN DARGIE	ROGER BUNN TERRY BOLAND	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	STEFANI CHEN TONY RYAN	JACQUIE HERON MONICA ANDERSON	CAROL CURNOW ANUSHIA SUPPIAH	MAUREEN BRIGHT MAISIE CINANNI
EMOHC	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA STEVEN CLAY GERRI CLAY COLLEEN MORRIS	JUDY LEE MONICA ANDERSON BRYAN LILLIS	TERET BROCKWAY MARGARET SANDFORD LILI ORIFICI MOIRA BUNN	MARIA HILL JILL NORTON KEVIN AUTON OSBORNE D'SOUZA

ALTAR SOCIETY: No Flowers due to Lent	**PILGRIM STATUE:** PAUL BELVISO
COUNTERS: PAUL SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —