WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 6 APRIL 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

The story told in today's Gospel, Pope Francis says, shows us 'two contrasting attitudes'. One seeks condemnation, the other salvation.

Surrounding this distasteful episode is an unhealthy inclination to condemn. Yes, the accusers obviously want to punish the woman. But besides judging this woman, her accusers are also using her. Their real target is Jesus. He is the one they are testing.

As the Pope says, these accusatory people are 'confined to narrow legalism and want to oblige the Son of God to conform to their perspective of judgment and condemnation.'

But Jesus saves the woman. As the Pope puts it, Jesus 'redeems by forgiving and renews by reconciling.' With silence and a pointed question, he turns the event upside down! This was surely not what the Scribes and Pharisees anticipated.

Moreover, as the Pope points out, Jesus shows us something very important. 'Jesus is the only one without fault, the only one who could throw a stone at her, but he does not do so.'

Reflecting on this, we might try to let go of those stones in our hearts that we long to fling at others.

Each Lent we are 'called to recognise ourselves as sinners and to ask God for forgiveness,' the Pope affirms. But he reminds us that, like Jesus, we are also called to become forgivers.

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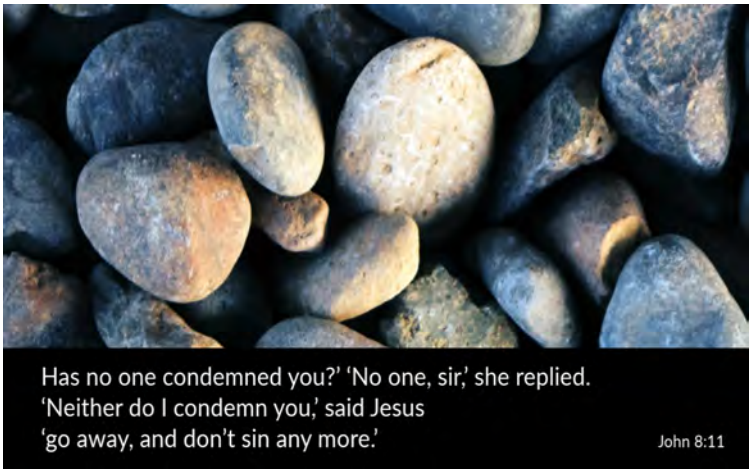

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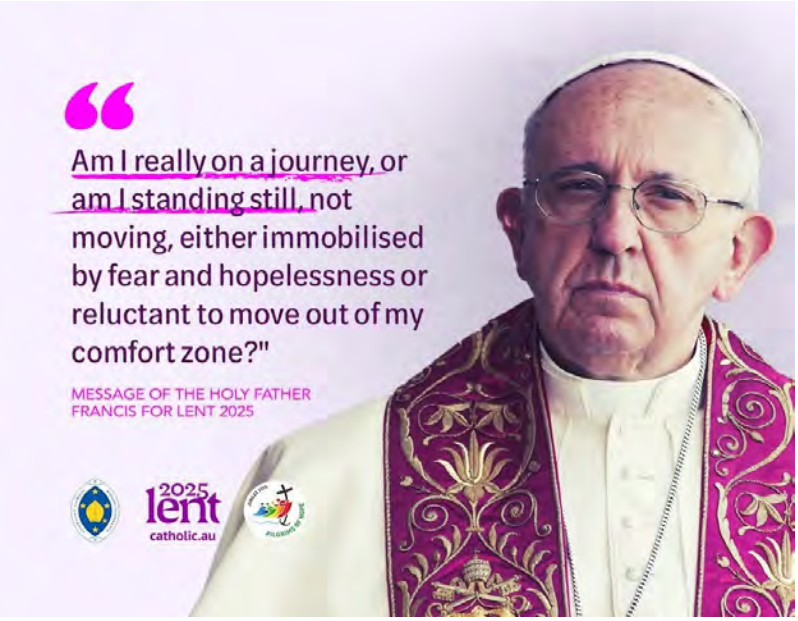
PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 6 APR — DIPS & DRINKS AFTER SUNDAY 6PM MASS
- 7 APR TO 5 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- **8** APR — LENTEN RECONCILIATON (1ST RITE) @7PM
- 11 APR — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM
- 12 APR — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 13 APR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON & MARY ALVARO)
- 17-20 APR — HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE (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

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Project Compassion Sunday
5th and 6th of April 2025

Please donate today.

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

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
@7am (**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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pauline Belviso, Jacob Low, Alison Macchiusi, Ricardo Cacho, Babs Fialho, Thomas Lyons, Gregory O'Neill, Ronald Pereira, Elizabeth Mavros, Joan Gummer, Kathleen Hossen, Armando Ligovich 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 that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, "no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity".

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.

Australians will purchase over $200 million in chocolate this Easter. A 2018 report by IBISWorld found that Australia's chocolate spend had risen by $26 million over the previous five years.

But some of this chocolate is tainted by slavery and comes at the cost of a child's health, education and sometimes his or her freedom. Much of our chocolate is made using cocoa beans harvested by children, often in the West African region. Many of these children are forced into labour. We can help change this.

For information on Slavery-free Easter chocolate and resources, go to: https://acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Lord, God, my Creator,
Be close to me now.
My soul yearns for Your presence.

Freedom

"In these days, God taught me
as a schoolteacher teaches a pupil." (Saint Ignatius).
I remind myself that there are things God has yet to teach me, and I ask for the grace to hear them and let them change me.

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

During this last week of his life, when his hearers went home to their houses, Jesus spent his nights at the foot of the Mount of Olives in the garden of Gethsemane, praying and sleeping. Early each morning he set out for the temple for his day's work of preaching and teaching, at daily risk of arrest. In our meeting with him now in prayer we can dialogue with him about what this last week was like.

Jesus always loved the sinner and not the sin. 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.' Jesus said elsewhere, 'I came not to condemn the world but to save it.' Let us pray to imitate him in his great mercy.

Conversation

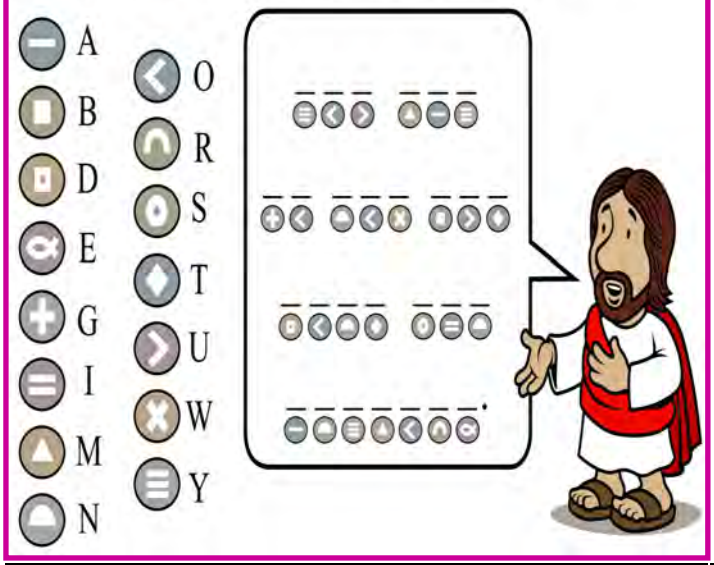
Sometimes I wonder what I might say if I were to meet You in person, Lord. I think I might say "Thank You, Lord" for always being there for me. I know with certainty there were times when You carried me, Lord, when it was through Your strength that I got through the dark times in my life.

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

Use the code below to work out what Jesus said to the accused woman



During this final week of Lent we can all work really hard at being the best Christians we can be, in preparation for Holy Week.

At the start of Lent, what was one of the things about your life that you wanted to improve?

How well do you think you have done so far? Give yourself a score between 5 (Great!!) and 1 (hmmm..not so great).

What are some ways you can do even better during this final week of Lent and Holy Week?

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:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

1st*:* Is 50:4-7 **Ps:** 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
2nd: Phil 2: 6-11 **Gospel:** Lk 22: 14- 23: 56

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 42:1-2*

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 125. R. v.3*

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading *Philippians 3:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation *Joel 2:12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *John 8:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

Communion Antiphon *John 8:10-11*

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 12 & 13 APRIL 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	ROD DOWLING	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	HAILEY CORREIA JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING	GRACE STEWART OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	JACKSON HANDCOCK DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	GAY PULKER ANGELA SCOTT	GERARD DE SOUZA PAUL VINCI	GLENDA BEUKES JILL NORTON
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