WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 20 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

EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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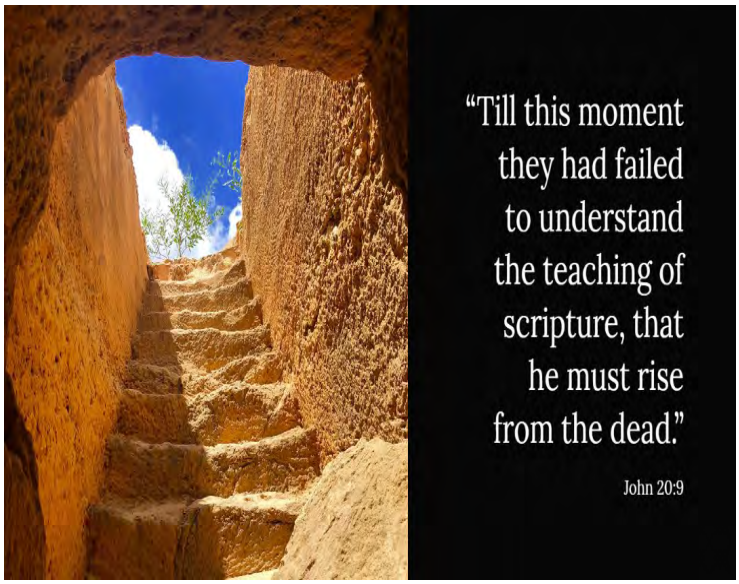

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PARISH NOTICES

- 21 APR — COMMUNION SERVICE @7AM (NO MASS)
- 25 APR — ANZAC DAY MASS @7AM
- 27 APR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 28 APR TO 26 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 3 MAY — BUSY BEE @8AM

EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples with the greetings: *"Peace be with you"!*

Throughout our lives we have tried to make our yearly celebration a little different from the previous year. Once again, we are particularly grateful that we are able to gather and celebrate Easter as a community of faith. As I have always said, what matters most is the meaning and significance of the great events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday that we hold strongly and dearly in our hearts. Just as Jesus has passed over death and darkness on Good Friday into his new life and resurrection at Easter, so we, too, will be set free from our individual place of darkness into God's saving light and freedom. The power of Jesus' resurrection will prevail in the end.

May the consolation and joy of Easter be with you all!

Fr Nelson

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

Easter Sunday
20th April 2025

It's not too late to donate.

UNITE AGAINST POVERTY this Lent

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

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

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 10 May @6pm

Have a Blessed Easter!

May this joyous day bring hope and blessings to you and your family.

And may the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding warm your home.

Thank you to everyone who helped out in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Your contributions had made our liturgies more meaningful for our parish community.

It's on again!

The **ecumenical dinner in aid of the chaplains** at Applecross and Melville High Schools will be held at **St David's Anglican Church on Bombard Street, Ardross on Friday 3rd May**. Tickets are available from **Gwen Stagg on 0427 384 103 at $40 each**. Please see noticeboard for further details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Grazina Puglisi, Fariana Budiman & Norman Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES:

Margaret Firns, Reg Firns, Katharina Clarke, Jim Bailey, Mona Hodge, Maria Longo, Ross Watson, 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)

Saturday 26 July @3pm-4pm - Holy Family Parish, Como.

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.

Mother of Hope - A special Mother's Day concert

This Mother's Day, **Sunday May 11th**, treat your mother, grandmother or yourselves to an afternoon performance by Perth's finest choral singers and instrumentalists including **Paul Wright** (music director & violinist) & **Emma Spaddacini** (soprano) at **St Columba's Church in South Perth** from **2.30-3.30pm**. Proceeds from this sacred music recital will go towards Catholic Mission's maternity health project in Zambia providing life-giving support for vulnerable mums and their babies impacted by poverty and food insecurity. After the concert please join us in St Columba's gardens and share in Devonshire Tea overlooking the picturesque view of the Swan River. Please make your bookings for the concert tickets and the Devonshire Tea via the TryBooking site: https://www.trybooking.com/DALFN. Book early to secure your seats. Call Francis Leong on **6234 1760** for more details.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Jesus waits, silent and unseen, to come into my heart.
I will respond to His call.
He comes with His infinite power and love.
May I be filled with joy in His presence.

Freedom

I try to let go of any prejudices and narrow-mindedness that may be clouding my vision at this present moment. I hand them over to God's merciful care, so I can pray in freedom, truth and clarity.

Consciousness

Jesus, thank You for this moment where I am conscious of Your presence with me. Help me to be more and more aware of Your presence in my daily life, and in everyone I meet.

Inspiration

'Enough! The Resurrection. A heart's clarion! Away grief's gasping joyless days, dejection. Across my foundering deck shone a beacon, an eternal beam.' So wrote the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ about the comfort of the resurrection. The darkness of sin and death is forever shattered by the 'eternal beam' of Easter morning. We open our hearts to the joy of Christ's victory, and we give immense thanks to God.

Jesus had foretold his rising from the dead and now everything has changed. He is vindicated in his triumph over those who opposed him. We all share in the victory of Jesus, our Brother, and all the graces that we could ever need have been won for us. Like the apostles who ran to the tomb, let us allow the enormity of this event seep into our souls as we now meet our Saviour in prayer.

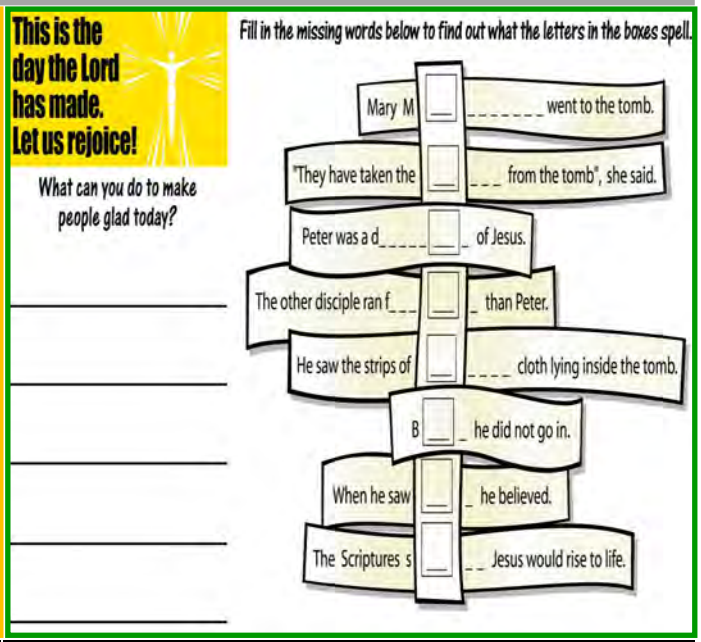
Conversation

May Your Holy Spirit guide me in all my dealings with others. May I use the gift of speech with kindness.

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***

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: 2nd Easter Sunday, Year C

1st: Acts 5:12-16 **Ps:** 117: 2-4, 22-27

2nd: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 **Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-31

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 26 & 27 APRIL 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DOMINIC LONGO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	LETICIA AVERY DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	SACHA AUTON NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	SALLY HOBDAY	TERRY BOLAND	MAISIE CINANNI
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ALTAR SOCIETY: MILDRED REGO & MARY FERNANDES	**PILGRIM STATUE:** DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –