WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 27 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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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

Pope Francis says that when we feel 'like Thomas, with the same doubts … we do not need to be ashamed of this.' We can all have moments of uncertainty. Importantly, the other Apostles never rejected or harassed Thomas; rather, they accompanied him.

The story of Thomas shows us that it is healthy to acknowledge our struggles. As the Pope puts it, 'Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith' tend to make him think that 'something isn't right.' As the Pope goes on, 'the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be?'

Now, generations later, we recall Thomas' doubt because it has much to teach us. 'Crises are not sins,' the Pope explains, 'they are part of the journey, we should not fear them.'

The Pope encourages us to recognise such moments as opportunities for grace. 'Crises help us to recognise that we are needy,' he suggests, because 'they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord.' And, as the story of Thomas so clearly shows, Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith; he does not expect us to resolve every doubt on our own before encountering him.

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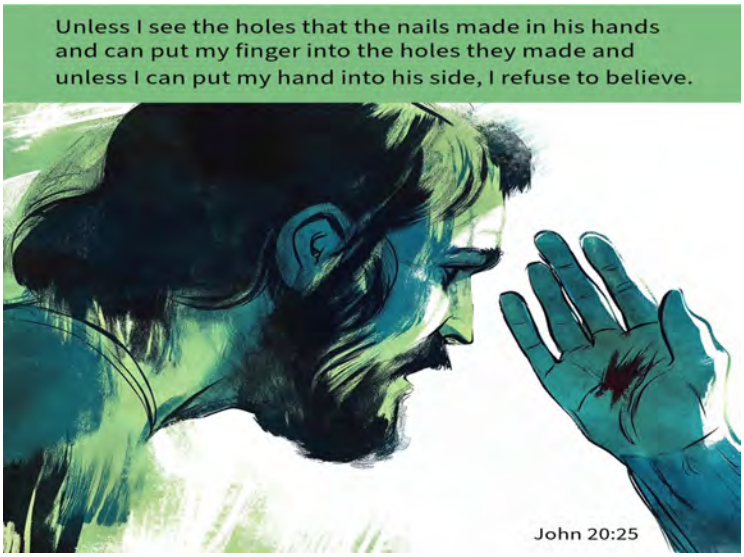

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 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
- 4 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILLICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 10 MAY — YOUTH MASS @6PM

PARISH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT (2023-2028)

PARISH VISION:

"We, the parishioners of St Benedict's Applecross, are committed to live faithfully in the words and examples of Jesus Christ, to develop and foster at all times a vibrant and welcoming Christian community based on His life of love, compassion, hospitality and service."

PARISH MISSION:

"We aim to inspire and nurture our parishioners and others of all ages and cultures to develop faith in Jesus Christ, cultivate strong Christian values and engage with the community actively and positively."

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. **Please return your envelopes or boxes as soon as possible.** *Thank you.*

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

THANK YOU!

It's not too late to donate.

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

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, 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

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.

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:

Fariana Budiman
Thursday 1/5/25: Viewing @6.30pm & Rosary @7pm
Friday 2/5/25: Funeral Mass @10am.

Thomas O'Brien - Funeral: Friday 2/5/25 @1pm

Norman Thomas - Funeral: Tuesday 6/5/25 @11am

ANNIVERSARIES:

Mauro De Judicibus, Nora Randall, Basil Burns, Daniel McCormack 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

I hear the Lord whispering my name, inviting me into this time of prayer. I let all other distractions fall away as I bask in the blessing of the nearness of God.

Freedom

By God's grace I was born to live in freedom,
free to enjoy the pleasures He created for me.
Dear Lord, grant that I may live as You intended,
with complete confidence in Your loving care.

Consciousness

We all need to take time out from our daily chores.
We know that our bodies need a rest.
When we come into Your presence, Lord,
our hearts and minds are refreshed, our spirits lifted.

Inspiration

Here Jesus shows great understanding and compassion for our weakness and slowness of heart to believe. It appears that he came especially for Doubting Thomas's sake, but of course it was for us too. On this Divine Mercy Sunday he shows that he is always a God of forgiveness and love.

Originally intended to be the final chapter, the writer states that the whole purpose of this book is to show that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God. We pray to grow in our faith and in our understanding of the revelation of God in this gospel.

Conversation

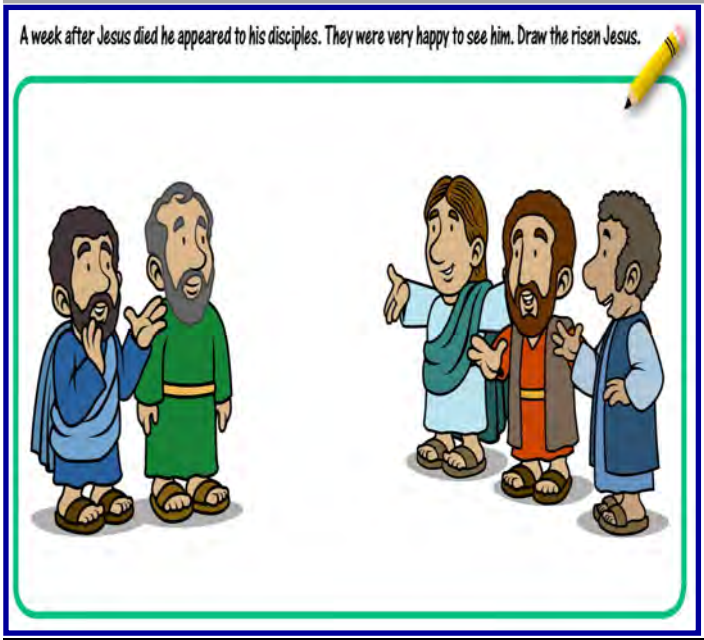
To communicate we don't always need to talk.
Can I imagine myself sitting quietly with Jesus?
I looking silently at Him and He at me.
How do I feel?

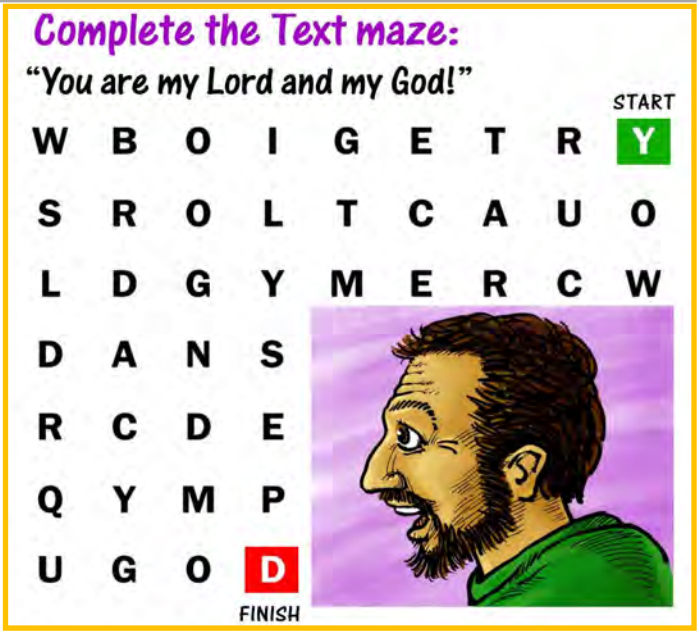
Conclusion

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.*

Please Do Not Drive Or Park On Grass

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 3rd Easter Sunday, Year C

1st: Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41 **Ps:** 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13

2nd: Rev 5: 11-14 **Gospel:** Jn 21: 1-19

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *1 Peter 2:2*

Like newborn infants, you must long
for the pure, spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1*

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading *Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon *Cf John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 3 & 4 MAY 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MATTHEW TLOCZEK	TERRY MEO	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	LEWIS HERON DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	REGINALDO CAMMARANO CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS MATTEO REDOLATTI	SOFIE GABRIEL ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEK	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD BELLA PITT	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
READERS	GERRI CLAY ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	LORNA D'SOUZA RITA ILICH	JUDY PHILLPS PAUL MENEZES	JILL NORTON ANDREA D'SOUZA
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT	**PILGRIM STATUE:** BRADLEY NEWMAN
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