WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 11 MAY 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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BENEDICTCARE COORDINATORS:
Head Coordinator: Carmel Tick - 0488 100 928
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Home Help: Carmel Tick
Handyman/Gardening: Louis Bove
Visiting: Meagan Xanthis
Transport: Carmel Tick
Emergency Meals: Meagan Xanthis

PARISH INCLUSIVITY COORDINATOR:
Bev Piche — 0467 054 168

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 10 MAY — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 12 - 26 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- **18 MAY - ST VINNIE'S CAKE STALL = POSTPONED TO JULY 2025**
- 24 MAY — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- 25 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS

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 (*last call).* Thank you.**

You are invited to join **Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Group in the Albert Lynch Room at St. Benedict's Church in Applecross on Thursdays at 1pm** for our Prayer Group sessions.

Format is some music to settle us all, then Thanksgiving Prayer, followed by a presentation by one of our group or a visitor from time to time. That is followed by 10 minutes Centering and then Thanksgiving Prayer. We try to close by 2.30pm with a cup of tea and fellowship (which enables you to run off and collect your children from school if necessary).

Please consider joining our group which has been going for 37+ years. We have a lot of wisdom to share with you all. **Enquiries** to Judy Phillips 0420 246 741 or Elspeth O'Connor 0488 683 310.

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."

Prayer and Faith development small groups in our parish:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: a prayer group that spends quiet time of reflection, prayer, hymns of praise & thanksgiving and fellowship.
Meets Thursday @1pm in Albert Lynch room
Enquiries: Elspeth 0488 683 310, Judy 9364 9249

Build My Life: focuses on growing faith through fellowship, loosely structured bible study & prayer.
Meets weekly Thursday evening @7pm in St Benedicts school staff room
Enquiries: Steve 0412 207 750

Christian Life Community (CLC) is based on Ignatian Spirituality which is a powerful way of helping us make God-based decisions in our lives.
clcaustralia.org.au; ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au
Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104

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

CAKE STALL UPDATE

It has been decided to change the date of the **Vinnies' cake stall** to a date in **July** instead of next Sunday. Vinnies will advise the new date in due course.

Social and Service Groups in our parish:

Catholic Women's League of WA (Inc) (CWL):
It is the only officially-recognised national Catholic lay women's organization in Australia.
Membership is open to women of all ages.
Meets every 2nd Tuesday at Albert Lynch Room @10am
Enquiries: Adele Parsons 0428 584 882

Craft Group:
A social group doing craft and other activities together.
Meets weekly on Wednesday morning @9.30am in Albert Lynch Room
Enquiries: Monica Anderson 0400 909 366

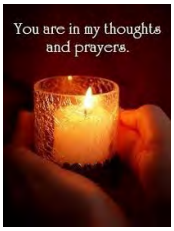
First Friday Friends:
A senior social group based in the parish that caters for the needs of seniors in our community.
Meets every first Friday at the Albert Lynch Room @11am & outings every third Friday
Enquiries: Maureen Bright 0413 831 357

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION):

Parish income for the 9 months ended 31/03/25 was 105% of the budgeted income for the same period and 80% of the annual budgeted income. *Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Parish.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Ut



ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Woolford, Moira Stokes, Lynette Rogerson, Lucia Vallini, William Bourne, Beverly Rowbottam, Kevin Quinn, Ray Hevron, John McAdam, Norman Pearn-Rowe, Mega Limadinata 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 @10-11am — Our Lady of Grace, 3 Kitchener St, North Beach

Saturday 26 July @3-4pm — Holy Family Parish, 45 Thelma St, 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.

VOLUNTEER THANKSGIVING MASS - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

As part of National Volunteer Week, we will honour the invaluable contributions of our volunteers in the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth under the theme "Connecting Communities." Join us in thanking these dedicated individuals for their selfless service with Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton who will celebrate the Eucharist. To all volunteers, you are cordially invited to a Eucharistic celebration on Sunday, 25 May 2025, at 11am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by light refreshments at the Parish Centre. Please advise us of your attendance and dietary restrictions via https://www.trybooking.com/CZTLP at the latest Sunday, 11 May 2025. We look forward to seeing you there as we come together in gratitude and unity.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

When I come into Your presence, O Lord,
I know I am in the presence of my Creator.
You created me out of love.
You even know the number of hairs on my head.
Your presence, O Lord, is the greatest gift of all.

Freedom

Lord, grant me the grace to be free from the excesses of this life. Let me not get caught up with the desire for wealth. Keep my heart and mind free to love and serve You.

Consciousness

Heavenly Father, may I grow in virtue as I take time out of my day to listen to You and spend time with You. May Your goodness overflow into my life, and from my life into the lives of all those I meet.

Inspiration

In both the Old Testament and the New, the image and theme of God as the shepherd is very common. The relationship between us and Jesus our Shepherd is very close. He will never forsake us and he will lead us to eternal life. Let us spend some time now in his company, and ask for complete trust in him.

Conversation

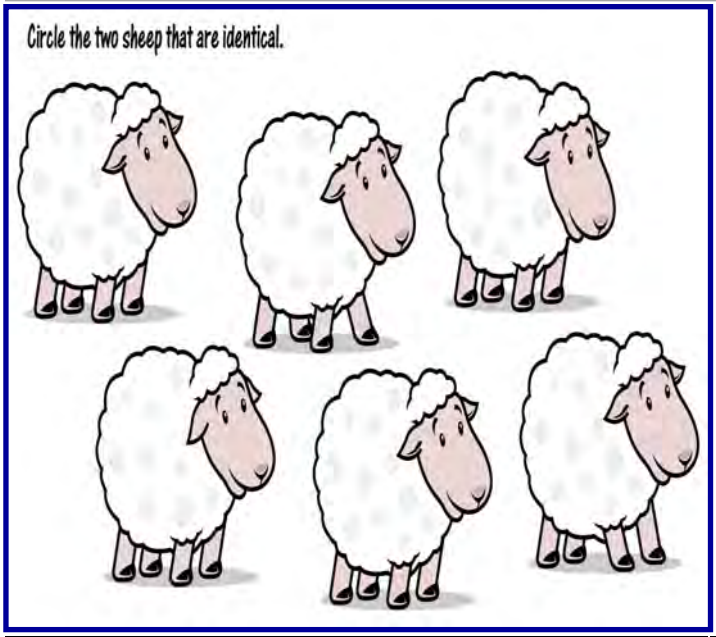
Lord, help me to become quiet and calm enough to hear Your still, small voice. Help me to trust what I hear. Your Word brings comfort, consolation and encouragement. Everything else I let go of.

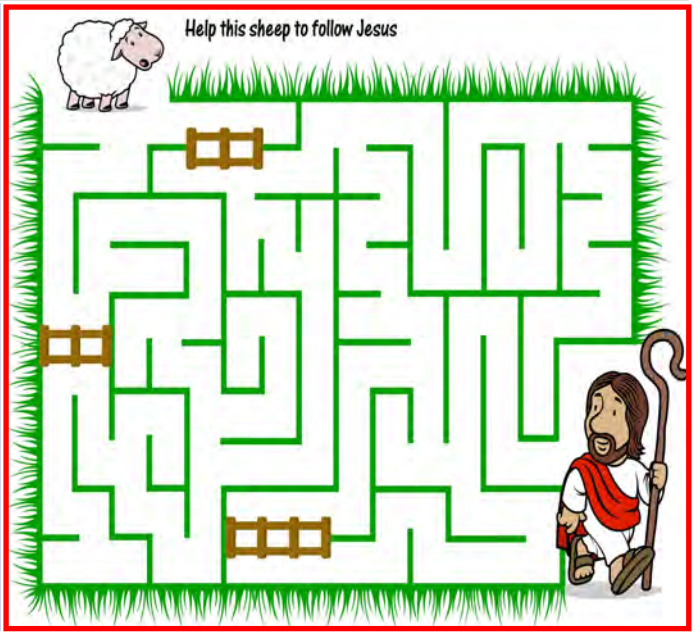
Conclusion

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: 5th Easter Sunday, Year C

1st: Acts 14: 21-27 **Ps:** 144: 8-13

2nd: Rev 21: 1-5 **Gospel:** Jn 13: 31-35

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 32:5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

> I have made you a light for the nations,
> so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3*

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
   Serve the Lord with gladness.
   Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
   He made us, we belong to him,
   we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
   eternal his merciful love.
   He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading *Revelation 7:9, 14-17*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 10:27-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

> 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
> I know them and they follow me.
> I give them eternal life;
> they will never be lost
> and no one will ever steal them from me.
> The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
> and no one can steal from the Father.
> The Father and I are one.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 17 & 18 MAY 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	BARRY FARRELL	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	XAVIER SIA CHARMAINE VOGLER LETICIA AVERY	TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	ALICE BATY	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YVONNE GARBIN AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	FRANK GERICEVICH MONICA ANDERSON	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINNANI KELVIN GRACE
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