WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 18 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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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment.

As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love – '*as I have loved you*'.

Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.'

Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.'

In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.'

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 19 & 26 MAY — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 24 MAY — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- 25 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 4 JUN-2 JUL — CFE COURSE: AFTER LIFE: ESCHATON-OUR LIVING HOPE, WEDNESDAYS 7.30PM-8.30PM, AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 6 JUN — SENIORS' LUNCH @11AM-2PM (**PLEASE RSVP**)

First Friday Friends – PLEASE NOTE

There will be **NO gathering on the first Friday in June (6th)** as there is a seniors lunch on that day. Please RSVP on the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

Also please be aware that my computer has died and so I have lost all of my groups but will deal with this at a future date.
Enquiry: Maureen Bright, 0413 831 357.

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 — 14 June @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 Leaque 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.
Enquiries: Maureen Bright 0413 831 357

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christina (Margaret) Ut

ANNIVERSARIES:

William Middleton, Kathleen Cassidy, Daryl Coelho, Rita Paul, Hilary Fowle, Mervyn Andrews, Dante Vallini 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.

04 Jun - 02 Jul AFTER LIFE: ESCHATON - OUR LIVING HOPE
Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm (5 sessions), Applecross Parish, Canning Highway & Ardross Street, Applecross.

Discover the nature of Christian hope, the Christian art of dying well, the fact and mystery of resurrection in Christ and heaven, hell, purgatory and the final destiny of the Eschaton. Cost: $20. Presenter, Ms Natalie Thomas. *Further info or to register,* email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence
It is always nice to be in the presence of friends. You, O Lord, are my closest and truest friend. May I never forget the friend I have in You.

Freedom
If God were trying to tell me something, would I know?
If God were reassuring me or challenging me,
would I notice?
I ask for the grace to be free of my own preoccupations and open to what God may be saying to me.

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.

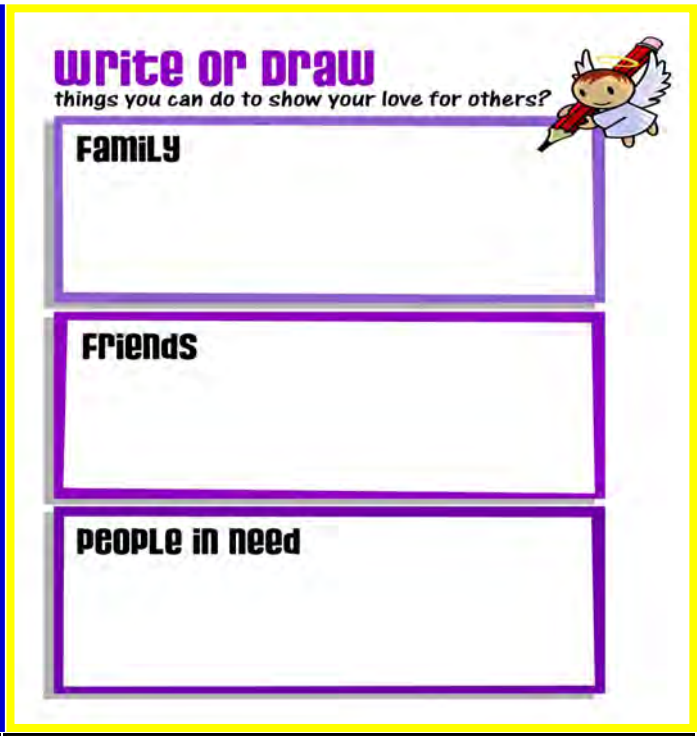
Inspiration
The time is approaching for Jesus to finish his mission on earth and to return to the Father who sent him. His apostles must remain behind, but they will follow him later. His final instruction to them is that they should love one another just as he has loved them. This will be how Christians are to be recognised in the future. If we were to be on trial as Christians, would we be convicted on this score?

Conversation
Your own words, Lord, taught me how to pray.
The beautiful "Our Father"
contains all I would wish to say.

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



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: 6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

1st: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 **Ps:** 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8

2nd: Rev 21: 10-14, 22-23 **Gospel:** Jn 14: 23-29

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1*

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading *Revelation 21:1-5*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 13:31-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf John 15:1,5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 24 & 25 MAY 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	DENNIS RIGG	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING	GRACE STEWART IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	REGINALDO CAMMARANO CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS JACKSON HANDCOCK	KATHERINE WIBAWA VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	JACQUIE HERON	MARINA CICCARELLI	JILL NORTON
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	COMMUNITY MASS	GAY PULKER RITA ILICH	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL SEARSON	ANDREA D'SOUZA JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	YVONNE GARBIN ROD DOWLING STEFANI CHEN MICHELLE CARRICK	ALICE BATY MONICA ANDERSON TINA CAMMARANO	MOIRA BUNN MARGARET SANDFORD CARMEL RECHICHI TERET BROCKWAY	YULIANA VAN DER BURG LINDA ROBERTSON JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI

ALTAR SOCIETY: JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** SUSI SUSANTO
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –