WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 1 JUNE 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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

'Jesus is not abandoning the disciples', Pope Francis points out. 'He ascends to Heaven, but he does not leave them alone.'

Jesus' Ascension, Francis suggests, can be understood with respect to two aspects of the event. Firstly, Jesus 'announces the gift of the Spirit.' Then, secondly, Jesus 'blesses the disciples.'

In sending the Spirit, Jesus ensures that he remains present with his disciples in a new way. There is now, Francis explains, 'a presence that does not want to limit our freedom.' Jesus leaves room for us to make our own way, through time and space, accompanied by the Spirit. As Francis quips, it is the case that 'true love makes us protagonists.'

We are now 'his witnesses in the world', he reminds us. By blessing his followers, Jesus shows that he 'is the great priest of our life.' Ascending to the Father, he intercedes for us and goes 'to present our humanity to him.'

Francis therefore encourages us to reflect on how truly we embrace our call 'to be witnesses to the Gospel.' Are we 'capable of loving others, leaving them free and making room for them'? Do we intercede on their behalf 'and bless their lives'? Do we really trust that Jesus wants to work through us?

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 3 JUN — MASS OF ANOINTING @9AM
- 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
- 7 JUN — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 8 JUN — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- 8 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS @9.30AM
- 14 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @6PM
- 15 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS @9.30AM

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Adult Faith Education Programme

Applecross Parish – Canning Hwy & Ardross St, Applecross

Scan the QR code for more courses and events

After Life: Eschaton – Our Living Hope

ON: Wednesdays, 4 June – 2 July

FROM: 7:30pm – 8:30pm (5 sessions)

WITH: Ms Natalie Thomas

COST: Suggested donation, $20

This unit explores the 'last things': death, purgatory, heaven, hell, the Parousia of Christ and the final Judgment. Utilising the teachings of the Church, the wisdom of Saints, Popes, mystics, theologians and the Church Fathers, the Ars Moriendi and *Dante's Divine Comedy*, students will 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.

For further info or to register, please contact the Centre for Faith Enrichment or Applecross Parish:

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Centre for Faith Enrichment

2025 PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Receipts are available for collection on one of the tables at the back of the church. For the credit card donations, Caritas Australia will issue the receipts directly to you. If your receipt is not there, please contact the Parish office on 08 9364 1120.

Our parish raised $12,707,60 (last year: $11,952.95). ***Thank you.***

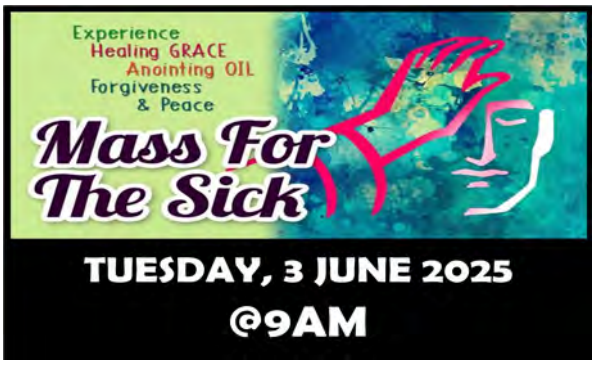
PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 7 (not 14) June @6pm



Annual Seniors Lunch for St Benedict's SENIOR PARISHIONERS (RSVP: closed)

DATE: FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025

TIME: 11AM TO 2PM

THINGS THAT BOTHER US

These past few months, our Vinnies members have visited some really good people who struggle with the cost of raising families, debt and tragedies in their lives. We live comfortable lives, and it bothers us to see the suffering of those we visit. We're glad it does because nothing changes if we look the other way. Seeing what we see makes us get up every morning thinking about how we can make a difference, and we do make a difference, thanks to your help.

In donating to Vinnies, you are partnering with us, so please give generously to Vinnies via Tap'n'Go or through the poor box which is located in the wall inside the main part of the church, to the right side of the doors as you go out.

PARISH MORNING TEA INVITATION

SUNDAY, 8 JUNE 2025 AFTER 7.30AM MASS

ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Christina (Margaret) Ut

ANNIVERSARIES:

Robert Atkinson, Ann Kilroe, Alim Sutrisno, Glenice Pierl, Margaret Atkinson 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.

PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

***PARISH SECRETARY* — ATTADALE CATHOLIC PARISH**

St Joseph Pignatelli parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to work alongside the Parish Priest and assist with administration duties for the Parish. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week (Tuesday - Friday). To express your interest, please put in the subject line of the email: Attadale Parish Express of Interest. Please email your CV & Cover letter to parishsupport@perthcatholic.org.au.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

I remind myself that, as I sit here now,
God is gazing on me with love and holding me in being.
I pause for a moment and think of this.

Freedom

I will ask for God's help
to be free from my own preoccupations,
to be open to God in this time of prayer, and
to come to know, love and serve Him more.

Consciousness

Grant, O Lord, that I may be conscious and grateful for all the good things you have given to me.
May I share my blessings with others always.

Inspiration

St Augustine reminds us that Jesus came to earth without leaving heaven and he returned to heaven without leaving our earth. As God, Jesus was always in heaven, but truly walked this earth, like us in all things but sin.

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the disciples who saw this were filled with joy. In a new way, through all that Jesus achieved, heaven has become joined to earth and his presence remains the source of our joy and consolation.

Conversation

Do I notice myself reacting as I pray
with the Word of God?
Do I feel challenged, comforted, angry?
Imagining Jesus sitting or standing near me, I speak out my feelings, as one trusted friend to another.

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

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

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: Pentecost Sunday, Year C

1st: Acts 2: 1-11 **Ps:** 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd: Rom 8: 8-17 **Gospel:** Jn 14: 15-16, 23-26

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6*

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 28:19. 20*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 24:46-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Communion Antiphon *Matthew 28:20*

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 7 & 8 JUNE 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	GRACE STEWART IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTEO REDOLATTI JOEY VILLEGAS CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	SASCHA AUTON NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUI HERON FRANK GERICEVICH	NICOLE PARKER TERRY BOLAND	JILL NORTON GLENDA BEUKES
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ALICE BATY MONICA ANDERSON TINA CAMMARANO	RUTH THORN TERET BROCKWAY LILI ORIFICI MOIRA BUNN	KEVIN AUTON DONNA ARTINGSTALL YULIANA VAN DER BURG LINDA ROBERTSON

ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** IONE & DESMOND COORAY
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —