WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 27 JULY 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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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or new bike isn't quite in the same league!

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

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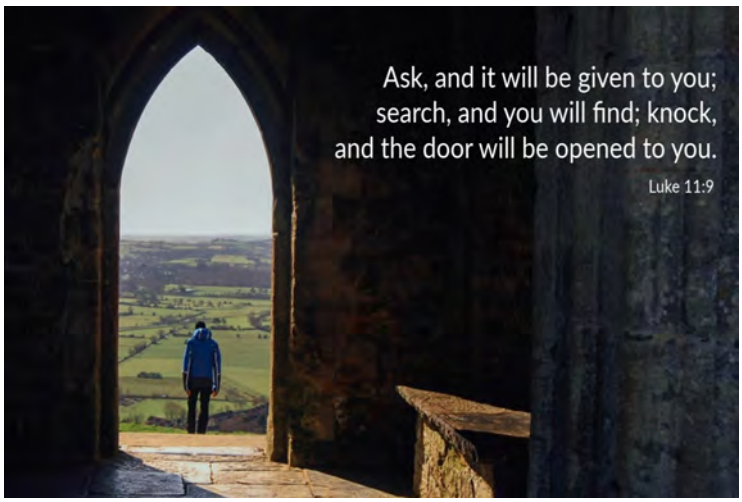

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 26 JUL & 27 JUL — COMMITMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMATION: SAT @6PM & SUN @9.30AM
- 27JUL — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 31 JUL — ALPHA COURSE STARTS AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 1 AUG — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS, TALK ON THE HYPE OF FAST FASHION BY ACRATH @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 9 AUG — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 10 AUG— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 15 AUG — FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASSES @7AM, 9AM (SCHOOL) & 7PM
- 16 AUG (SAT) — CONFIRMATION MASS @2PM
- 19 & 20 AUGUST — PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL AT CHURCH @9.30AM-3PM

CHURCH PARKING ON THE PAVING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

Please be aware that all parking in front of our church on the paving area is **now for the ACROD permit holders only, especially for weekend masses**. Please display your **ACROD card**.

For non ACROD permit holders, you may park on the street in front of our church for a closer distance to the church or at our normal church parking areas: in the corner of Ardross Street & Canning Highway and in the school parking area. *Thank you*.

The St Benedict's Craft Group wishes to thank all for your as ever generous support of our recent mini craft stall.

Together sales and donations came to $1,250. All proceeds to the Applecross branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

TALK ON THE HYPE OF FAST FASHION FRIDAY 1 AUGUST

Gemma Wooltorton and Rae Cook from **ACRATH** (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) will be presenting a talk on the hype of fast fashion at the First Friday Friends gathering on **Friday 1 August @11am**.

All are welcome to come along and if you are staying for lunch, please bring a savoury plate to share. Any queries ring Maureen on 0413 831 357.

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION):

Parish income for the year ended 30/06/25 was 105% of the budgeted income for the year. Well done.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Parish.

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, Harsono Setiawan, Steven Robertson, Rev Fr Peter Meo, Lisa Bailey, Lenna Hosseini, Frank Ranieri and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 9 August @6pm

Alpha - a chance to explore life's BIG questions in a fun, safe welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short movie and chat about our faith. We encourage open and honest conversations, about what you think, feel and believe. You can expect to laugh, connect and journey together with others.

WHERE - St Benedict's Parish Applecross, 115 Ardross Street - Albert Lynch Room

WHEN - starting **Thursday 31/7/2025 @6.30-8.30pm**

TO REGISTER –

Call/text Steve or Jacquie OR add your name and phone number to sheet at back of church.

Contact **Steve 0412 207 750** or **Jacqui 0412 106 057** for more information **alpha.org.au**

CAN YOU HELP US? The Vinnies pantry stock is slowly being depleted due to the need of the many people we serve. If you are able to help by donating some non-perishable items such as the following, it would be very much appreciated: Tuna, rice, tea, coffee, tomato sauce, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, laundry powder or liquid, tinned ham, beef/chicken & vegetable soup, pasta and pasta sauces, tinned fruit and instant noodles.

Alternatively, we would appreciate donations by way of the poor box or the Tap N Go machine.

- The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Noreen Rosario

ANNIVERSARIES:

Cora Keeley, Setiawan Barin, Edith Pix, Petronella Vermeulem, 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.

2025 MARRIAGE DAY MASS

All couples celebrating a milestone anniversary — 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, or even 70 years—are warmly invited, along with your families, to join us for this year's **Marriage Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**.

Date: Saturday 16 August

Time: 10am to 11am commencing with Mass, followed by Morning Tea in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

Come celebrate the gift of marriage with a special Mass, followed by a special morning tea. Each couple will receive a commemorative certificate to mark this special occasion.

Register at https://www.trybooking.com/DCFPY. Please note registrations close on 1 August. We look forward to celebrating with you!

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

My soul longs for Your presence, Lord. When I turn my thoughts to You, I find peace and contentment.

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 pre-occupations and open to what God may be saying to me.

Consciousness

Conscious of Your presence, Lord, I look over my recent past. Let me be honest with myself about how I've been and what I've done, because I know You love truth in the heart and accept me just as I am.

Inspiration

Our Father can be seen as a guide to us in our prayer. In it, the Father comes first in our petitions, and then we pray as the people of God when we say, 'Give us, forgive us, lead us.' In the prayer of petition, we acknowledge that everything is from God, and so, we praise him.

God hears every prayer but will answer in his own time as he sees what is best for us. Our part is to be patient with him and with our own poor efforts in prayer. We always need to persevere with prayer and to remember that every encounter with God changes us and blesses us.

Conversation

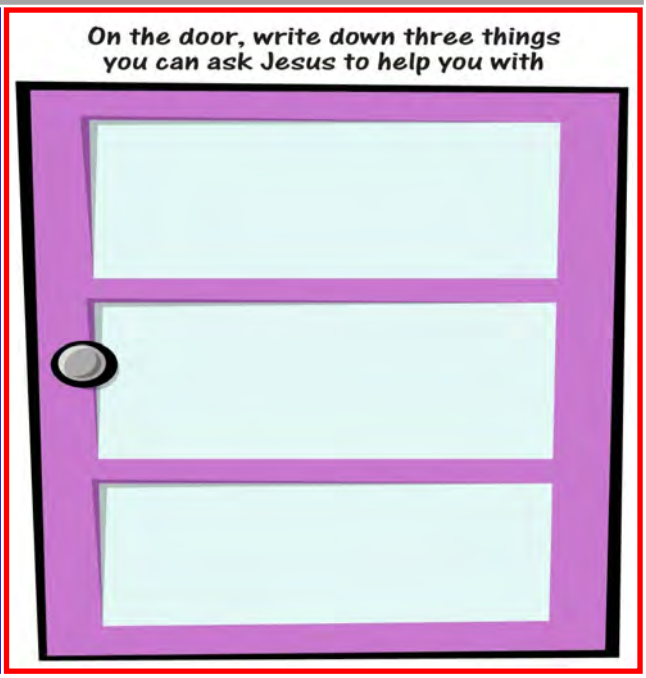
Jesus often asked questions of those who came to Him. Let me sense Him close to me now, listening to my prayer and asking

"How can I help you?"
"What can I give you?"
"What do you need?"

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given concerning the text. ***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: 18th Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Eccl 1: 2, 2: 21-23 **Ps:** 89: 3-6,12-14, 17

2nd: Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 **Gospel:** Lk 12: 13-21

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36*

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading *Genesis 18:20-32*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3*

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
   you have heard the words of my mouth.
   Before the angels I will bless you.
   I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
   which excel all we ever knew of you.
   On the day I called, you answered;
   you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
   and the haughty he knows from afar.
   Though I walk in the midst of affliction
   you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
   your hand will do all things for me.
   Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
   discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading *Colossians 2:12-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation *Romans 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 11:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 102:2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 2 & 3 AUGUST 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	GRACE STEWART CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS MATTEO REDOLATTI	SOFIE GABRIEL ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
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ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARGOT LYONS
COUNTERS: CONNIE BOVE, HELEN OAKLEY,JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & LOUIS BOVE	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —