WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 3 AUGUST 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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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 7, 14, 21 & 28 AUG; 4, 11, 18 & 25 SEP; 2 & 9 OCT — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 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
- 24 AUG (SUN) — CONFIRMATION MASS @2PM
- 31 AUG — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS

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.

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, 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 - **Thursdays 31/7/25 - 9/10/25 @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**

Thank you to all who donated food to the Vinnies conference which operates from our church. The donated food enabled us to help many people who are struggling - mostly people living in homes, but also some who are homeless and living in cars. We certainly feel blessed to be part of such a generous parish and to have a very supportive parish priest. God bless you all!

- St Vincent de Paul Society, Applecross conference.

SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL AT ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH 19 & 20 AUGUST 2025 @9.30AM TO 3PM

The church will be used for the Performing Arts Festival on these days. Please do not park in the parking bays outside the church doors or in the street in front of the church. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:
Noreen Rosario

ANNIVERSARIES:
David Casey, Raymond Bowl, John Williams, John O'Leary, Jemma Blet, Francis Smith, Antun Triglavcanin 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)

Tuesday 26 August 2025 @7-8pm — Sacred Heart, 50 Ovens Road, Thornlie

To register **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction**.

Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

Pilgrimage to Vietnam

From the **13th to 24th November 2025** come to Vietnam including Saigon, Hanoi, Danang, Hue etc and lovely Catholic Churches & Shrines to Our Lady. We will go on a cruise in Ha Long Bay where lunch will be served on board. We will also visit the Long Tan Cross site of the Battle in 1966 in which Australia was involved. Experience the deep Catholic faith of the Vietnamese people. People of all faiths or none are welcome. **MONSIGNOR MICHAEL KEATING** will be our priest on the Pilgrimage. **Full board cost including all most meals, 4* hotel accommodation & airfares (international & domestic) is $4000 per person twin share.** For the itinerary and booking form, please **call us Anawim Journeys on 6118 7313 or 0402 290 827 (Veronica) or 0433 771 979 (Sheila). You can also email us on mail@anawimjourneys.com.**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

I reflect for a moment on God's presence around me and in me. Creator of the universe, the sun and the moon, the earth, every molecule, every atom, everything that is: God is in every beat of my heart. God is with me, now.

Freedom

A thick and shapeless tree-trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by his genius what he can make of it." (Saint Ignatius) I ask for the grace to let myself be shaped by my loving Creator.

Consciousness

Dear Lord, by spending time with You, may I become more like You, so that others will see Christ in me and come to know Your love.

Inspiration

So many measure their worth by the amount of wealth they have accumulated. We have heard it said that there are no pockets in shrouds. We must, in the end, let go of all our possessions. How often we put aside the thoughts of eternity and that we know not the day nor the hour of our leaving this earth.

On the tombstone of a youth in County Armagh, the following words were written: 'All you who come this grave to see,/ As I am now so you shall be,/ Prepare in time, make no delay,/ For I in my bloom was called away.' Let us pray for the grace to be ready when our God calls us home.

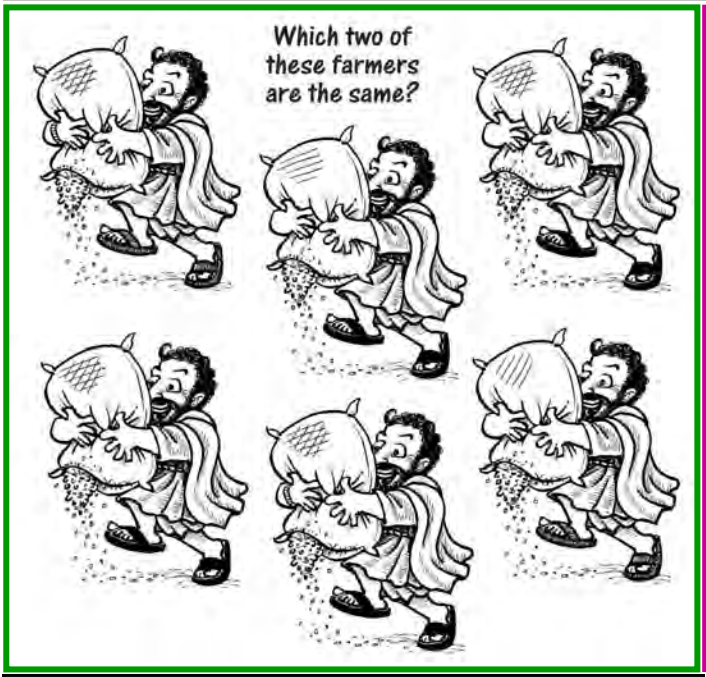
Conversation

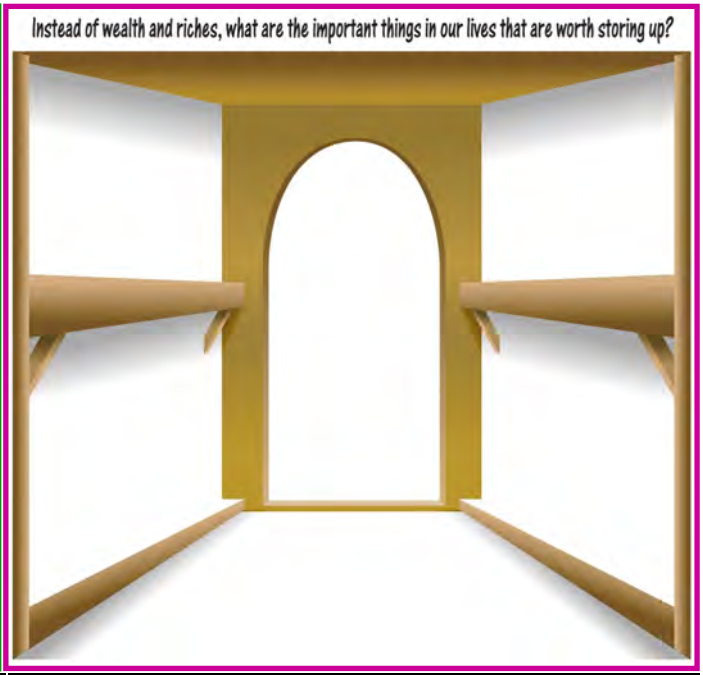
Do I notice myself reacting as I pray with the Word of God? Do I feel challenged, comforted, angry? Imagining Jesus sitting or standing near me, I speak out my feelings, as one trusted friend to another.

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





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: 19th Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Wis 18: 6-9 **Ps:** 32: 1, 12, 18-20, 22

2nd: Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 **Gospel:** Lk 12: 32-48

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 69:2,6*

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1*

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
   and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
   To your eyes a thousand years
   are like yesterday, come and gone,
   no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
   like grass which springs up in the morning.
   In the morning it springs up and flowers:
   by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
   that we may gain wisdom of heart.
   Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
   Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
   we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
   Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
   give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Communion Antiphon *Wisdom 16:20*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 9 & 10 AUGUST 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DOMINIC LONGO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING	LEWIS HERON OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	JOEY VILLEGAS JACKSON HANDCOCK MATTHEW PRANATA	KATHERINE WIBAWA OLIVER & JACOB WONG
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	LORNA D'SOUZA	PATRICK LEECH	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON ALICE BATY	NICOLE PARKER PATRICIA ROBERTSON	JACKIE WONG MAISIE CINANNI
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ANGELA SCOTT TINA CAMMARANO BRYAN LILLIS	MARGARET SANDFORD CARMEL RECHICHI TERESA LEECH MARGARET HANDYSIDE	COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGSTALL MARIA HILL YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –