WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 10 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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third…').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as *if* the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

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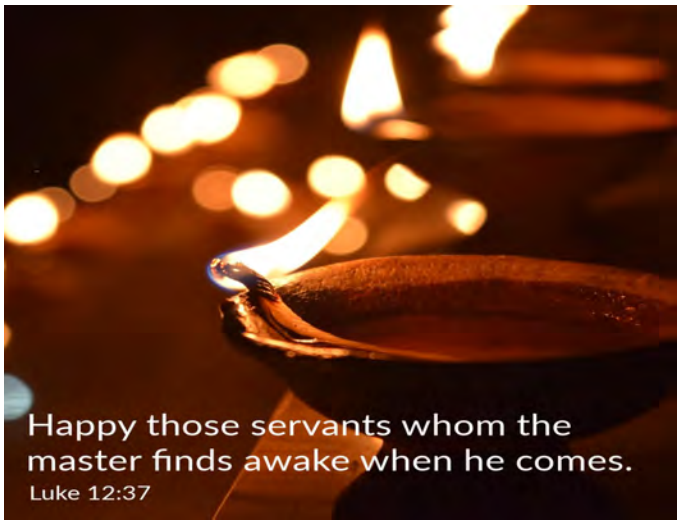

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 9 AUG — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 10 AUG— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 14, 21 & 28 AUG; 4, 11, 18 & 25 SEP; 2 & 9 OCT — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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**

THE ALPHA COURSE

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:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul Hallelay, Elaine Lynch, Dennis Allen, Dick Zalmstra, Michele O'Brien, Chas Byrne, Barry May, Rosa Orifici, John Carroll, Michael Donovan 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.

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.

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

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

Freedom

Lord, may I never take the gift of freedom for granted.
You gave me the great blessing of freedom of spirit.
Fill my spirit with Your peace and Your joy.

Consciousness

Sometimes I get overwhelmed by the cares of this world.
At times like these may I be aware
of the comfort of your Presence,
Your infinite love for me.

Inspiration

God our Father wants all people to be saved and to possess the kingdom. If he wants it, then only we can block it by the misuse of our free will. We should often take to prayer St Ignatius's advice to 'ponder with deep affection how the Lord wishes to give himself to us'.

We live out of the desires in our hearts. What is it that I really want? What is my treasure that will not wither away or pour out like water? 'Come to me, all who are weary and over-burdened, and I will give you rest ... For I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls' (Matthew 11:28).

Conversation

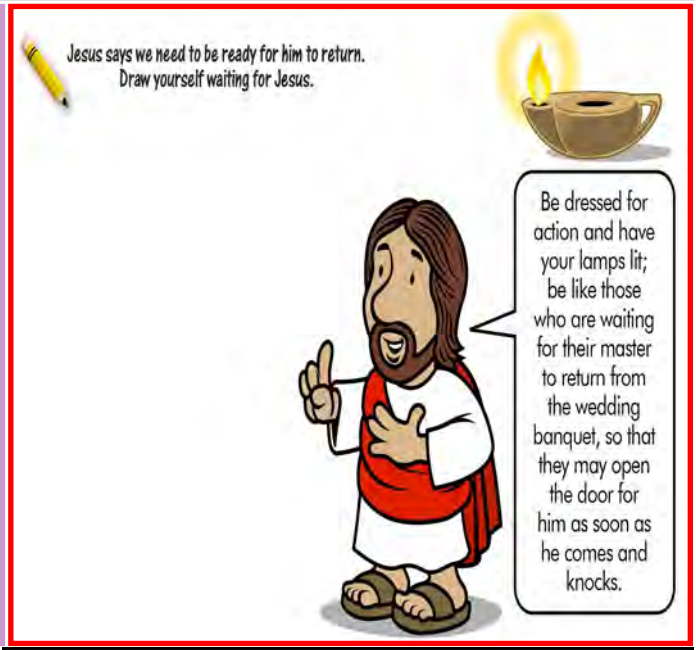
Dear Lord, stay by my side always.
Gain for me a trusting heart.
Thank You for loving me.

Conclusion

Filled with the loving presence of God,
I ask Him to bless me and guide my steps
as I go to do His work in my daily life.

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: 20th Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10 **Ps:** 39: 2-4, 18

2nd: Heb 12: 1-4 **Gospel:** Lk 12: 49-53

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23*

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading *Wisdom 18:6-9*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12*

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
   for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
   They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
   the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
   on those who hope in his love,
   to rescue their souls from death,
   to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
   The Lord is our help and our shield.
   May your love be upon us, O Lord,
   as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel *(Shorter Form) Luke 12:35-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the house-holder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 147:12,14*

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 16 & 17 AUGUST 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	GRACE STEWART XAVIER SIA LETICIA AVERY	TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	EILEEN SELVARATNAM	ALICE BATY	VERONICA AVERY	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	OSBOURNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
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EMOHC	ROSA WEST PHIL TRUEMAN MILDRED REGO MEGAN DOWLING	BRYAN LILLIS JACQUI HERON MONICA ANDERSON	MOIRA BUNN TERET BROCKWAY MELISSA TROLIO RUTH THORN	KEVIN AUTON COLLEEN MORRIS JILL NORTON LINDA ROBERTSON

ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** BRADLEY NEWMAN
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –