WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 17 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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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.

So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '. . . *like* tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

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PARISH NOTICES

- 16 AUG (SAT) — CONFIRMATION MASS @2PM
- 19 & 20 AUGUST — PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL AT CHURCH @9.30AM-3PM
- 21 & 28 AUG; 4, 11, 18 & 25 SEP; 2 & 9 OCT — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 24 AUG (SUN) — CONFIRMATION MASS @2PM
- 30-31 AUG — CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND
- 31 AUG — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 5 SEP — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- 6 SEP — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM

Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer Group invites you to join us at **a Day of Reflection given by Br. Terry Casey at Westcourt, 53 Redmond St. Salter Point from 10am - 2.30pm on August 28th**.

The Theme will be "**Pilgrims on a Hope Filled Journey"**. Cost $20. Bring your own lunch with Tea and Coffee provided.

Please contact Judy Phillips on 93649249 or 0420 246 741 to register.

WALKING TOGETHER as 'CHURCH' - an experience of Synodality.

Where: St Benedict's Parish Centre (Albert Lynch Room), Ardross.

When: Saturday 30th August 2025, @9.00am-12.30pm

Cost: Donation

A morning of reflection, deep listening and sharing our experience of and desires for church.

Have you heard of 'synodality', but don't understand what this means for you or your parish. Led by members of Ignatian Spirituality WA and the Christian Life Community, the morning will involve deep listening practices and shared conversations in the Spirit around our experience of church and our longings for it.

If you would like further information or are interested in attending, please register by email at ignatianspiritwa@gmail.com.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **5 September** will be a normal gathering @11am in the Albert Lynch room.

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

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 — 13 September @6pm

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.*

We are truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant and generous parish. Thank you for all the generous donations - you can be sure that all donations help the poor, struggling and vulnerable members of our community. An August newsletter is at the rear of the church, and a copy is on the noticeboard.

God bless you all!

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Gerald Clifford, Rita Murray, Kathleen O'Leary, Marjorie West, Frank Humphris, Marie De Bissy, Lloyd Ferguson, Nita Henderson, Valerie Smith, 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

I pause for a moment and reflect on God's life-giving presence in every part of my body, in everything around me, in the whole of my life.

Freedom

Many countries are at this moment suffering the agonies of war. I bow my head in thanksgiving for my freedom. I pray for all prisoners, captives and those suffering as a result of war.

Consciousness

I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord. I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in times of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow.

Inspiration

There can be no compromise when it comes to putting God in the first place in our lives, even if it means that those close to us will turn from us. Jesus came to bring the fire of love to the earth, a fire that makes huge demands upon us if we are to live as true followers of Jesus. He himself lived under the shadow of the cross, and being human, it was very stressful for him. We pray for the grace and courage to take up our own crosses daily and to follow him.

Conversation

Conversation requires talking and listening. As I talk to Jesus may I also learn to be still and listen. I picture the gentleness in His eyes and the smile full of love as He gazes on me. I can be totally honest with Jesus as I tell Him of my worries and my cares. I will open up my heart to Him as I tell Him of my fears and my doubts. I will ask Him to help me to place myself fully in His care, to abandon myself to Him, knowing that He always wants what is best for me.

Conclusion

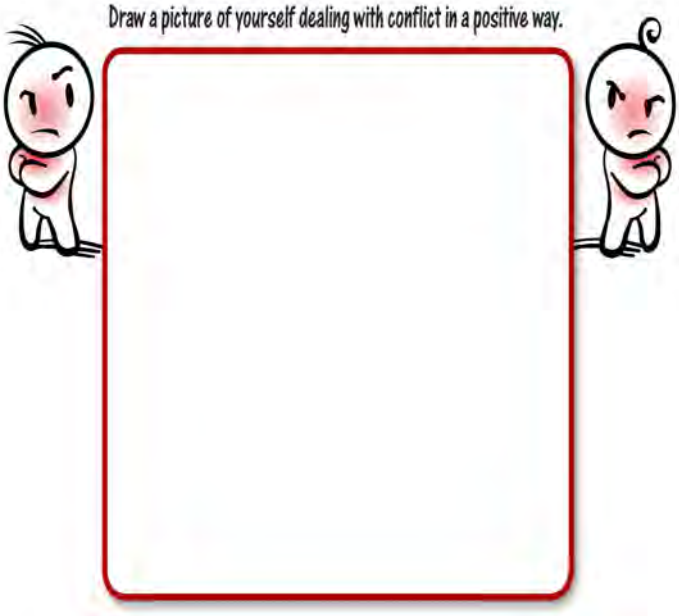
I thank God for His gift of love
as I go forth with joy and hope
to serve His people.

Amen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus made it clear to his disciples that believing in him would lead to division. Circle the words below that can help us to deal with conflict in a positive way

Respect
Forgive
Blame
Shout
Listen
Ignore
Courage
Argue



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: 21st Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Is 66: 18-21 **Ps:** 116

2nd: Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13 **Gospel:** Lk 13: 22-30

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 83:10-11*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading *Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14*

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
   and he stooped down to me;
   he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
   from the miry clay.
   He set my feet upon a rock
   and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
   praise of our God.
   Many shall see and fear
   and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
   the Lord thinks of me.
   You are my rescuer, my help,
   O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:1-4*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:49-53*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 129:7*

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 23 & 24 AUGUST 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING	LEWIS HERON OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS JOEY VILLEGAS	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	JACQUIE HERON	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEC	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	TONY RYAN EILEEN SELVARATNAM	GAY PULKER RITA ILICH	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL VINCI	ANDREA D'SOUZA MAUREEN BRIGHT
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