WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 24 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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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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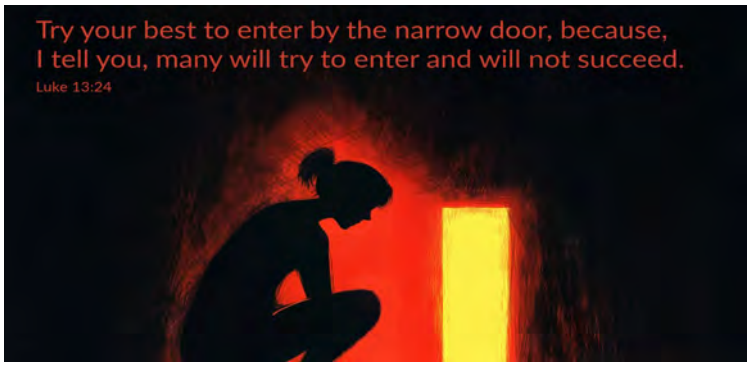

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 24 AUG (SUN) — CONFIRMATION MASS @2PM
- 28 AUG; 4, 11, 18 & 25 SEP; 2 & 9 OCT — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 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
- 13 SEP — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM FOLLOWED BY SUPPER
- 14 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: VANESSA KILROE & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC)

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 — 20 September @6pm

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:

Fr Albert Lynch, Margaret West, Mavis Johnson, Catherine Phillips, Dr Noel Becker, Phyllis Shelton, Patricia Marrable, Esther Fitzpatrick, Marina Gavin 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

God is with me, but more, God is within me.
Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence
in my body, in my mind, in my heart,
as I am here, right now.

Freedom

I ask for the grace to believe
in what I could be and do
if I only allowed God, my loving Creator,
to continue to create me, guide me and shape 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

All people are invited to the heavenly banquet and to come to know the Lord, but we are free to refuse. In Hosea 6:6, we read, 'What I want is knowledge of God, not holocausts.' No one can ever force us to pray. We must want it ourselves and take the means to grow in it. 'Prayer is a gift given to those who pray' (St John Climacus).

Conversation

What feelings are rising in me as I pray
and reflect on God's Word?
I imagine Jesus Himself sitting or standing near me
and I open my heart to Him.

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

Those who are least will be the most important

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Try to find these words:

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feast
important
knock
least
narrow
outside
owner
prophets
saved
teeth
weep

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.

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: 22nd Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29 **Ps:** 67: 4-7, 10-11

2nd: Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24 **Gospel:** Lk 14: 1, 7-14

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 85:1-3*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading *Isaiah 66:18-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15*

(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 13:22-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 103:13-15*

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 30 & 31 AUGUST 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	BARRY FARRELL	LUKE HANDCOCK	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	HAILEY CORREIA DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	JACKSON HANDCOCK CHARMAINE VOGLER LETICIA AVERY	KATHERINE WIBAWA VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
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