WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 31 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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 30-31 AUG — CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND
- 31 AUG — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- SEP: 4, 11, 18 & 25 & OCT: 2 & 9 — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 5 SEP — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- **5 SEP — ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE @3PM (NO MASS)**
- 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)
- 14 SEP — DIPS & DRINKS AFTER 6PM MASS

THIS WEEKEND's Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to partner with our missionaries in Zambia to help vulnerable women overcome poverty and to give birth safely. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world.

Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at https://www.catholicmission.org.au/mission. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at fleong@catholicmission.org.au to explore the possibilities.

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE (NO MASS)

In the past we had a mass for the Anointing of the sick which was usually held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September & December. The last one was on Tuesday 3/6/25 @9am.

From September 2025 we will have an **Anointing of the sick SERVICE (but NO MASS) @3pm** on the first Friday of September, December, March & June. **The first one will be on Friday 5 September 2025 and please note @3pm and not @9am.**

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, Judith Chan, Grisel Noronha and all others who are not included in this list.

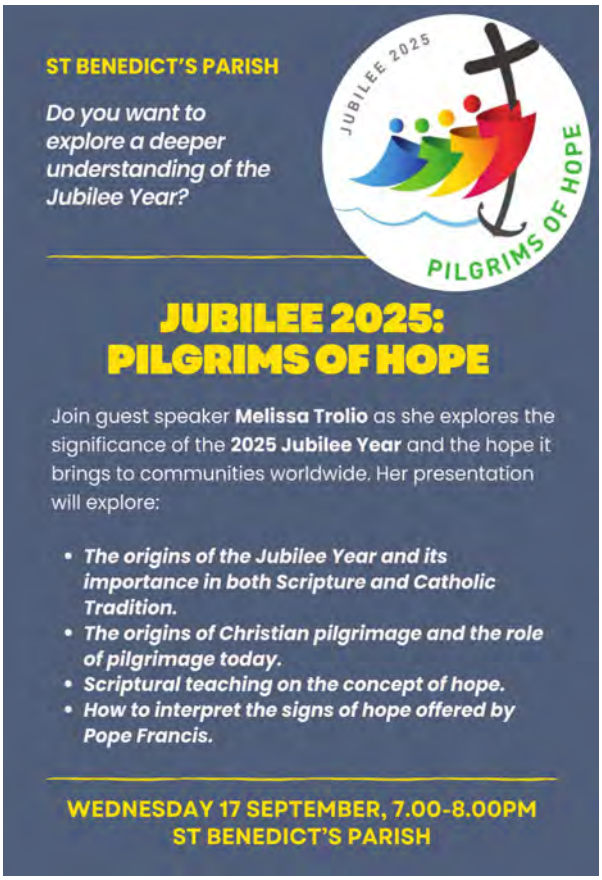
YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 20 September @6pm

CALLING ON ALL STAR BAKERS!!

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is holding a cake stall after the 7.30am & 9am Masses on Sunday 21 September 2025. If you would like to donate a cake, slices, etc., please contact Clare on 0406 973 595 or send an email to applecross.er@svdpwa.org.au

A QUARTERLY REPORT is at the rear of the church next to the newsletter. Please feel free to collect one and see what Vinnies has been doing in our region.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Helen O'Leary

ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom Gollop, Ian Crawford, Fr Charles O'Malley, Paul Perrott, Bill Back, Eric Walsh, Alison Williams, Therese Arnold, Anne Graffin 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

The peace of God is the treasure of treasures, "the pearl of great price" – Lord, may I experience this peace right now, in Your holy presence.

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

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your love never fails and that Your mercies are new every morning. May I never fail to turn to You with my needs, with my love.

Inspiration

The greatest among you must be the servant of all. 'The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.' Do I seek to be honoured by people instead of by God? The opinions of people about us will always be varied, and, in the end, they simply don't matter.

'Lord, teach me to be generous, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labour and not to look for any reward save that of knowing that I do your will' (St Ignatius).

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

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

Use the words below to complete these sentences.

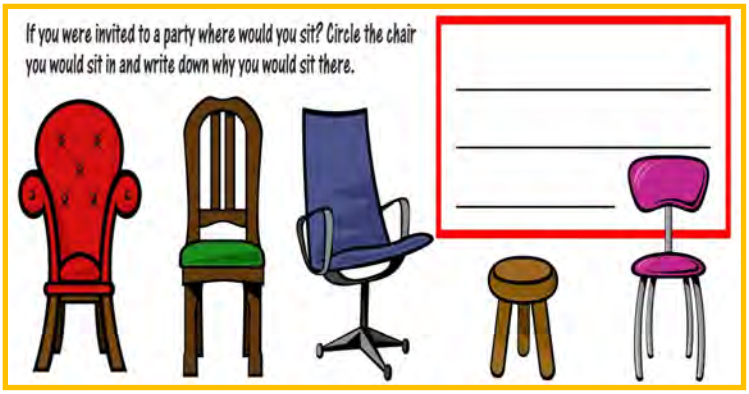
When you are invited to be a _____, go and sit in the _____ place.

If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.

When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.

If you _____ yourself, you will be honored.

When you give a _____, invite the _____, crippled, the lame and the _____. They _____ pay you back.



CANNOT GUEST HUMBLE INVITED BEST BLIND FEAST ABOVE WORST WEDDING POOR

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: 23rd Sun in Ord Time, Year C

1st: Wis 9: 13-18 **Ps:** 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

2nd: Philemon 9-10, 12-17 **Gospel:** Lk 14: 25-33

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 85:3,5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading *Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11*

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:1. 7-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 30:20*

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 6 & 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTEO REDOLATTI JOEY VILLEGAS MATTHEW PRANATA	SACHA AUTON ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	KATRINA MCINNES
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READERS	YVONNE GARBIN ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	JACQUI HERON FRANK GERICEVICH	NICOLE PARKER TERRY BOLAND	GLENDA BEUKES KELVIN GRACE
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** SUSIE SUSANTO
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG,ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —