WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 21 SEPTEMBER 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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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- **20 SEP — YOUTH MASS @6PM**
- 20 SEP — RAFFLE TICKETS SALE BY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)
- 21 SEP — CAKE STALL BY ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY AFTER THE 7.30AM & 9.30AM MASSES
- SEP: 25 & OCT: 2 & 9 — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 28 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS HOSTED BY THE CATENIANS
- 3 OCT — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 11 OCT — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 12 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 18 & 19 OCTOBER — COMMITMENT MASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, SATURDAY @6PM & SUNDAY @9.30AM

VINNIES CAKE STALL AND RAFFLE

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a cake stall after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses on Sunday 21 September 2025. Raffle tickets will be sold for $5 per ticket with 5 winning tickets being drawn by Fr Nelson next week. Prize details are in the Church foyer.
All funds raised will be used to support the vulnerable members of our community.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **4 October** 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.

PARISH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT (2023-2028)

PARISH VISION:

"We, the parishioners of St Benedict's Applecross, are committed to live faithfully in the words and examples of Jesus Christ, to develop and foster at all times a vibrant and welcoming Christian community based on His life of love, compassion, hospitality and service."

PARISH MISSION:

"We aim to inspire and nurture our parishioners and others of all ages and cultures to develop faith in Jesus Christ, cultivate strong Christian values and engage with the community actively and positively."

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 — 11 October

Catenians are a Catholic Men's Association with Family values. Strengthening Family Life through Friendship and Faith.
New members are welcome.
Please contact: Louis on 0419 923 038.

SOCIAL AND SERVICE GROUPS IN OUR PARISH:

Catholic Women's Leaque of WA (Inc) (CWL):

It is the only officially-recognised national Catholic lay women's organization in Australia.
Membership is open to women of all ages.
Meets every 2nd Tuesday at Albert Lynch Room @10am.
Enquiries: Adele Parsons 0428 584 882

Craft Group:

A social group doing craft and other activities together.
Meets weekly on Wednesday morning @9.30am in Albert Lynch Room.
Enquiries: Monica Anderson 0400 909 366

First Friday Friends:

A senior social group based in the parish that caters for the needs of seniors in our community.
Meets every first Friday at the Albert Lynch Room @11am.
Enquiries: Maureen Bright 0413 831 357

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Sporer
Helen O'Leary:
Funeral: Wednesday, 1 October 2025 @10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES:

Assunta Forlano, Edgar Ridoreda, Patrick Thomas, William Fahy, Irene Lopez, 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)

To be advised

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.

27 Sep VOICE OF THE VOICELESS MINISTRY - HEALING MASS

The next Healing Mass and Adoration of Voice of the Voiceless Ministry of St John Paul II will be held on **Saturday 27 September, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 43 Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park.** Songs of worship and praise will commence at 11.30am to be followed by Mass at 12 noon. Visitors are welcome to attend. ***Further info;*** Cathy 0419 162 544.

25 Oct GODLY WOMEN WITH FAITH CATHOLIC MINISTRY

Men and Women 18yrs+ come join Godly Women with Faith Catholic Ministry at our next gathering to hear Peter Cox speak about The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. S**aturday, 25 October, 10.30am at St. Thomas More Bateman Parish.** Tickets available at www.godlywomenwithfaith.com/events/upcomingevents/. ***Further info;*** godlywomenwithfaith@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Lord, help me to be fully alive to Your holy presence. Enfold me in Your love. Let my heart become one with Yours.

Freedom

Lord grant me the grace to have freedom of spirit. Cleanse my heart and soul so I may live joyously in Your love.

Consciousness

Lord, You gave me the night to rest in sleep. In my waking hours may I not forget your goodness to me. Guide me to share Your blessings with others.

Inspiration

It has been said that how you do anything is how you do everything. This is so true in how we do the little things and mirror this in our doing the big things. So many people became criminals because of the bad decisions they made while growing up. We pray to be faithful in the little things, and then the bigger things will take care of themselves.

If we are faced with a choice between God or wealth, God must always come first as he can never take second place.

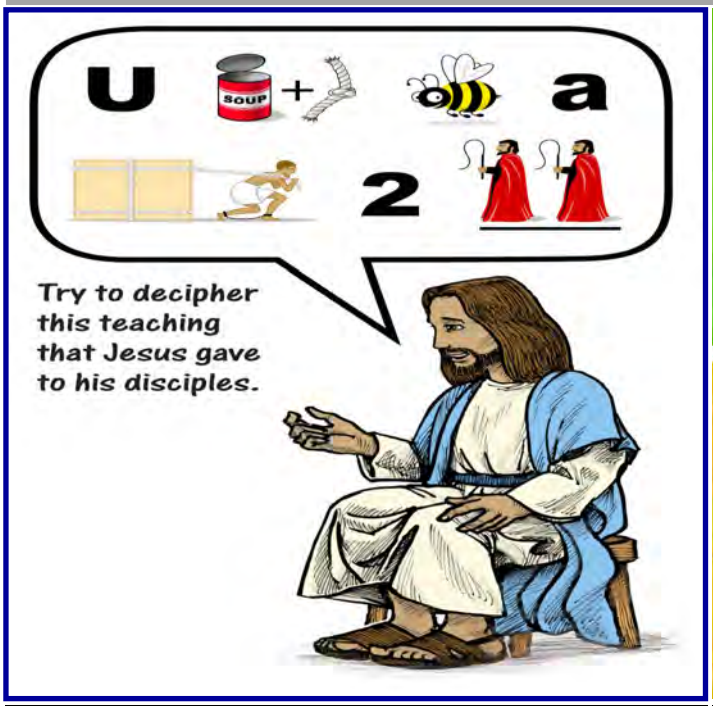
Conversation

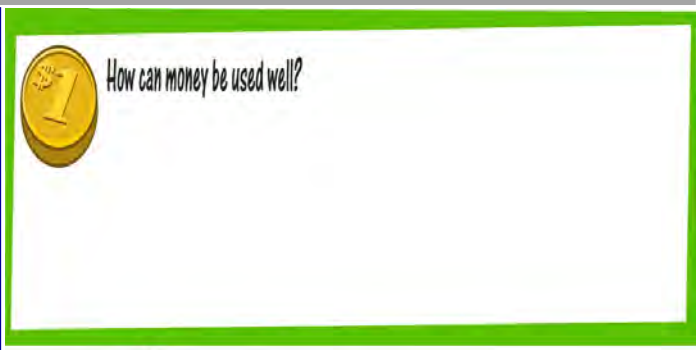
Conversation requires talking and listening. As I talk to Jesus may I also learn to be still and listen. I picture the gentleness in His eyes and the smile full of love as He gazes on me. I can be totally honest with Jesus as I tell Him of my worries and my cares. I will open up my heart to Him as I 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.

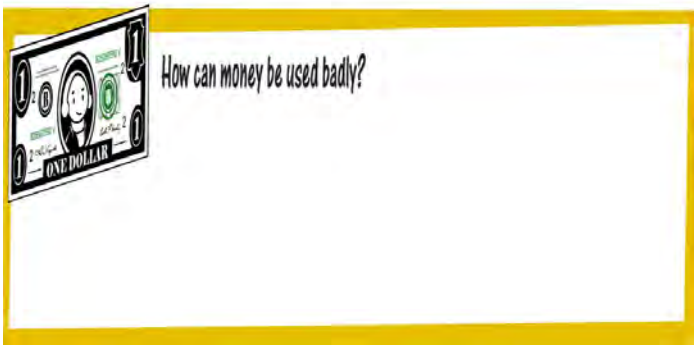
Conclusion

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:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 **Ps:** 145: 6-10

2nd: 1 Tim 6: 11-16 **Gospel:** Lk 16: 19-31

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7*

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
   praise the name of the Lord!
   May the name of the Lord be blessed
   both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
   above the heavens his glory.
   Who is like the Lord, our God,
   who has risen on high to his throne
   yet stoops from the heights to look down,
   to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
   from the dungheap he raises the poor
   to set him in the company of princes,
   yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 8:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia

Gospel *Luke 16:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 118:4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 27 & 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	GRACE STEWART OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	MATTHEW PRANATA MASON & XAVIER SIA	TYLER MORRIS NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	ADELE PARSONS	VERONICA AVERY	MAUREEN BRIGHT
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READERS	STEFANI CHEN AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	GAY PULKER LORNA D'SOUZA	GIULIA HARRIS PAUL MENEZES	ANDREA D'SOUZA JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	FRANCES MEYERKORT PHIL TRUEMAN KELLY DWYER MILDRED REGO	JUDY LEE TINA CAMMARANO ALICE BATY	TERET BROCKWAY LILI ORIFICI JUDY PHILLIPS MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI COLLEEN MORRIS OSBORNE D'SOUZA

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