WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 28 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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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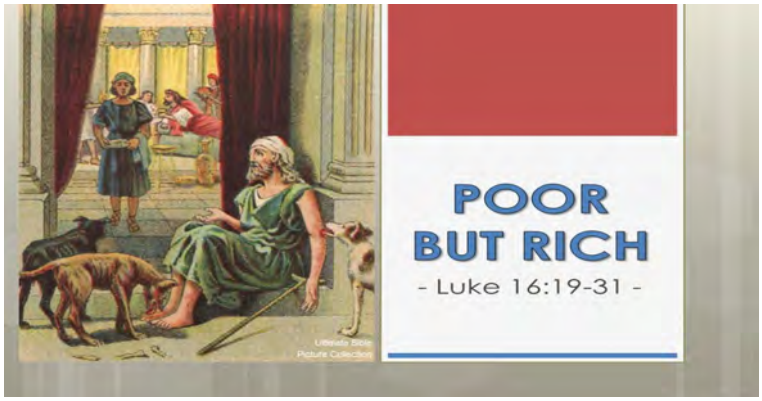

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 28 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS HOSTED BY THE CATENIANS
- 2 & 9 OCT — ALPHA COURSE AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, THURSDAYS @6.30PM-8.30PM
- 3 OCT — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- **4 OCT (NEW DATE) — 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
- 26 OCT— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)

PARISH OUTREACH

The parish wishes to reach out to isolated parishioners who would appreciate being contacted. If you know of someone who is isolated, you can encourage that person to contact the parish office on 08 9364 1120, or if appropriate you can let the parish office know. The parish will then aim to respond respectfully and sensitively.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **3 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.

VINNIES CAKE STALL & RAFFLE

A BIG THANKS to all those who donated cakes, chutney and other savoury items for last week's cake stall. They all looked incredibly delicious and were readily snapped up.

To all the parishioners who supported the cake stall, donated money and bought raffle tickets, we can't thank you enough. The money raised means that we can provide more help for to those who are suffering in one way or another.

The raffle prize winners are:

1st: Bryan Lillis, 2nd: Bill Spence, 3rd: Tom O'Toole, 4th: Harry Dumbell & 5th: Elsie Muenchow.

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 4 October

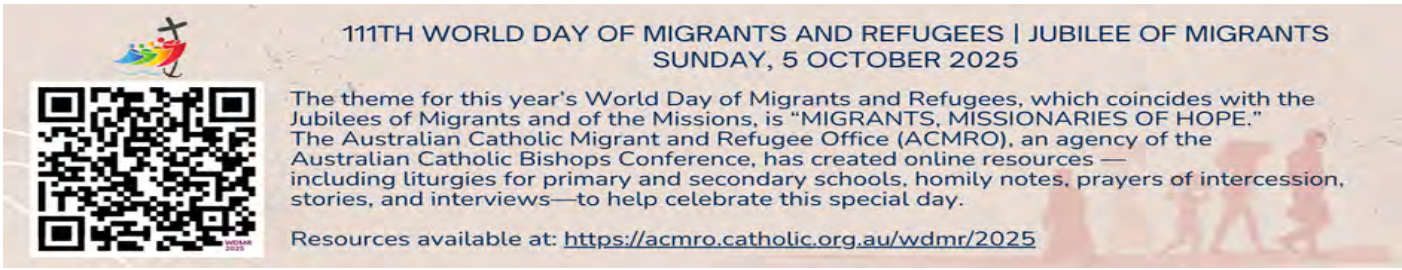
INVITATION TO JOIN A CATHOLIC BROTHERHOOD

The **Fremantle Catenian Circle** is currently seeking new members.

In a word fraught with challenges and uncertainties, the need for solidarity among catholic men has never been greater. We meet once a month for formal prayer and to discuss the integrity of our circle and ways we can offer charitable works for our community, especially in assisting the financial need of young people's education. Following our one-hour meeting, we enjoy fellowship and a meal. Partners and widows join us for fellowship every second month.

We invite you to join us, as our guest, at our next meeting.

Please contact Terry 0437 055 724 or Louis 0419 923 038 if you wish to embark on this journey of faith, friendship, and service together.



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.

Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frances Sporer

Helen O'Leary:

Funeral: Wednesday, 1 October 2025 @10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES:

Willa Edwards, Giuseppe Mancini, Joan Williams, John O'Connor, Cesario Di Rosso, Ena Wood, 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.

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

It is always nice to be in the presence of friends.
You, O Lord, are my closest and truest friend.
May I never forget the friend I have in You.

Freedom

I try to let go of any prejudices and narrow-mindedness that may be clouding my vision at this present moment.
I hand them over to God's merciful care,
so I can pray in freedom, truth and clarity.

Consciousness

Lord, You are present in all things
and when I take time to simply sit and be with You,
my mind rests and I feel Your peace.

Inspiration

God respects our free choices, and we have to take responsibility for them. St Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 6, 'Now is the acceptable time.' We pray to use our time on earth well and to live our lives guided by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, who is much greater than Moses and the prophets.

Our faith is based on the fact, attested to by witnesses, that Jesus rose from the dead, but many people still have to be convinced. We thank God for the gift of faith and pray to grow in it.

Conversation

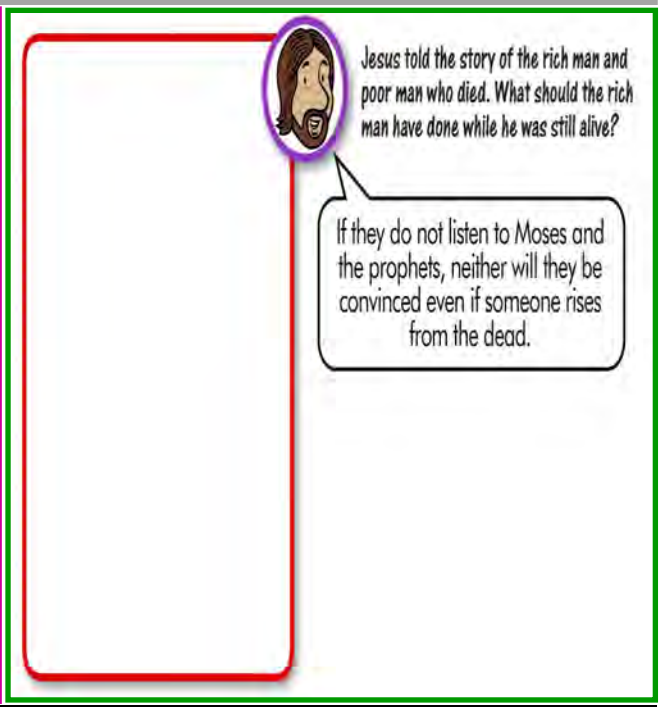
Lord, You have engraved my name
on the palm of Your hand.
Even if others forget me,
You never will.

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



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:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st: Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4 **Ps:** 94: 1-2, 6-9
2nd: 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14 **Gospel:** Lk 17: 5-9

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42*

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading *Amos 6:1. 4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2*

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Timothy 6:11-16*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 118:49-50*

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 4 & 5 OCTOBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	BARRY FARRELL	DENIS RIGG	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	MATTEO REDOLATTI IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	JOEY VILLEGAS DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	SACHA AUTON ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON	TERRY BOLAND	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** CARMEL & TONY RECHICHI
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