WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 19 OCTOBER 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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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 18 & 19 OCT — COMMITMENT MASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY @6PM & SUNDAY @9.30AM
- 26 OCT— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- 1 NOV — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM
- **1 NOV (NEW DATE) - YOUTH MASS @6PM**
- 5 & 6 NOV — FIRST RECONCILIATIONS @5PM
- 7 NOV — VOLUNTEERS' SUNDOWNER @6PM

You are invited to join ST BENEDICT'S PARISH, APPLECROSS

For a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage **on Saturday 22 November** 2025 **to Schoenstatt Shrine, Armadale**

The bus will leave St Benedict's Parish at 8.30am for the Shrine. On arrival we will be met by Sr Lisette and learn about the shrine. There will be time for pilgrims' prayer walking around the grounds, personal reflective time, opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** and **Mass**. A light lunch will be provided before the bus departs back from the shrine at 12.30pm.

For those who wish to join the pilgrimage, please write your name on the sign sheets on the table at the entrance of the church.

A contribution of $20pp for those who wish to travel by bus and please RSVP by Friday 31/10/25. *Thank you.*

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Members of Applecross CWL invite contributions from St Benedict's Parishioners to their Raffle to be conducted the weekend of **25/26 October**. At this time each year, we ask for your support of **St Patricks Community Care**. In recent times it is not just single people seeking relief, but now a larger proportion is of Homeless Families. Items such as décor, chocolates, wine, vouchers, etc. are welcomed. Adele Parsons: Message 0428 584 882

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.*

In Need of Your Prayers

YOUTH CORNER

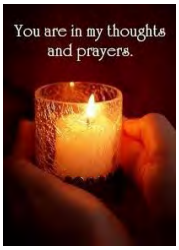
Youth Mass — 1 November

There will be NO First Friday Friends gathering on 7 November 2025.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Karen Maher, Patricia Hutchinson, Harold Woodcock, Joseph Stokes, Warren Pickering, Johan Van Kessel, Alzira Serralha, Bernice Trainor, Lewis Sinning 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.

All Mothers Prayers groups and friends, and all women with a mother's heart are warmly invited to the **Mothers Prayers Annual Mass on Thursday, 23 Oct at 9am at Sts John & Paul Church, Willetton**, followed by morning tea. Do come early to place your prepared discs with your children and grandchildren's names into the basket provided. This basket will be placed at the foot of the altar during Offertory.

For further information or to share your Mothers Prayers group's plans to celebrate Mass at your own parish, please email: Su Goh, Mothers Prayers Coordinator, WA, at perth@mothersprayers.org.

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

"There are very few people who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace." (Saint Ignatius)

I ask for the grace to trust myself totally to God's love.

Consciousness

Dear Jesus, may I always be aware of Your presence, Your power and Your Love, all the days of my life.

Inspiration

Fr Henri Nouwen wrote, 'Unless prayer is seen as essential, it is meaningless.' We must never give up prayer, which is as necessary for our souls as air is for our bodies. Every prayer we make from the heart blesses us and changes us. It brings us closer to God who hears every prayer and will answer in his own way.

The history of God's people in the Old Testament tells us of how they again and again turned away from God and how God, in his mercy, brought them back through a faithful remnant. Let us pray to be among the faithful remnant through whom God will renew his Church and our world.

Conversation

God's Word is always fruitful. How is it touching me Now as I reflect on what I have just prayed? Do I feel comforted? Do I feel challenged?

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

Cross out all letters that appear three times or more. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the name of the popular prayer below.

H	T	G	O	C	E	J	W
S	A	P	Q	G	K	I	T
F	O	E	A	S	B	Q	O
K	L	T	J	T	E	U	B
E	B	C	F	U	J	C	E
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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:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st: Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19 **Ps:** 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23

2nd: 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18 **Gospel:** Lk 18: 9-14

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 16:6,8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading *Exodus 17:8-13*

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 120. R. v.2*

(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation *Hebrews 4:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:1-8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 32:18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 25 & 26 OCTOBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	MASON & XAVIER SIA CHARMAINE VOGLER	TYLER MORRIS VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	ROSA WEST	ADELE PARSONS	TERRY BOLAND	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	ADRIAN DARGIE	ROGER BUNN TERRY BOLAND	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YVONNE GARBIN ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	GAY PULKER RITA ILICH	GERARD DE SOUZA PAUL SEARSON	MAUREEN BRIGHT ANDREA D'SOUZA
EMOHC	MEGAN DOWLING STEFANI CHEN MILDRED REGO PHIL TRUEMAN	MONICA ANDERSON ANGELA SCOTT TINA CAMMARANO	MOIRA BUNN TERET BROCKWAY MARGARET SANDFORD JUDY PHILLIPS	COLLEEN MORRIS JILL NORTON OSBORNE D'SOUZA YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** RUTH THORN
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI, CONNIE & LOUIS BOVE	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —