WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 26 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

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life. It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 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
- 9 NOV — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM (ROSTER: ANNE BANKS)

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.*

♥ RAFFLE - HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS ♥

This weekend - 25/26 October, at all Masses, CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, APPLECROSS are conducting a raffle in support of ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CARE. Prizes of vouchers and goodies. We invite St Benedict's Parishioners to participate, as at this time each year we ask for your support. A visit to their Fremantle facility last week, revealed that the need is great, with whole families (often the working poor) seeking food, shelter and assistance. Prayerful thank you to our generous donors.
Adele Parsons – Treasurer Applecross CWL - 0428 584 882

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

COST: $10 each

Please put the money into **the envelope provided** and place it in the **2nd collection basket**.

Thank you.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 1 November

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

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: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Norma Slattery, Paulyne Blizzard, Ernie Coombs, Therese Yen Lai Chan, Cindy Forlee, John Quinn, James Kelly, Doris Francis 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)

Friday 31 Oct @10am-11am, at Holy Trinity Parish, 8 Burnett St, Embleton
Saturday 15 Nov @10am-11am, St Mary MacKillop Parish, Ballajura

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.

28 Oct CEWA - COME AND SEE: INTRODUCTION TO THE CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Catechist in 2026? Prospective catechists are invited to come and see what participating in the catechetical ministry in the Archdiocese of Perth involves, and the training available. Meet the team who will form, guide and support you in your ministry. **Tuesday 28 October from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville.** Morning tea will be provided. Please contact Rae Webb catechist@cewa.edu.au or 08 9380 1624.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

"I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Jeremiah 31:3). Lord, may these words penetrate my heart and soul during this time of prayer today.

Freedom

"I am free."
When I look at these words in writing,
they seem to create in me a feeling of awe.
Yes, a wonderful feeling of freedom.
Thank You, God.

Consciousness

Heavenly Father, may I grow in virtue as I take time out of my day to listen to You and spend time with You. May Your goodness overflow into my life, and from my life into the lives of all those I meet.

Inspiration

In his prayer, the Pharisee focused on himself and all he had done. The tax collector focused on God and his great mercy. St Teresa of Avila taught that real prayer is more about loving than thinking. There is a lot of truth in the statement that when we are thinking in prayer, we are with ourselves, and when we are loving in prayer, we are with God. Prayer is all about a special friendship. Do we go to prayer just to ask for things for ourselves and others, or do we spend most of our time staying with the Lord and sharing with him and listening to him?

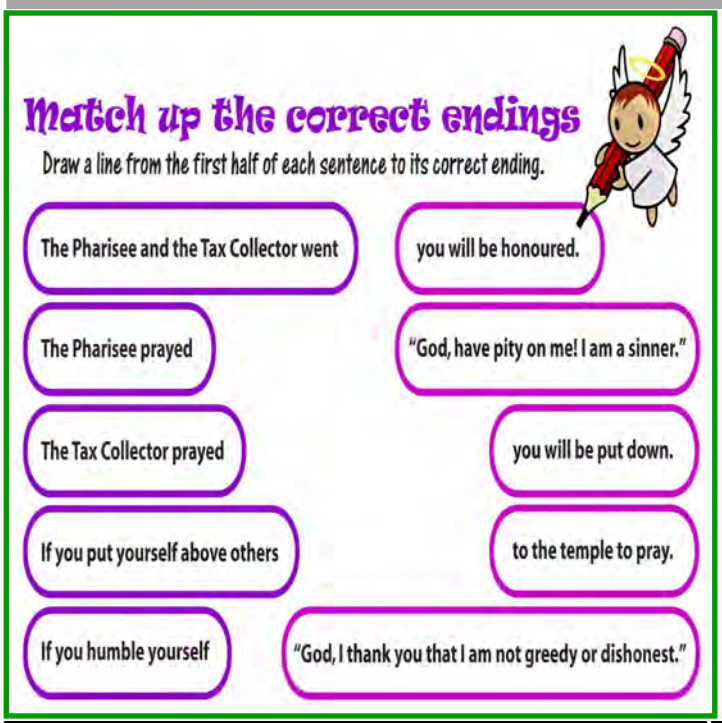
Conversation

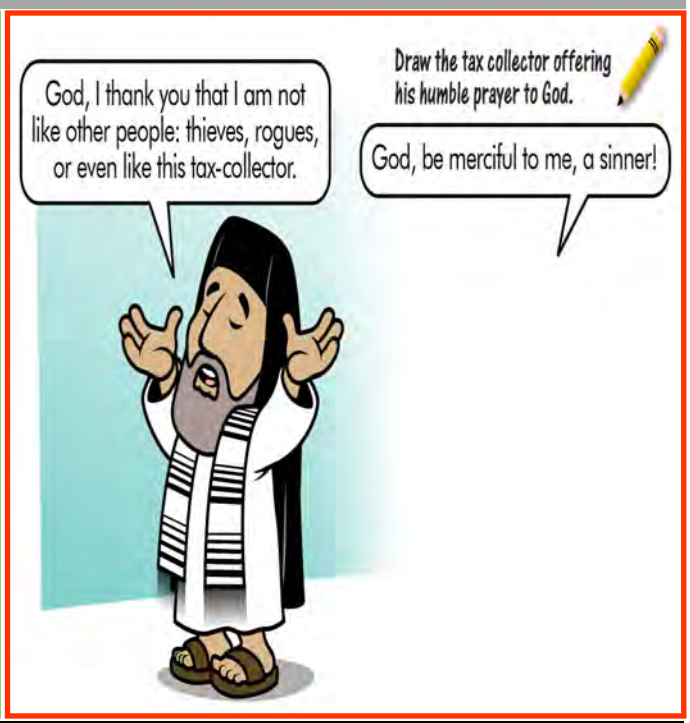
I sit quietly with my God who knows my every thought, every need and every desire, and I allow Him to minister to me in this moment. I receive whatever nourishment I need for the journey.

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:

All Souls' Day, Year C

1st: Isaiah 25: 6-9 **Ps:** 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14
2nd: Rom 5: 5-11 **Gospel:** Lk 7: 11-17

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 104:3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7*

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
   his praise always on my lips;
   in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
   The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
   to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
   The just call and the Lord hears
   and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
   those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
   The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
   Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (*R.*)

Second Reading *2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 18:9-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 19:6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 1 & 2 NOVEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	MATTEO REDOLATTI JOEL DOWLING	AMANDA CHIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** RASHANTHI WANIGASEKERA
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –