WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 9 NOVEMBER 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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

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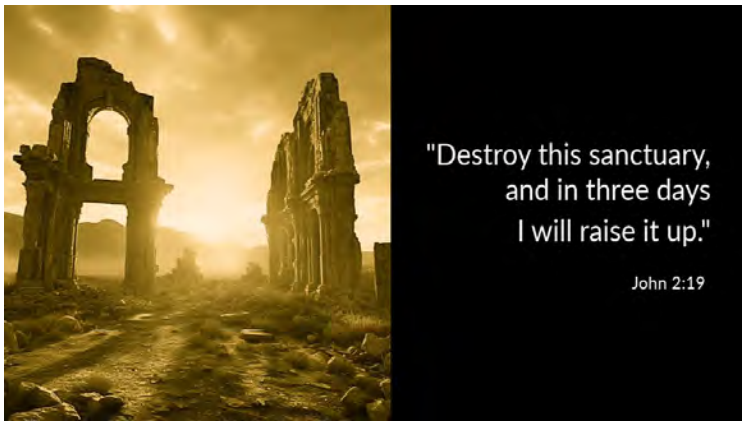

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 9 NOV — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM (ROSTER: ANNE BANKS)
- 22 NOV — PARISH JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO SCHOENSTATT @9.30AM TO 12.30PM
- 27 NOV — ALPHA CATCH UP @6PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 29-30 NOV — CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL
- 30 NOV — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 December @6pm

The ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend.

Please collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter as you leave the Church today.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR GIFT IN THE REPLY-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED, OR RETURN YOUR DONATION ENVELOPE TO THE PARISH IN THE 2ND COLLECTION BASKET AT ANY MASS OVER THE COMING WEEKS.

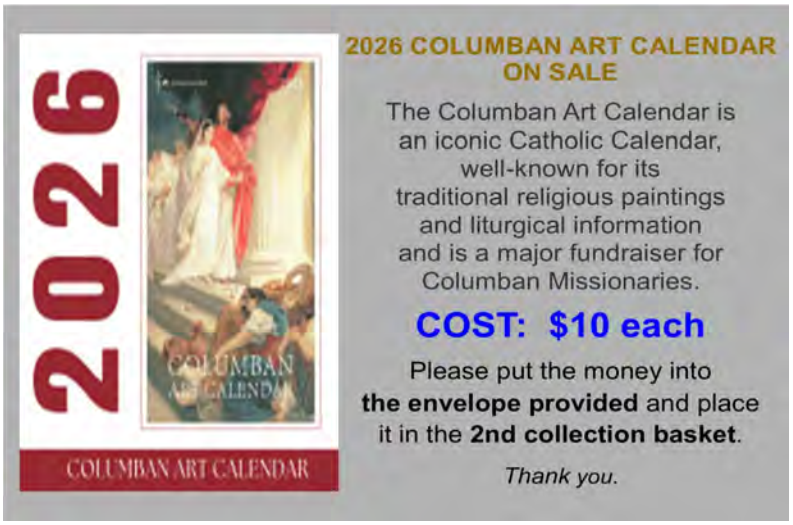
You may also donate (securely) online by credit card:- **www.lifelink.com.au**

LifeLink
Catholic Caring Agencies

After 11 weeks, the Alpha program held every Thursday evening, recently finished. Here are some comments from the group members: 'Rewarding, fun, fellowship; Enjoyed the fellowship, made me consider how to deepen my faith; The format of the sessions was really good, I enjoyed the discussion and sharing, I feel it started a light in my faith journey; Very fulfilling, rewarding to meet others, share and make new friends; Food for the mind, body and spirit.'

Watch out for the course dates in 2026.

During *NOVEMBER,* we pray for our deceased loved ones. A box is placed on the altar where you can place your November envelopes with the names of the deceased persons who will be remembered at all Masses.



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

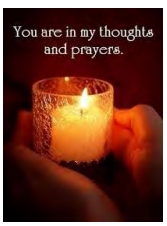
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lizzy Connaughton, Frances Low, Jack Norris, Kathleen Delany, Caterina Radici, Mildred Tuckey, Elizabeth White, Bridget Devane, David Clarke 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)
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.

29 Nov & 30 Nov SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER - BLESSING OF NATIVITIES
There will be a Blessing of Nativities at all Masses at S**t Mary's Cathedral on the 1st Sunday of Advent Saturday 29 November and Sunday 30 November.** Please bring your nativity or part of it for blessing during Mass. Pope Francis reminds us," I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas." We follow the inspiration of St Francis of Assisi and the first Christmas Crib 800 years ago at the cave of Greccio as we contemplate the great love of God in the infant Jesus. ***Further info;*** WA Region of the Secular Franciscan Order wa@ofsaustralia.org.au.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence
At any time of the day or night, we can call on Jesus.
He is always waiting, listening for our call.
What a wonderful blessing.
No phone needed, no e-mails, just a whisper.

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
Jesus, thank You for this moment where I am conscious of Your presence with me. Help me to be more and more aware of Your presence in my daily life, and in everyone I meet.

Inspiration
There are two kinds of anger. One is a righteous anger at encountering injustice that we see being done to people. The other is a vengeful anger that wants to punish those who have hurt us, and this can lead us to fail to love all. Let us pray for discernment in this.

In this passage, notice that Jesus uses a whip of cords to drive out the sellers of animals and the money changers, but he simply speaks to the less well-off sellers of doves and tells them to remove them from there.

Conversation
May Your Holy Spirit guide me
in all my dealings with others.
May I use the gift of speech with kindness.

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

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will build it again"

Jesus was not pleased when he found people selling things in the temple. Some people sold cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifice and some people changed Roman coins for temple coins. Draw some traders and money-changers in the temple and write down what Jesus said to them.

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:
33RD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, Year C
1st: Mal 3: 19-20 **Ps:** 97: 5-9
2nd: 2 Thess 3: 7-12 **Gospel:** Lk 21: 5-19

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Revelation 21:2*

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

First Reading *Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5*

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
   a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
   so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
   though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
   the holy place where the Most High dwells.
   God is within, it cannot be shaken;
   God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
   the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
   Come, consider the works of the Lord,
   the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Chronicles 7:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 2:13-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they
believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Communion Antiphon *Cf 1 Pet 2:5*

Be built up like living stones,
into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 15 & 16 NOVEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	JORDAN TRUEMAN JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	CHARMAINE VOGLER XAVIER & MASON SIA	TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	ADELE PARSONS	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	KATRINA MCINNES
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ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARGOT LYONS
COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE & HELEN VESTER	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –