WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 16 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

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 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 (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 6 DEC — MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY @6PM MASS
- 13 DEC — BUSY BEE @8-11AM

The ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK was held throughout the Archdiocese last weekend.

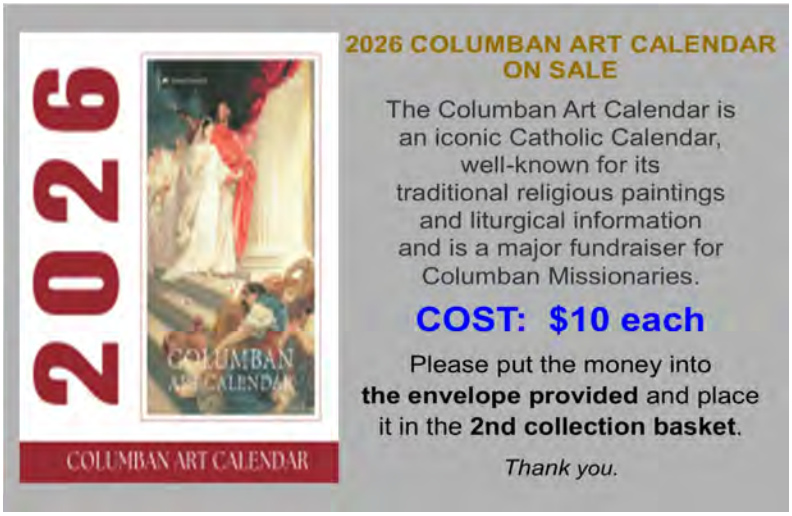
If you were unable to collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after mass last weekend, please collect the donation envelope as you leave the Church today.

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**

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.



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.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 December @6pm

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

The St Benedict's Craft Group will be holding their annual Craft Fair on Saturday 29th November @6pm Mass, and Sunday 30th November @7.30am and @9.30am Masses.

This year all proceeds will be donated to Caritas Australia.

All/any donations of baked goods, jams and pickles welcome.

*Please note CASH is preferred. We may not have access to a tap and go machine.

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries, including Fr Nelson's 20th priestly anniversary will be celebrated in our parish at the 6pm mass, on **6th December 2025**.

A shared meal will follow on from the mass. All parishioners are encouraged to join in the celebrations and to bring a meal to share, in line with the theme "*International Fare*".

Couples celebrating anniversaries such as 10, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc in 2025 are invited to register their names at the parish office by **27th November 2025**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Joyce Stockden, Joan Lange, Bill Gummer, Bill Reilly, Maria Daglish, Elizabeth Ritchie 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)

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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.

23 Nov ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL - CENTENNIAL OF CHRIST THE KING AND GLOBAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Commemorating 100 years, the Feast of Christ the King (Quas Primas, 1925 to 2025), a Global call to Christendom: join the second worldwide Eucharistic Procession. Perth joins Derry, Ireland and the world, during the Jubilee Year of Hope. **Sunday 23 November, Mass 12.30pm, Eucharistic procession 1.30pm round East Perth.** Consecration of Australia and Benediction 2.30pm. **The Centennial of Christ Flyer and Walk East Perth are on our notice board.**

Further info: **gallgher@bellimarketing.com.au**.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Dear Jesus, today I call on You in a special way. Mostly I come asking for favours. Today I'd like just to be in Your presence. Let my heart respond to Your Love.

Freedom

Everything has the potential to draw forth from me a fuller love and life. Yet my desires are often fixed, caught, on illusions of fulfillment. I ask that You, God, through my freedom, may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant, loving melody, rich in harmony, fulfilling Your will through me.

Consciousness

I exist in a web of relationships – links to nature, people, God. I trace out these links, giving thanks for the life that flows through them. Some links are twisted or broken: I may feel regret, anger, disappointment. I pray for the gift of acceptance and forgiveness.

Inspiration

On reading the lives of the martyrs, one is struck by the extraordinary courage with which they endure their sufferings. They receive a special grace from God for this. Let us pray for the grace to endure persecution if it comes and for the grace of perseverance in our Christian lives. In the Lord's sight, a thousand years are but a day. God is outside of time, which is a human construct. Every moment consists of a series of instants. This instant with God in prayer has never been before, and it will never be again. Can I stay in this special 'now' with God, even for a short while?

Conversation

Jesus, You are always there waiting for me. Sometimes I get bogged down with the concerns of this life. Grant that I may be still more often, To know Your peace, Your calm.

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 more than once. Unscramble the remaining letters to reveal what Jesus gives to us so that we know what to say when we defend ourselves.

S	A	R	T
U	C	P	
M	T	I	A
L	K	U	
E	G	N	R
N	A	D	
R	P	T	G
K	O	P	
C	W	L	E

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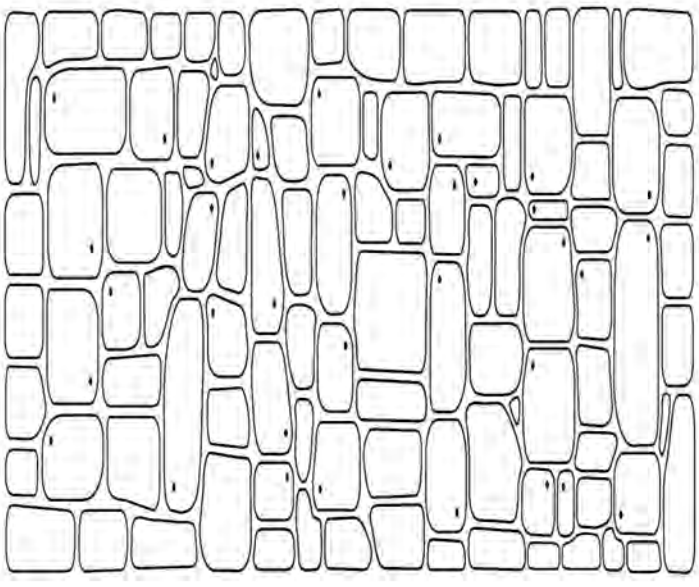
Color in the stones marked with a dot to reveal something we need if we are to be saved.



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: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, Year C

1st: 2 Sam 5: 1-3 **Ps:** 121: 1-5

2nd: Col 1: 12-20 **Gospel:** Lk 23: 35-43

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Jeremiah 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading *Malachi 3:19-20*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9*

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 21:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 21:5-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 72:28*

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 22 & 23 NOVEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	STEVEN ROBERTSON	TERRY MEO	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE	GRACE STEWART MATTEO REDOLATTI	CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	SOFIE GABRIEL ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	ROSA WEST	LORNA D'SOUZA	VERONICA AVERY	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA LEO REGO	GAY PULKER RITA ILICH	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL VINCI	KELVIN GRACE JACKIE WONG
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ALTAR SOCIETY: –	**PILGRIM STATUE:** DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –