WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 30 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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 29-30 NOV — CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL
- 30 NOV — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- 5 DEC — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT MAUREEN'S HOUSE
- 5 DEC — ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE @3PM
- 6 DEC — MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY @6PM MASS FOLLOWED BY "INTERNATIONAL FARE" MEAL (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- 9 DEC — PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION @7PM (1ST RITE)
- 13 DEC — BUSY BEE @8-11AM

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends on **5 December** will be a garden party @11am at Maureen's house. Please bring along a plate to share. Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE (NO MASS)

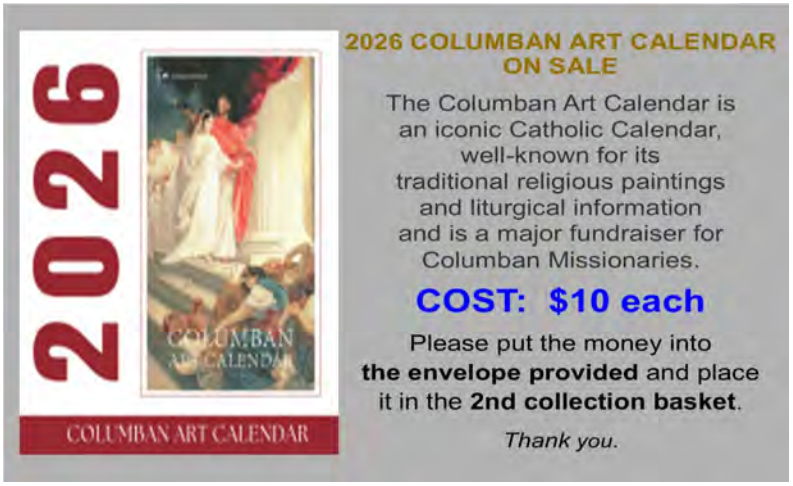
The Anointing of the sick SERVICE will be @3pm on Friday, 5 December 2025. The next one will be on Friday, 6 March 2026 and please note @3pm and not @9am.

2025 ADVENT BOOK, THE PROMISE

$5 EACH (LIMITED NUMBERS)

PLEASE GET IT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

THANK YOU



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.**

The Vinnies conference is actively preparing for Christmas to spread a little hope and joy to those we serve and who are in difficult situations. We deliver Christmas hampers to various families and we would appreciate donations to help fill the baskets. A list of preferred items is located on the noticeboard at the rear of the church. Monetary donations via the poor box or the Eftpos machine are very much appreciated and enable us to continue our mission of advocacy and practical help to those who need it. This year's final newsletter is at the rear of the church next to the parish newsletter.

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** by emailing us with your details and your wedding photo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Ester De Gouveia, Shirley Vernon, Phyllis Middleton, Luca Cardoso, Henry Gunawan, Marion Case 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.

DIVINE MERCY SHRINE - RAFFLE 2025

Funds raised will go towards the completion of the Divine Mercy Shrine for interior and exterior ornamentation, the purchase of a pipe organ and other parish works. Ticket sale close on **19 December 2025 at 11.59pm. Please note the raffle is for WA and NSW residents only.** Winners will be drawn on **Sunday 21 December 11am at 34 Santa Gertrudis Drive, Lower Chittering.** For more details visit, **https://divinemercyshrine.com.au/product/divine-mercy-raffle-2025/**.

Further info: **gingin.chittering@outlook.com** or 08 9571 8068.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

Dear Lord, as I come to You today,
fill my heart and my whole being
with the wonder of Your presence.

Freedom

"A thick and shapeless tree-trunk would never believe that it could become a statue, admired as a miracle of sculpture, and would never submit itself to the chisel of the sculptor, who sees by his genius what he can make of it." (Saint Ignatius) I ask for the grace to let myself be shaped by my loving Creator.

Consciousness

Jesus, You are always there waiting for me.
Grant that I may be still more often,
that I may always desire to spend time in your Presence, to know Your peace, Your love.

Inspiration

Jesus is not asking us to stay awake all night, but to live in the present, so that we can recognise the Lord when he appears in our lives. He shows himself in the unrehearsed moments, the interruptions and accidents that can throw me off balance.

Teach me, Lord, to recognise your face wherever I encounter you.

Conversation

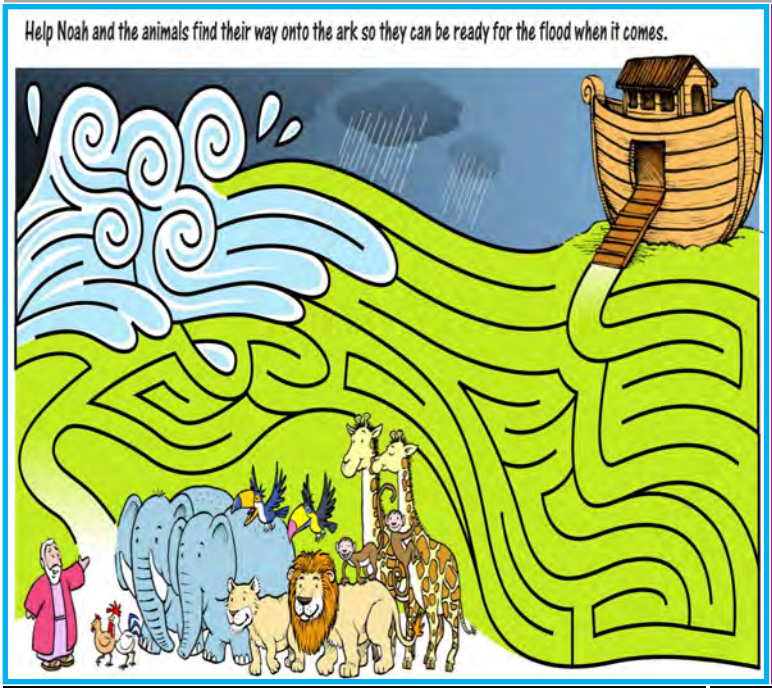
Lord, I know that when I turn to You
there is no need for words.
You can see into my heart.
You know my desires and You know my needs.
I place myself into Your hands.

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:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A

1st: Is 11: 1-10 **Ps:** 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
2nd: Rom 15: 4-9 **Gospel:** Mt 3: 1-12

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.*

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 13:11-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 24:37-44*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 84:13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 6 & 7 DECEMBER 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN JAKE & LUKE GOLDING DHIVYEN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART JOEL DOWLING	JOEY VILLEGAS AMANDA CHIA LETICIA AVERY	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEC	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARGARET HANDYSIDE
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI, CONNIE & LOUIS BOVE	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —