WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 5 APRIL 2026

"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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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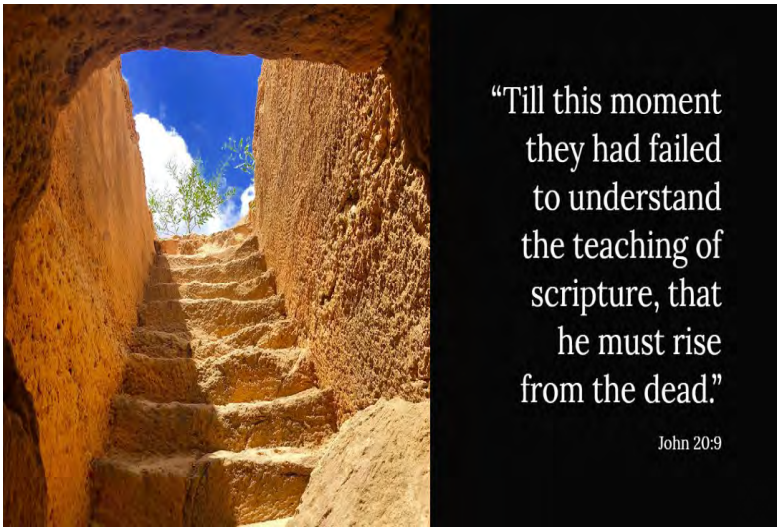

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 6, 13 & 20 APR, 4 MAY — ALPHA AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 12 APR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON & MARY ALVARO)
- **19 APR — FAREWELL BISHOP NELSON @10.30AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM**

EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples with the greetings: *"Peace be with you"!*

Throughout our lives we have tried to make our yearly celebration a little different from the previous year. Once again, we are particularly grateful that we are able to gather and celebrate Easter as a community of faith. As I have always said, what matters most is the meaning and significance of the great events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday that we hold strongly and dearly in our hearts. Just as Jesus has passed over death and darkness on Good Friday into his new life and resurrection at Easter, so we, too, will be set free from our individual place of darkness into God's saving light and freedom. The power of Jesus' resurrection will prevail in the end.

May the consolation and joy of Easter be with you all!

Fr Nelson

Thank you to everyone who helped out in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Your contributions had made our liturgies more meaningful for our parish community.

Have a Blessed Easter! May this joyous day bring hope and blessings to you and your family. And may the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding warm your home.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 11 April 2026 @6pm

PERTH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE FIRST EPISCOPAL ORDINATION IN 20 YEARS

Perth's St Mary's Cathedral will this month host the first Episcopal Ordination since February 2002.

Applecross Parish Priest Fr Nelson Po will be ordained as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 16 April at 7pm.

More than 1000 people are expected to be present for the occasion, including family members of Fr Nelson and dignitaries from across Western Australia.

Bishop-elect Nelson will serve as Auxiliary Bishop in Perth alongside Bishop Don Sproxton.

All photography, videography livestreaming is being managed and co-ordinated by the Archdiocesan Office of Communications in collaboration with Mr Brett Mendez and Brightside Live. A copy of photos and video will be made available at the conclusion of the service.

The Episcopal Ordination will be livestreamed from 6.30pm via https://www.youtube.com/perthcatholic

A limited number of tickets are available for **members of the Applecross Parish community** to attend the Episcopal Ordination.

Tickets can be obtained free of charge at https://www.trybooking.com/DLDOW. Bookings close Wednesday 8 April unless sold out.
Tickets may be cancelled at short notice due to unexpected circumstances.

Easter Sunday: 4-5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the World's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

Please donate today.
You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.
Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413
Thank you for standing with us,
as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

ONLY ONE ENVELOPE FOR THE SIX WEEK LENT PERIOD

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 RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Pauline Belviso, Jacob Low, Alison Macchiusi, Ricardo Cacho, Babs Fialho, Thomas Lyons, Gregory O'Neill, Ronald Pereira, Elizabeth Mavros, Joan Gummer, Kathleen Hossen, Armando Ligovich, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

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)

2026 Dates coming soon.

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.

PLAN YOUR PILGRIMAGE TODAY

Catholic parishes, parishioners and communities across Western Australia are invited to participate in **The Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross** ahead of its arrival in Perth. Deeply symbolic and sacred, the Migrant Jubilee Cross will be in the Archdiocese between **Saturday 18 April and Sunday 3 May**, providing a unique opportunity for spontaneous pilgrimage. Following its time in the Archdiocese, the cross will travel to the Bunbury, Geraldton and Broome Dioceses.

For further information, see St Benedict's notice board**.**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

I pause for a moment, aware that God is here. I think of how everything around me, the air I breathe, my whole body, is tingling with the presence of God.

Freedom

I ask for the grace to believe in what I could be and do if I only allowed God, my loving Creator, to continue to create me, guide me and shape me.

Consciousness

I ask how I am within myself today. Am I particularly tired, stressed, or off-form? If any of these characteristics apply, can I try to let go of the concerns that disturb me?

Inspiration

On this strange dawn, we are praying in a darkness that is outside time, like that of astronauts circling in space: beyond sunsets and sunrises, seeing the beginning and the end of our days. We look back to that breathless morning when the apostles saw the holy women come back from the tomb with a story of angels. A bloodless corpse, transfixed by a spear, had risen again with a mysterious new life. Jesus had kept his promise. Death, our oldest enemy, had been mastered.

When Jesus raised Lazarus, Lazarus had to be freed from his grave-clothes. Jesus' grave-clothes are rolled up and lying on the side, a reflection of his mastery over death. I stand in the doorway beside the entrance and stare into that empty tomb. Do I grasp the difference between this resurrection and that of Lazarus?

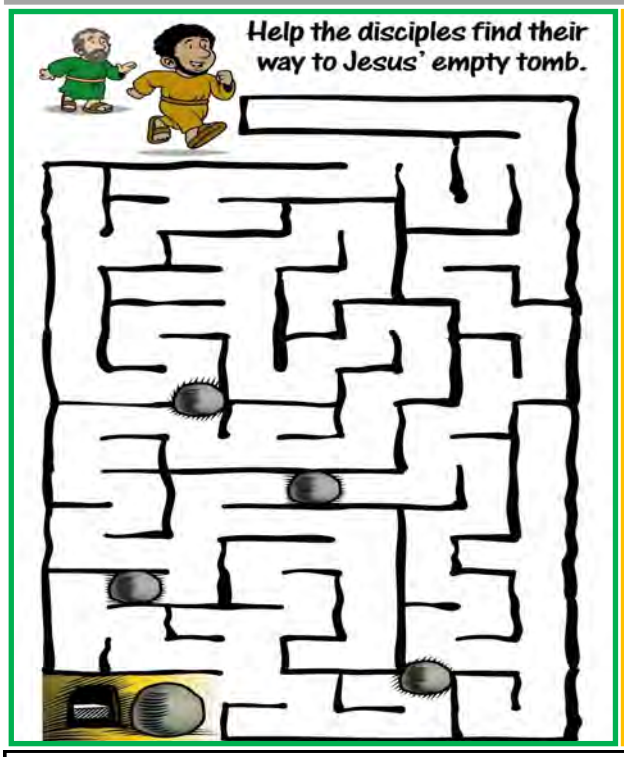
Conversation

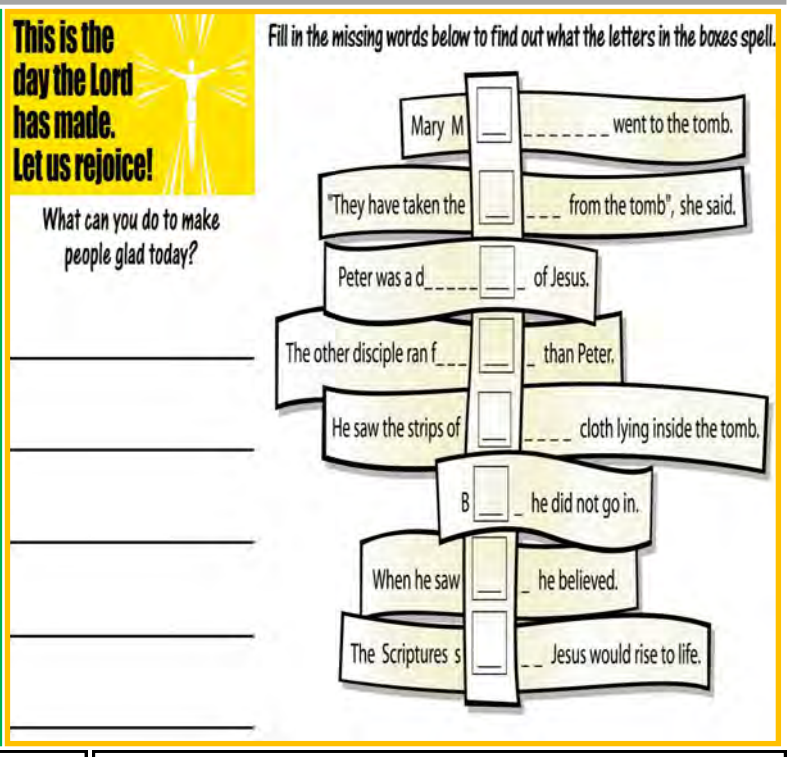
Lord, help me to connect with You. I don't always know how, but I want to receive Your love and I open my hands and my heart to You. Please come to me today.

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: 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st: Acts 2: 42-47 **Ps:** 117: 2-4, 3-15, 22-24
2nd: 1Pet 1: 3-9 **Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the country-side of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24*

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon *1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 11 & 12 APRIL 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	BARRY FARRELL	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN DHIVYEN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART MATTEO REDOLATTI	DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI AMANDA CHIA	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH	VERONICA AVERY	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
READERS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUI HERON ADELE PARSONS	PAUL VINCI JUDY PHILLIPS	CARMEL COSTIN GLENDA BEUKES
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	JUDY LEE BRYAN LILLIS ANGELA SCOTT	LILI ORIFICI CARMEL RECHICHI MARGARET SANDFORD MARINA CICCARELLI	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI LINDA ROBERTSON YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** IONE & DESMOND COORAY
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, CONNIE & LOUIS BOVE, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS & JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI,	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —