WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 12 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 11 APR — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 12 APR — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON & MARY ALVARO)
- 13 & 20 APR & 4 MAY — ALPHA AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, EVERY MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- **19 APR — FAREWELL FOR BISHOP NELSON @10.30AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM**
- 1 MAY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM @11AM
- 2 MAY — BUSY BEES @8.30AM-11AM
- 3 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILLICH & VALERIE LEE)

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.**

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.

General admission tickets can still be obtained free of charge at https://www.trybooking.com/DLESR.

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

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 11 April 2026 @6pm

Albert Lynch Room Extension – Coming Soon!

In 2008, we honoured Fr Albert Lynch by naming our activity hall after him. This space has served as Mass overflow and hosted many parish activities, including Alpha, RCIA, Youth Groups, and Bible Study.

With our growing community, we're excited to announce an expansion of the Albert Lynch Room, with construction starting soon. Plans are on display in the foyer.

The project cost is $260,000, fully funded by the parish. We invite your support — every donation helps make this vision a reality. The church's bank account details are on the board.

Thank you for your generosity and all all who have donated so far.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

HOW ABOUT IT?? Applecross **VINNIES** is always on the lookout for new members who have a passion for helping others. Anyone from 18 upwards can become a member. Why not join us?! For a small input of time, the reward will be great. Whether you work full or part time, or not at all – we want you! Don't question if you have anything to offer – of course you have!! Ring Clare to discuss possibilities on 0406 973 595 – don't hesitate – just do it!

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia | PROJECT COMPASSION

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

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:

Jean Catherine Cantwell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fariana Budiman, Norman Thomas, Margery Curtis, Aaron Sandford, Jeannette Busch, Bill Huxley, Anne Taggart, Francine Smith, 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

"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10). Lord, Your words lead us to the calmness and greatness of Your presence.

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, in accordance with Your will.

Consciousness

As I talk to You, O God, help me to grow in appreciation of the gifts of communication.

Grant that I will speak out for those who have no voice and always have a kind word for those in need.

Inspiration

Poor Thomas is in the firing line again, and no doubt in retrospect would feel very badly about how he performed. Perhaps we should pray a prayer of thanks to him, because he's a constant inspiration. He's not exactly a shining light when it comes to believing quickly that Jesus has risen. At every turn, he doubts. He's almost the patron saint of sceptics. Perhaps in our less trusting moments, he will come to our aid, too.

Conversation

I settle myself once again after hearing the Word of God. What would I like to take with me into my day? What do I want to remember from today's reading or prayer time?

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

Complete the Text maze:

"You are my Lord and my God!"

START

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Y	G	D	O					
K	O	H	T					
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FINISH

There are many things present in our lives that we don't see with our eyes. Circle the words which represent things we do not see.

BIBLE
CRUCIFIX
LOVE
FORGIVENESS
JOY
PEACE
ALTAR
FLOWERS
BREATH
CANDLE
CHALICE
HOPE

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: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st: Acts 2: 14, 22-33 **Ps:** 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11
2nd: 1Pet 1: 17-21 **Gospel:** Lk 24: 13-35

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *1 Peter 2:2*

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1*

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
   'His love has no end.'
   Let the sons of Aaron say:
   'His love has no end.'
   Let those who fear the Lord say:
   'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
   but the Lord was my helper.
   The Lord is my strength and my song;
   he was my saviour.
   There are shouts of joy and victory
   in the tents of the just. (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.
   This day was made by the Lord;
   we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:3-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon *Cf John 20:27*

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 18 & 19 APRIL 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	Altar Servers have been notified	Altar Servers have been notified	Altar Servers have been notified	Altar Servers have been notified
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