WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 26 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem.

So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

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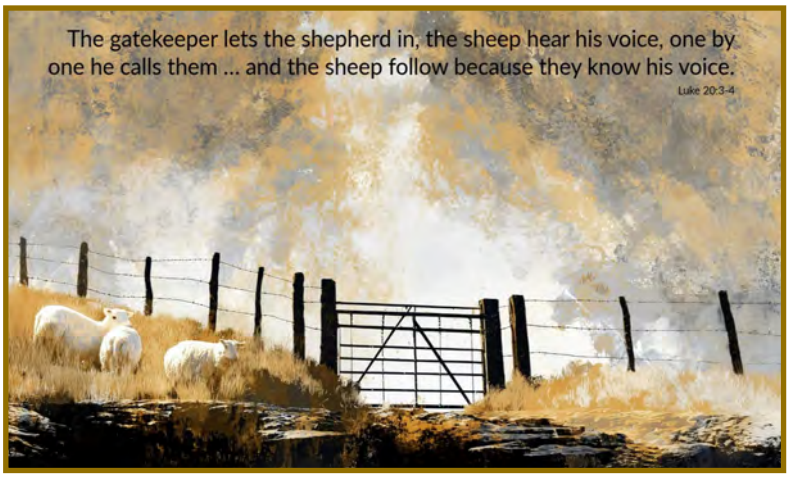

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PARISH NOTICES

- **28 APR — COMMUNION SERVICE (NOT MASS) @9AM**
- 1 MAY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM @11AM
- 2 MAY — BUSY BEE @8.30AM-11AM
- 3 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILLICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 4 MAY — ALPHA (LAST SESSION) AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 9 MAY — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 31 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, HOSTED BY CATANIAN COMO BRANCH

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **1 May 2026** @11am in the Albert Lynch room will be a talk on **sleep and strategies to getting to sleep and staying there**.

All are welcome to attend and if you are staying for lunch, please bring a plate to share. Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.

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

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 to all who have donated so far.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

THANK YOU!

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:

Cathy Stewart - Funeral: Tuesday, 28 April 2026 @1.45pm
Thomas Young - Funeral: Thursday 30 April 2026 @10.30am
Mary Crossley - Funeral: Thursday 30 April 2026 @2pm
Jean Catherine Cantwell

ANNIVERSARIES:

Ross Watson, Mauro De Judicibus, Nora Randall, Basil Burns and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

Loving God,

You are the Lord who has a great plan for the world and for each one of us. In your merciful love, you invite us to belong to you completely, to live a life of holiness by our loving service of others.

Send us your Holy Spirit so that through the guidance and encouragement of our family and parish community, we may listen to your call and follow the way of our Good Shepherd.

Call from among your faithful people, priests and deacons after your own heart to serve the Catholic community of Perth.

We pray for the faith and courage to say "Yes" to whatever vocation you are calling us to: married life, single life, religious life, or ordained ministry.

We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary.

Amen.

ST CHARLES SEMINARY OPEN DAY

The St Charles Seminary invites men aged 18+ to explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood in a welcoming and prayerful environment. Experience seminary life, meet current seminarians and formators, and spend time in prayer and reflection while discerning God's call on **Sunday, 3 May 2026, (9.30am to 2.30pm) at St Charles Seminary, Guildford.**

The day includes Mass, brunch, Q&A, a guided seminary tour, and Holy Hour with Benediction. For more information and to register, see our parish's notice board.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence
As I enter this time of prayer, I become aware of my breath that is God's life-sustaining gift to me. I allow myself to breathe a little more slowly, deeply and gently for a couple of moments.

Freedom
"In these days, God taught me as a schoolteacher teaches a pupil." (Saint Ignatius). I remind myself that there are things God has yet to teach me, and I ask for the grace to hear them and let them change me.

Consciousness
Lord You have called me the "light of the world".
Let me be always conscious of those You want me to serve:
the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the destitute,
the stranger and the refugee.

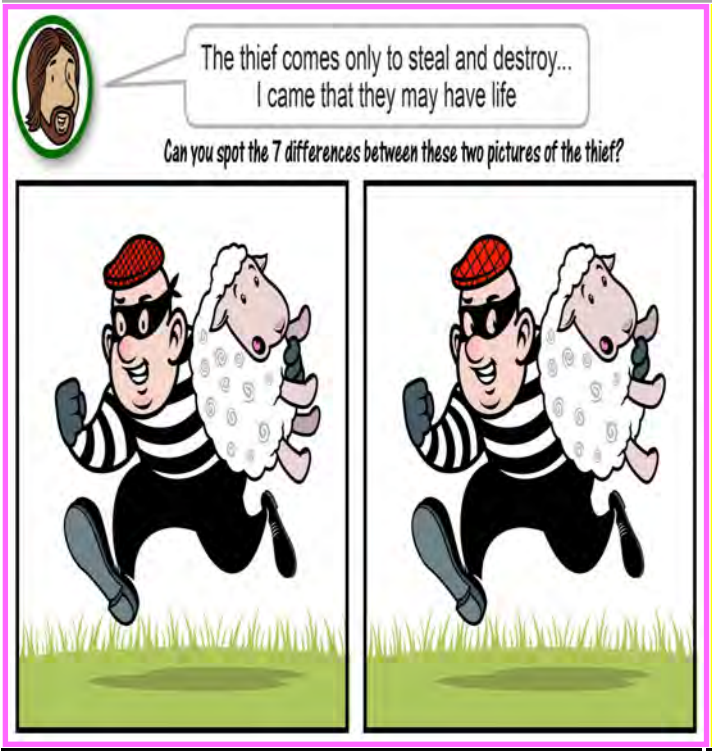
Inspiration
Jesus describes himself as a gate – ideal for letting people into a state or place they desire to be, or for keeping people out. In a way, Lord, you tell us that you are a gateway or a maker of a route through yourself, which will open up a path to the Kingdom and to your Father. You promise that if we regularly interact with you, we will find true life not only in our daily living but also at the end of time.

Conversation
"There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus". (Romans 8:1). I turn to the One who loves me and knows me better than I can love or know myself. I ask Him for whatever it is I need right now.

Conclusion
Filled with the loving presence of God,
I ask Him to bless me and guide my steps
as I go to do His work in my daily life.

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: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st: Acts 6: 1-7
Ps: 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19
2nd: 1Pet 2: 4-9
Gospel: Jn 14: 1-12

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 32:5-6*

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1*

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Peter 2:20-25*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 10:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 2 & 3 MAY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	DOMINIC LONGO	MARK WELSH
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