WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 3 MAY 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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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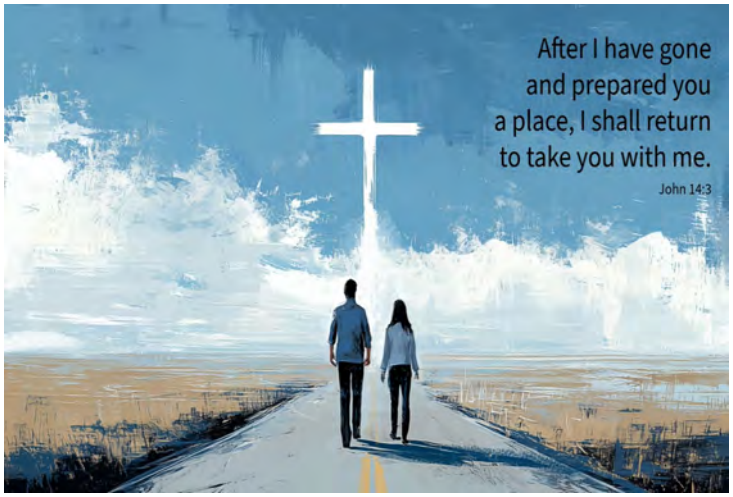

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PARISH NOTICES

- 3 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILLICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 4, 11, 18 & 25 MAY — ALPHA AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 9 MAY — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 16 MAY— SCHOOL/COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- 31 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, HOSTED BY CATANIAN COMO BRANCH

A Message from our new priest

Hello everyone, I want to begin by acknowledging the momentous news that has recently moved through our Archdiocese and centered right here in our parish: the ordination of Fr (Bishop) Nelson to the episcopate. I can only imagine the mix of emotions you are processing as this "thunderous" news settles. For ten years, Bishop Nelson has offered loving service and dedicated ministry to St. Benedict's. As he begins his new chapter as a pastor to the "global" congregation of Perth, we send him our deepest gratitude and prayers.

I am incredibly grateful for the warm reception I have received here thus far. I am here at the request of the Archbishop for an initial period of three months; our future direction will naturally be determined by the Archbishop's discernment in the coming months.

Many of you may know that I also serve as the Vice Rector of St. Charles Seminary in Guildford, helping to form Perth's future priests (you can see their photos on the notice board), and as the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese. I am happy to share that we are currently seeing an extraordinary number of young men discerning the priesthood. I ask that you please keep them in your daily prayers.

Because I will be balancing my time between the parish, the seminary, and the Perth vocations office, I ask for your patience as I "learn the ropes" of parish administration. I am already very grateful to our parish secretary, Stefani, for her invaluable help in ensuring a smooth transition.

I look forward to supporting your faith and being available for the Sacraments. I look forward to getting to know you. Above all, I look forward to us journeying together in the Spirit toward the Lord.

I entrust all the work and our entire parish community to the protection of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who guided our Lord for thirty years.

Fr Joseph

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 9 May 2026 @6pm

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION):

Parish income for the 9 months ended 31/03/26 was 104% of the budgeted income for the same period and 79% of the annual budgeted income. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Parish.

National Count of Attendance – May 2026

Our parish will participate in the annual National Count of Attendance at all weekend Masses throughout May.

Counting will take place during the Offertory/Collection, to minimise disruption.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Welcome to all parents and children at this weekend's Sacrament Commitment Mass for First Holy Communion

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

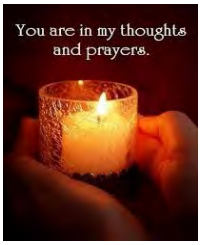
Myrtle Nimmo, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey, Kamani Jayaratne, Sue Miguel, Harsono Setiawan, Steven Robertson, Lisa Bailey, Lenna Hosseini, Frank Ranieri, Judith Chan, Grisel Noronha and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cathy Stewart, Thomas Young, Mary Deirdre (Dee) Crossley.

ANNIVERSARIES:

David Charlton, Daniel McCormack, Lee Westaway, Dante Vallini, Kathleen Rebbit, Gloria Hardingham, Agnes Schildknecht, Edward Galavan, Dr Mary Searson, Danilo Stocco, Thomas Hayes and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Thank you.



Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION

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 (FINAL CALL). Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

ONLY ONE ENVELOPE FOR THE SIX WEEK LENT PERIOD

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

World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations

WUCWO DAY 2026 - 116 years committed to peace Applecross Catholic Women's League Branch extends an invitation to join with them, and women from Attadale and Nedlands Parishes, on **Tuesday, 12h May** in celebration of **WUCWO Day 2026 (eve of Our Lady of Fatima feast day)** praying for PEACE.

Time: 10am **Venue**: St Benedict's Applecross.
Refreshments will be served afterwards.
Adele Parsons –*Queries:0428 584882*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence
Lord God, give me a quiet, gentle and receptive spirit as I spend these few moments in prayer with You today.

Freedom
I will ask for God's help to be free
from my own preoccupations,
to be open to God in this time of prayer,
and to come to know, love and serve Him more.

Consciousness
Conscious of Your presence, Lord,
I look over my recent past.
Let me be honest with myself about how I've been
And what I've done,
because I know You love truth in the heart
and accept me just as I am.

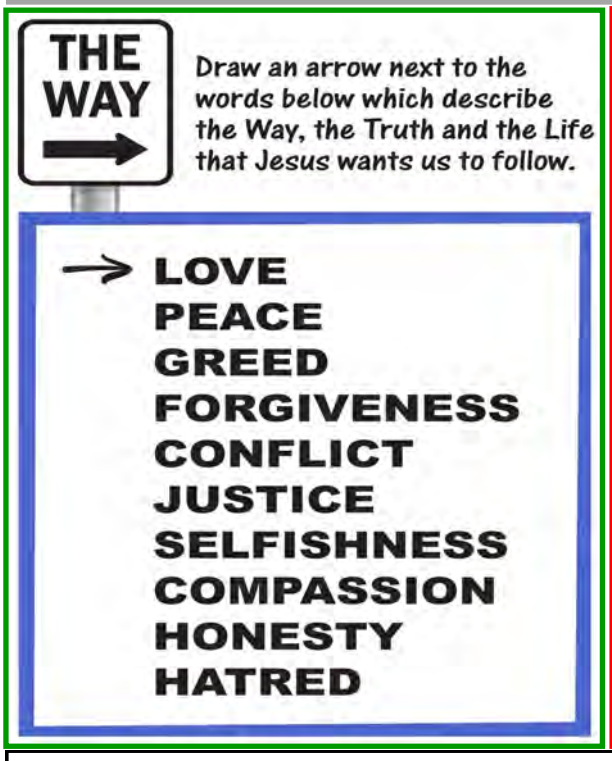
Inspiration
This episode is often chosen for funeral liturgies and brings consolation to many. Those who were present when Jesus spoke to the group were not so easily satisfied. Thomas told him that he did not know the place Jesus said he was going to, so how could he know the way. Philip claimed that if Jesus showed him the Father, he would be satisfied.
Forgive us for the times when we have lacked trust and/or conviction.

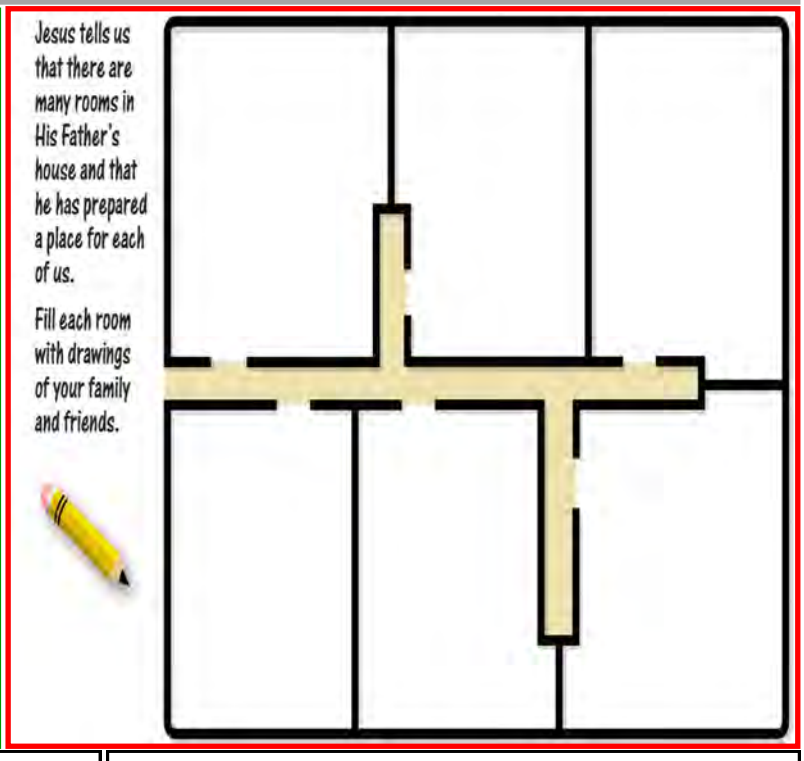
Conversation
Lord, help me to connect with You. I don't always know how, but I want to receive Your love and I open my hands and my heart to You. Please come to me today.

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.*

Please Do Not Drive Or Park On Grass

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 **Ps:** 65: 1-7, 16, 20
2nd: 1Pet 3: 15-18 **Gospel:** Jn 14: 15-21

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 97:1-2*

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Peter 2:4-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.'

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf John 15:1,5*

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 9 & 10 MAY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO DHIVYEN MANNAR JACOB CHEN	JOEL DOWLING GRACE STEWART	MASON SIA CHARMAINE VOGLER MATTHEW PRANATA	KATHERINE WIBAWA OLIVER & JACOB WONG
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON	MARINA CICCARELLI	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS MONICA ANDERSON	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL MENEZES	MAISIE CINANNI JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	BRYAN LILLIS MIKE KILROE MEGAN DOWLING	MARGARET HANDYSIDE MOIRA BUNN MELISSA TROLIO RUTH THORN	COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGSTALL KEVIN AUTON OSBORNE D'SOUZA

ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** BRYAN & FRANCES MEYERKORT
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON, & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —