WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 10 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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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor. By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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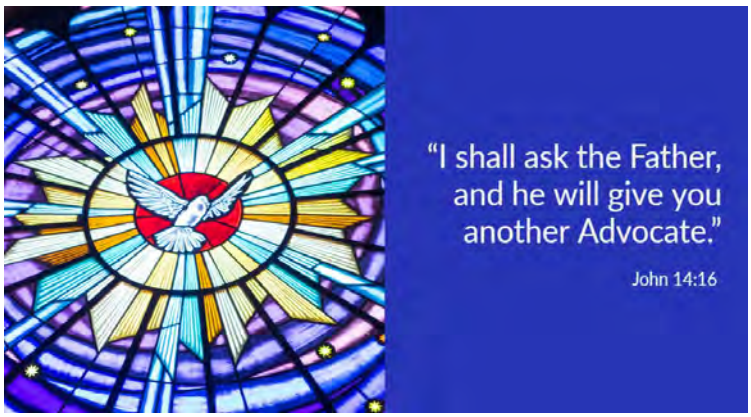

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 9 MAY — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 11, 18 & 25 MAY — ALPHA AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM
- 16 MAY — SCHOOL/COMMUNITY MASS @6PM, FOLLOWED BY SUPPER, PLEASE BRING A PLATE (ASIAN CUISINE)
- 31 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, HOSTED BY CATANIAN COMO BRANCH

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

PARISH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT (2023-2028)

PARISH VISION:

"We, the parishioners of St Benedict's Applecross, are committed to live faithfully in the words and examples of Jesus Christ, to develop and foster at all times a vibrant and welcoming Christian community based on His life of love, compassion, hospitality and service."

PARISH MISSION:

"We aim to inspire and nurture our parishioners and others of all ages and cultures to develop faith in Jesus Christ, cultivate strong Christian values and engage with the community actively and positively."

VINNIES IS IN URGENT NEED OF FUNDS AND FOOD

Our food pantry is looking rather sad, and we don't have enough to provide decent size food hampers to help people seeking assistance. With the cost of living crisis we are seeing more homeless people and families doing it really tough with spiralling utility and food costs. If you are able to help, these items would be a real help to us: rice, milk, biscuits, pasta sauces, spreads, fish, cereal, tinned corn, tinned ham, sugar and coffee. *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, Judith Chan, Grisel Noronha and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 9 May 2026 @6pm

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.

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, 12th 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.
Queries (Adele Parsons) :0428 584882

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.

If parishioners could contribute to the supper, please bring something that complements the theme of Asian Cuisine. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edward Williams, Robert Woolford, Moira Stokes, Lynette Rogerson, Lucia Vallini, William Bourne, Beverly Rowbottam, Kevin Quinn, Ray (Verna) Hevron and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

A Mothers' Day Prayer

Lord Jesus,
you have known a mother's love
and tender care, and you will
hear, while for our mothers most
dear, we offer this Mother's Day
prayer.

Protect the lives, we pray,
of those who have given us the gift of life.
May our mothers know from day to day
the deepening joy that comes from your presence.

We cannot pay our debts for all the love that we have received;
but you, Lord, will not forget their due reward.
Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven. Amen

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

31 MAY | SCHOENSTATT SHRINE MAY PILGRIMAGE

Mary, Light of our Hope is the theme of the annual **Schoenstatt May Pilgrimage** that will take place on **Sunday 31 May, from 2.30 - 4.30pm, at 9 Talus Drive in Mt Richon**. The pilgrimage will commence with a Rosary procession, followed by reflections, re-commissioning of the Pilgrim Mother Coordinators, Benediction, and afternoon tea (please bring a plate). The Shrine is a place of Grace where this year, you can obtain an indulgence by meeting the necessary requirements.
For further information, contact Sr Thomasine on 0455 220 373.

13 JUN | MARRIAGE CAMINO

Couples are invited to attend a Marriage Camino in the grounds of the **Schoenstatt Shrine, Mt Richon on Saturday 13 June from 9.30am-4.30pm**. Enjoy short reflections at pillars around the Shrine before having time to discuss what helps to grow and support your marriage. **Cost is $15 per couple.** For further information, please contact Philomena Theseira on 0417 936 757. **Bookings are essential**.

Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

Today at all the weekend's masses I'm going to offer them for mothers and grandmothers particularly in our Parish and particularly those who are no longer with us.

Mothers are important because we all came from one.

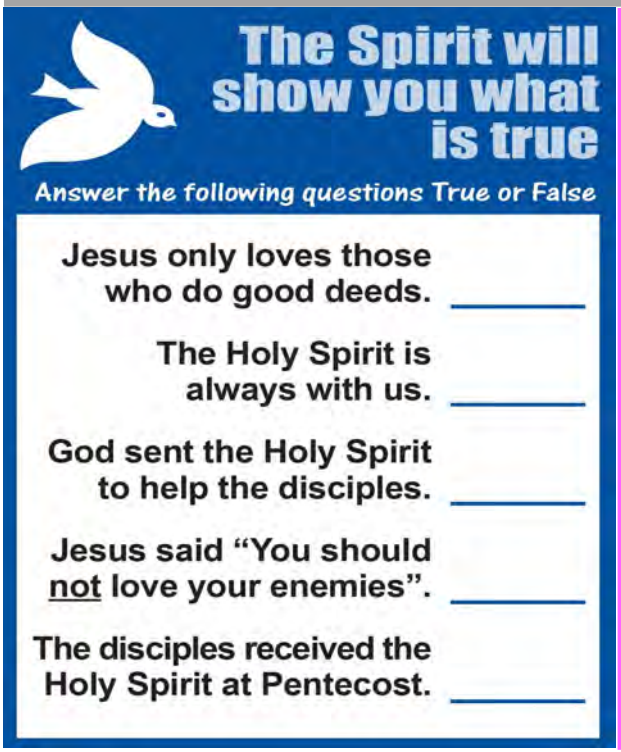
In our Australian context, we celebrate Mother's Day with flowers, gifts and maybe even brunch, yet did you know it has an intrinsic Catholic tradition behind it?

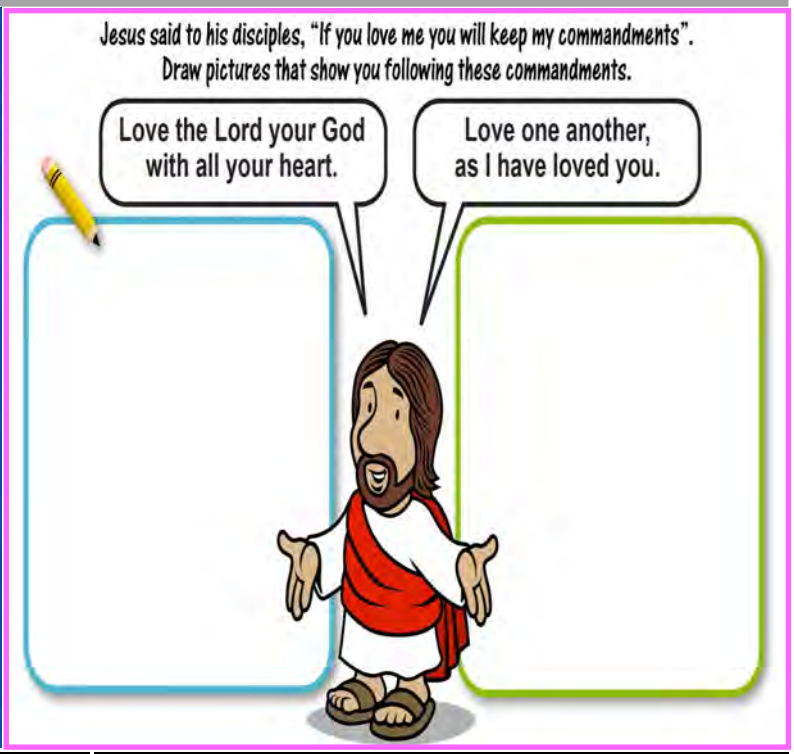
Historically, Mother's Day originated in mediaeval times and was usually commemorated on the fourth Sunday of Lent known as *Laetare Sunday*. And what did people do? How did they celebrate it? Well, back in the Middle ages most people worked as domestic servants or apprentices away from home. On this specific Sunday they were given the day off to return to their "mother church" because most towns had a church in the middle of the community (you'll notice this in most European cities and towns). The mother church was the church that you were baptised in - the baptismal font is often referred to by St Augustine as the womb of the church; through water and the spirit she gives birth to new children of God.

Whatever the origins we give thanks to God for the gift of our mums. I'm sure they appreciate our love, our affection but also our prayers too.

Fr Joseph

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: Ascension of the Lord, Year A

1st: Acts 1: 1-11 **Ps:** 46: 2-3, 6-9
2nd: Eph 1: 17-23 **Gospel:** Mt 28: 16-20

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Isaiah 48:20*

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1*

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
   O sing to the glory of his name.
   O render him glorious praise.
   Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
   shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
   Come and see the works of God,
   tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
   they passed through the river dry-shod.
   Let our joy then be in him;
   he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
   I will tell what he did for my soul:
   Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
   nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Peter 2:4-9*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 14:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Communion Antiphon *John 14:15-16*

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 16 & 17 MAY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	BARRY FARRELL	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	LEWIS HERON JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	MATTEO REDOLATTI XAVIER SIA LETICIA AVERY	TYLER MORRIS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	MEGAN OH	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	OSBOURNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
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EMOHC	MICHELLE CARRICK STEVEN CLAY GERRI CLAY ROSA WEST	MONICA ANDERSON JACQUIE HERON ANGELA SCOTT	LILI ORIFICI CARMEL RECHICHI MARGARET HANDYSIDE MARINA CICCARELLI	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI LINDA ROBERTSON YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: VOLUNTEER NEEDED	**PILGRIM STATUE:** RUTH THORN
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —