WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 17 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 - 5PM**

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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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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PARISH NOTICES

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

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 thers who are not included in this list.
Thank you.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 June 2026 @6pm

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

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.

PARISH OUTREACH

The parish wishes to reach out to isolated Parishioners who would appreciate being contacted.

If you know of someone who is isolated, you can encourage that person to contact the parish office on 08 9364 1120, or if appropriate you can let the parish office know. The parish will then aim to respond respectfully and sensitively.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

John McAdam, Norman Pearn-Rowe, Mega Limadinata, Ronald Emond, William Middleton, Kathleen Cassidy, Daryl Coelho, Rita Paul, Hilary Fowle, Mervyn Andrews, Dante Vallini and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

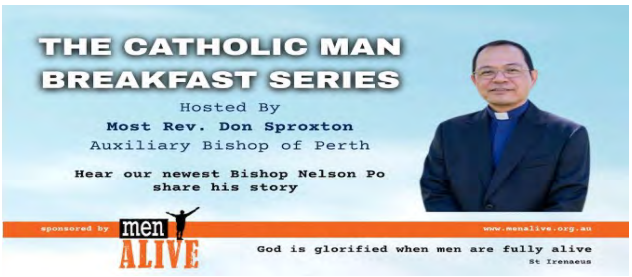
ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

24 MAY | HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION FOR MEN

Have you been thinking about the priesthood or wondering where God may be calling you? The Perth Vocations Office warmly invites men aged 18+ to come together for an afternoon of prayer, conversation, and fraternity. Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hour, hear about life as a priest by Fr Brennan Sia, ask questions and enjoy hospitality with like minded men. **3.00pm - 6.00pm | St Benedict's Church, 115 Ardross Street, Ardross.** Attendees are also warmly invited to remain for the 6.00pm parish Mass. **Registrations are essential:** https://www.trybooking.com/DMBJG

11 JUN | menALIVE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES

7.00am - 9.00am | Duxton Hotel, Perth CBD. Newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop Nelson Po will share his story at the menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton. To register: https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/CMBS2026 & further information, contact Ray Gourlay on 0408 923 068.



Just this past week, on May 8th, Pope Leo XIV marked the first anniversary of his election as Pope. For many of us that came quickly! To commemorate the occasion, the Holy Father travelled to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompeii where he placed his ministry as Pope under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

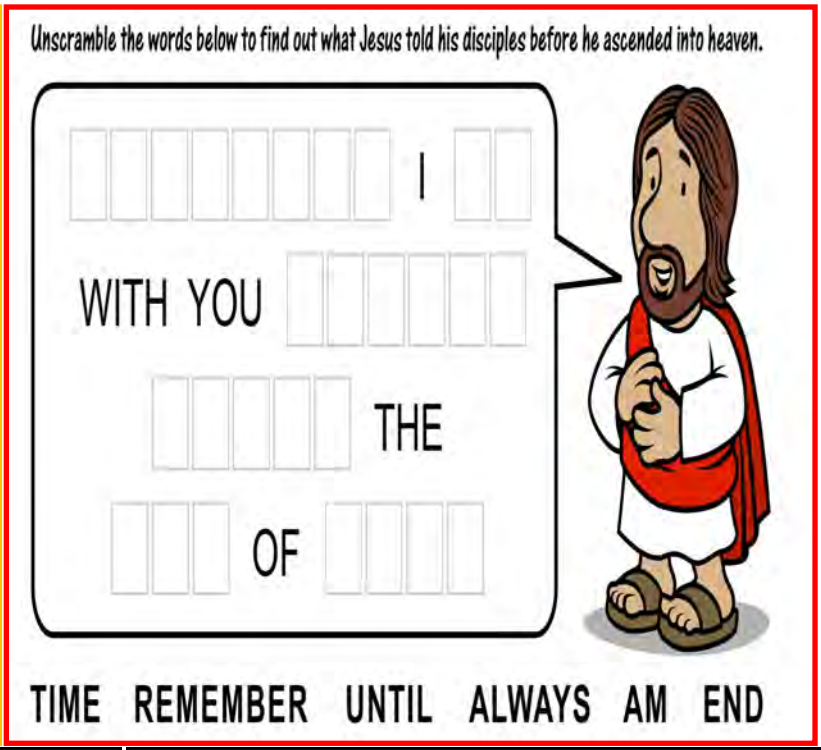
Looking ahead, the Vatican has also signalled that the Holy Father is preparing his first encyclical, which many expect will further define his mission as a "shepherd of the world" focused on the peripheries and the dignity of the human person. You'll recall that Pope Francis wrote his first encyclical *Lumen Fidei* and Pope Benedict wrote *Deus Caritas Est*. A Pope's first encyclical usually signifies what his whole papacy is about.

Let us keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers as he enters his second year of leadership, asking that the Holy Spirit continue to guide him in his ministry of unity and hope.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?



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: Pentecost Sunday, Year A

1st: Acts 2: 1-11 **Ps:** 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34

2nd: 1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13 **Gospel:** Jn 20: 19-23

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Acts of the Apostles 1:11*

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6*

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:17-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 28:19. 20*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon *Matthew 28:20*

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 23 & 24 MAY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MIKE KILROE	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	DOMENICO, LEONARDO & ALESSANDRO DE FELICE	IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	GRACE STEWART JOEY VILLEGAS JACKSON HANDCOCK	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX RIJKS SOFIE GABRIEL
COMMENTATORS	ROSA WEST	ADELE PARSONS	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEC	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM MILDRED REGO	ANGELA SCOTT MARIA ARANDA	ANUSHIA SUPPIAH TERRY BOLAND	GLENDA BEUKES ANDREA D'SOUZA
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ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** RASHANTHI WANIGASEKERA
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