WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 24 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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PENTECOST SUNDAY, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

The Bush Fire of Pentecost

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was '*like* tongues of fire' and '*like* the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 25 MAY — ALPHA AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM, MONDAY @9AM-10.30AM (LAST SESSION)
- 30-31 MAY — SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AFTER ALL WEEK-END MASSES FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
- 31 MAY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, HOSTED BY CATANIAN COMO BRANCH
- 5 JUN — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 6 JUN — DAY FOR GIRLS @9AM TO 2PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 7 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS @9.30AM

Prayer and Faith development small groups in our parish:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: a prayer group that spends quiet time of reflection, prayer, hymns of praise & thanksgiving and fellowship.
Meets Thursday @1pm in Albert Lynch room
Enquiries: Elspeth 0488 683 310, Judy 9364 9249

Build My Life: focuses on growing faith through fellowship, loosely structured bible study & prayer.
Meets weekly Thursday evening @7pm in St Benedicts school staff room
Enquiries: Steve 0412 207 750

Christian Life Community (CLC) is based on Ignatian Spirituality which is a powerful way of helping us make God-based decisions in our lives.
clcaustralia.org.au; ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au
Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104

Social and Service Groups in our parish:

Catholic Women's Leaque of WA (Inc) (CWL):
It is the only officially-recognised national Catholic lay women's organization in Australia.
Membership is open to women of all ages.
Meets every 2nd Tuesday at Albert Lynch Room @10am
Enquiries: Adele Parsons 0428 584 882

Craft Group:
A social group doing craft and other activities together.
Meets weekly on Wednesday morning @9.30am in Albert Lynch Room
Enquiries: Monica Anderson 0400 909 366

First Friday Friends:
A senior social group based in the parish that caters for the needs of seniors in our community.
Meets every first Friday at Fr Albert Lynch Room @11am & outings every third Friday
Enquiries: Maureen Bright 0413 831 357

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 June 2026 @6pm

National Count of Attendance – May 2026

(last week)

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.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **5 June 2026** will be a normal gathering @11am in the Albert Lynch room.
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.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Our parish children will be making their First Holy Communion during the following masses:

Sunday 7 June @9.30am

Saturday 13 June @6pm

Sunday 14 June @9.30am.

There will be reserved seating for candidates and their families.

Let us pray for our children who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time and their families.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

George Cargeeg, Ignatius D'Souza, Teresa Hackett, Dr Stephen Yoon Fook Chin, Grace McAuliffe, John Stasmousky, Mary Williams, Marcia Wiley and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

26 MAY| PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre W2.07)
33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview
Catholic Family & Justice Support Services is facilitating this parent workshop to explore how technology, social media and online platforms are shaping the way children think, feel and interact. Join us as we unpack the teenage brain, the role of algorithms and dopamine, and the benefits and challenges of digital media. Gain practical strategies to help you support your child in developing healthy, balanced technology habits. Designed for parents and caregivers, this is the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and gain a deeper understanding of your child's digital world. Cost : $ 5. To register, scan the QR code below.

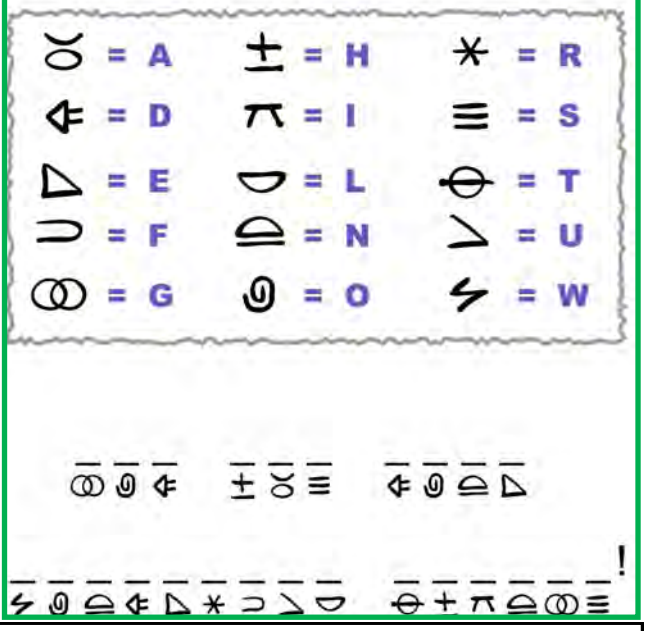
11 JUN | menALIVE CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES
7:00 am - 9:00 am | Duxton Hotel, Perth CBD.
Newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop Nelson Po will share his story at the menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton. To register: https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/CMBS2026 & further information, contact Ray Gourlay on 0408 923 068.

The Paschal Candle
As the Easter season concludes today, you'll notice a shift in our sanctuary: the Paschal candle will be moved from the altar to its home by the Baptismal Font. Why this transition? During the fifty days of Easter, the Paschal candle stands tall in the sanctuary as the living symbol of the resurrected Christ walking among His disciples. Its elements speak to His eternal sovereignty: the Greek letters *alpha* and *omega* declare Him the beginning and the end; and the current year reminds us that Christ is alive and active in our world today. Moving the candle after Pentecost visually reflects salvation history. It marks the Ascension—Christ's physical departure to the Father—and the dawn of the Church at Pentecost. The task of reflecting Christ's light now shifts to us. Throughout Ordinary Time, the Paschal candle will return to the sanctuary for two pivotal moments in the life of our parish: *Baptisms and Funerals*. At the baptismal font, its flame symbolises the ignited faith of the newly baptised. At funerals, it stands by the deceased held reverentially in the coffin, offering a witness of the seeping light at the opening of the Heavenly gate.
Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. Draw a flame above the head of each of the disciples below.

Each person was able to hear the message of the Gospel in their own language. See if you can decipher the language below to read the special message.



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: The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

1st: Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9 **Ps:** Dan 3: 52-56
2nd: 2 Cor 13: 11-13 **Gospel:** Jn 3: 16-18

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Wisdom 1:7*

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world
and that which contains all things
understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light; From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor; Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best; Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine; Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away; Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore; Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-23*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

Communion Antiphon *Acts of the Apostles 2:4,11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 30 & 31 MAY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	STEVEN ROBERTSON	TERRY MEO	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	HAILEY CORREIA LEWIS HERON JACOB CHEN	MATTEO REDOLATTI JOEL DOWLING	MASON SIA AMANDA CHIA LETICIA AVERY	VALERIE, RAPHAEL & GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	EILEEN SELVARATNAM	MARIA ARANDA	PATRICK LEECH	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	STEFANI CHEN ROSA WEST	RITA ILICH MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	CARMEL COSTIN KATRINA MCINNES
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** PAUL BELVISO
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —