WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 14 JUNE 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, Sat: 8am
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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11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole – harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

There is a lovely distinction in this gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 13 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS & YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 14 JUN — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- 14 JUN — FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS @9.30AM
- 28 JUN — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 3 JUL — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME ENVELOPES 2026 -2027 NOW AVAILABLE *(2ND COLLECTION)*

The weekly envelopes for **the next financial year 2026-2027** are out for collection in the foyer.

Please remember to collect your box with **your name** on it (***box number may change***). If your envelopes are not there, please advise the Parish office on 08 9364 1120.

Another way of supporting the Parish through Planned Giving Programme is through the direct debit system, either by Direct Debit (through the bank account) or Credit Card. Forms are available on the tables at the entrance of the church or you may wish to contact the Parish office.

Tap & Go machine is also available for 2nd collection.

As we are coming to the end of the financial year, now is a good time to bring your promised planned giving commitment up to date.

The planned giving programme (Second Collection) is an important part of the Parish finances as it allows us to maintain the Church, Presbytery and Parish Administration Centre.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, please call the Parish Office on 08 9364 1120 or email applecross@perthcatholic.org.au.

Thank you for your generous commitment and continued support to the Parish. God bless.

Parish Albert Lynch Room Extension — Update (May/ June 2026)

The City of Melville has accepted our Development Application, and their formal assessment is now underway. Council advises this may take up to 60 days, so approval is expected around late July.

Once approved, the building licence should follow within two weeks, with construction likely to begin mid–late August. The project is scheduled to take 12 weeks, giving an estimated completion around late November.

A quicker approval could bring completion forward to late October, while delays may push it closer to Christmas. Further updates will be shared as the process continues.

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 — 11 July 2026 @6pm

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

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

Saturday 13 June @6pm
Sunday 14 June @9.30am.

There will be reserved seating for the candidates and their families.

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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1ST COLLECTION – covers the financial support of the priests. This goes into the Archdiocese fund to pay priests' stipends, provide housing, and cover the living and healthcare expenses of active and retired priests:

Please note our new bank account details (new BSB & Account No) for **1st collection**.

Account Name: **1ST COLLECTION**
BSB: **086 066**
Account number: **763 105 222**
Ref: 1st Collection/name

Attention to all parishioners who direct debit from your bank to the old presbytery bank account (BSB: 086 006 & Acc No: 66637 0833) – Could you please ensure that you change your direct debit to the above new bank account?

This NEW bank account is only for 1ST COLLECTION.

The bank account details for 2nd collection remains the same, no changes.

We would like to thank all the parishioners who have generously made contributions to our Parish.

Thank you and God Bless.

2026 PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Receipts are available for collection on one of the tables at the back of the church. For the credit card donations, Caritas Australia will issue the receipts directly to you. If your receipt is not there, please contact the Parish office on 08 9364 1120.

Our parish raised $6,785.55 (last year: $13,527.60). Please note that many parishioners donated directly to Caritas this year, therefore they are not included in the above total amount. *Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kirsty Carmody, Gerald Aristides Lobo

ANNIVERSARIES:

Daniel Devane, Marjorie McDonnell, Evelyn Knipe, Patricia De San Miguel, Emmanuel Garces, Milton Ulph and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

17 June – 1 July: The Family: a Place of Relational Love
Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm (3 sessions), Applecross Parish - Canning Highway & Ardross Street, Applecross

This course offers a deep reflection on the mission of the family in the world, on the Church's ability to equip couples to embrace God's vision for marriage and on the Church's healing power for families who are struggling.

Suggested donation: $20.00. Presenter, Derek & Karen Boylen. For further info or to register, scan the QR Code, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 089278 0261.

28 JUN | 20TH ANNIVERSARY - ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

You're invited to join Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB for the Mass celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. **2.00pm | Sunday 28 June | St Mary's Cathedral.**

3-8 AUG 2027 | WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Join CYM in Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 — a once in a lifetime opportunity to encounter faith, friendship, culture, and the global Church alongside millions of young people from around the world. WYD Seoul 2027 will be a life-changing pilgrimage you will never forget. **Expressions of Interest are NOW OPEN** via the Catholic Youth Ministry Perth website.

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING (in person)

Saturday, 27 June 2026 @10am-11am, St Emilie de Vialar, 151 Amherst Rd, Canning Vale WA 6155

To register **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction**.

Further info: **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or 08 9221 7762.

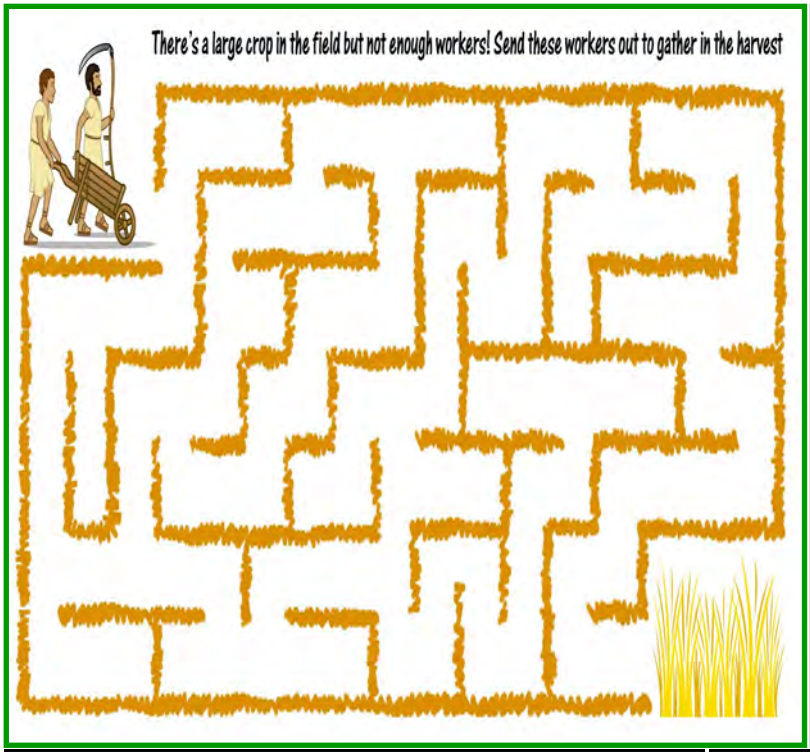
Faith and Technology: Pope Leo's New AI Encyclical

The Vatican just published a highly anticipated new encyclical called *Magnifica Humanitas*, where Pope Leo takes a deep dive into one of the biggest talking points of our time: Artificial Intelligence. Instead of just looking at AI as a tech issue, the Holy Father framed it as a deeply human one. He called for an urgent, "pro-human framework" to guide how these technologies develop, reminding the world that progress shouldn't outpace our morals. The big takeaway is that while technology is great, it can never replace human dignity, exploit workers through mindless automation, or take over the role of a well-formed human conscience. As algorithms become a bigger part of our daily lives, the document serves as a timely reminder for all of us. At the end of the day, real progress isn't about how smart our gadgets are, but how well we treat each other and protect the unique, God-given dignity of every single person.

Why not head to your local Catholic bookstore (Gatto Christian Shop / Rich Harvest) to collect a copy or order online.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Can you name the 12 Apostles?

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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: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Jer 20: 10-13 **Ps:** 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
2nd: Rom 5: 12-15 **Gospel:** Mt 10: 26-33

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 26:7,9*

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading *Exodus 19:2-6*

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3*

(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 5:6-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation *Mark 1:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 9:36 – 10:8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 26:4*

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 20 & 21 JUNE 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	BARRY FARRELL	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	HAILEY CORREIA LEWIS HERON JACOB CHEN	GRACE STEWART MATTEO REDOLATTI	AMANDA CHIA JOEY VILLEGAS MASON SIA	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS OLIVER & JACOB WONG
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	ADELE PARSONS	VERONICA AVERY	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEC	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YVONNE GARBIN ROSA WEST	ANGELA SCOTT MEGAN OH	PAUL SEARSON PAUL MENEZES	JACKIE WONG GLENDA BEUKES
EMOHC	CARLA CARDOSO STEVEN CLAY GERRI CLAY FRANCES MEYERKORT	MONICA ANDERSON ANGELA SCOTT JACQUIE HERON	LILI ORIFICI CARMEL RECHICHI MARGARET SANDFORD MARINA CICCARELLI	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI LINDA ROBERTSON YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARGARET HANDYSIDE
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –