WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 21 JUNE 2026

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

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**

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Applecross
Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month
Clare Farr 0406 973 595

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater that the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 24 JUN & 1 JUL — CFE COURSE: THE FAMILY @7.30PM-8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (2 SESSIONS TO GO)
- 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.

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.

VINNIES IS IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD DONATIONS.

Requests for food assistance has increased by 20% from last year due to the cost of living crisis. Our food pantry is looking rather sad, and we don't have enough to provide decent size food hampers. We see a lot of homeless people and families that simply can't manage with spiralling utility and food costs. If you are able to help, these items would be welcome: rice, milk, biscuits, pasta sauces, spreads, fish, tinned ham, UHT milk, tinned ham, hearty tinned soup like beef & vegetable, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc - nothing fancy, just normal products that we all use in our day to day lives. This would be a huge help to us.

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

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 — 18 July 2026 @6pm

A strong group of men from St Benedict's Parish attended the https://menalive.org.au/ Catholic Breakfast at the Duxton Hotel on 11 June.

We were especially proud to support our very own Bishop Nelson, who was the guest speaker for the morning.

Bishop Nelson shared insights from his spiritual journey, reflected on the joys and challenges of ministry, and engaged openly with questions from the floor.

The event drew around 200 attendees, including representatives from Catholic high schools and Notre Dame University, creating a vibrant atmosphere of faith, fraternity, and encouragement.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and uplifting morning, and a wonderful opportunity for our parish men to gather, connect, and be inspired.

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 only**.

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?

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

A report from Little Sisters of the Poor (LSP)

Total of **$4,505.70** was collected from our church during the weekend Masses on 30 & 31 May 2026. They are very grateful and pray for abundant blessings upon our parish.

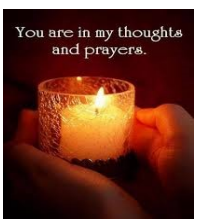
2026 PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

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: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

John Daniel Smith, Agnes Robinson, Andrew McDonald, Sean Gorman, Robert Atkinson, Beryl Kerman, Alan Stephens, Paul Murray, Betty Young, Thomas Jones and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

24 June – 1 July: The Family: a Place of Relational Love
Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm (2 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.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Join Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) in Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day in August 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'll never forget.

Expressions of Interest are NOW OPEN in the CYM Perth website via the QR code.

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.

Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

At one of last week's First Holy Communion Masses, a visitor asked me, "Where are your holy water fonts, Father?" Of course, you know where they are just inside the inner doors, but the question got me thinking about *why* we use holy water.

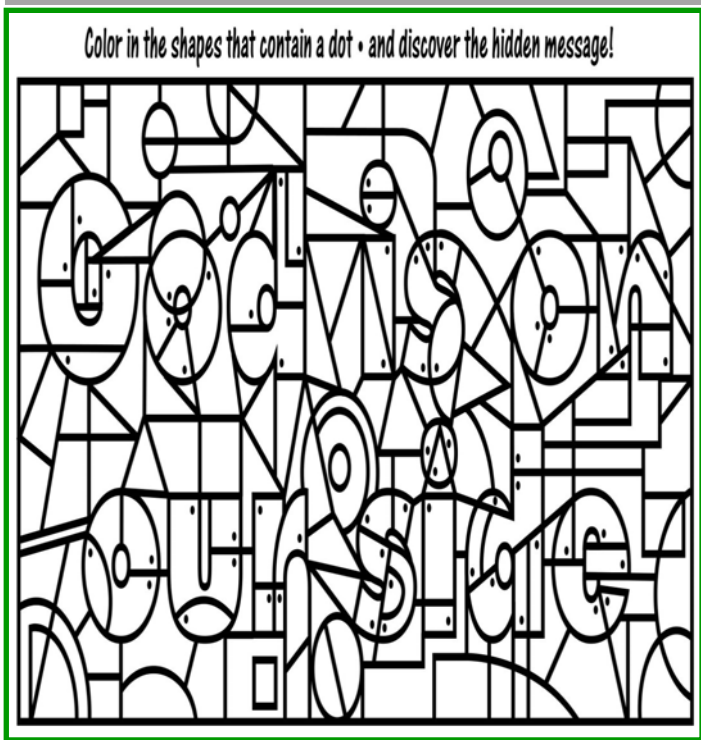
The roots of this tradition go deep—right back to Jesus' time. When devout Jews made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, they didn't just walk straight in. They first stopped at the *mikvaot*—dozens of rock-cut ritual baths clustered outside the Temple gates. Before ascending to pray, they would step down into the bath to ceremonially wash away ritual impurity and physically wash away the dust. Jesus and the disciples being devout Jews did this every time they visited too. As Catholics, our holy water fonts are a direct continuation of that tradition.

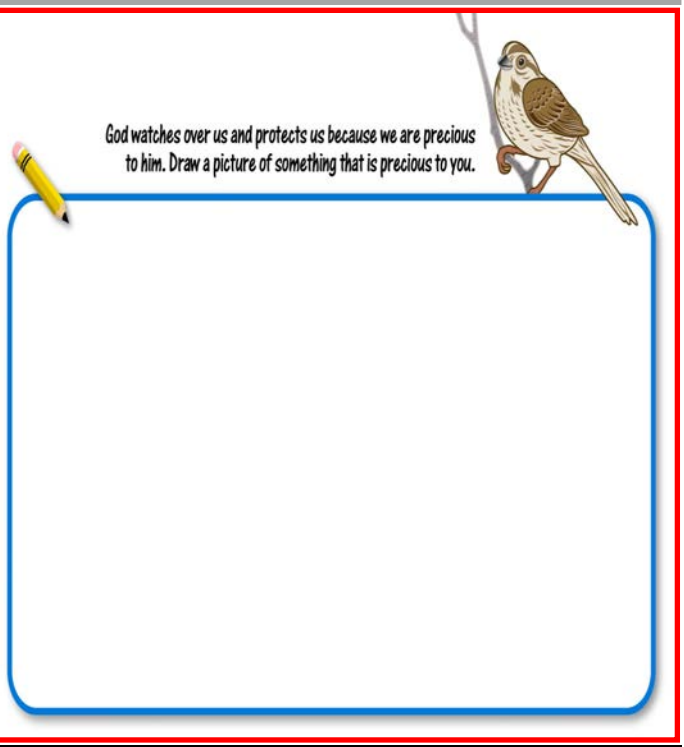
When we dip our fingers into the font and make the Sign of the Cross, it's much more than a routine habit. It is a "mini-baptism." It visually and physically reminds us of our own Baptism, when we were first claimed for Christ. It acts as a boundary line, helping us leave the noise of the secular world behind and cleanse our hearts as we prepare to enter the sacred space of the Mass. Used with a prayerful heart, this simple sacramental also washes away our venial sins.

Next time you pass the fonts, take a moment to appreciate that connection. And remember, you are always welcome to bring a small bottle and take some holy water home to bless your family and your domestic church! Just ask the acolyte to help you.

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: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: 2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16 **Ps:** 88: 2-3, 16-19
2nd: Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 **Gospel:** Mt 10: 37-42

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 27:8-9*

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14*

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 144:15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 27 & 28 JUNE 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	MIKE KILROE	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	DOMENICO, LEONARDO & ALESSANDRO DE FELICE	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	CHARMAINE VOGLER JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	SOFIE GABRIEL TYLER MORRIS GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	MARIA ARANDA	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	LEO REGO GERRI CLAY	RITA ILICH MONICA ANDERSON	GERARD DE SOUZA ANUSHIA SUPPIAH	KELVIN GRACE MAUREEN BRIGHT
EMOHC	KELLY DWYER YVONNE GARBIN ANNE ANDRIANI MICHELLE CARRICK	MEGAN DOWLING ANGELA SCOTT JACQUIE HERON	JUDY PHILLIPS TERESA LEECH MARGARET HANDYSIDE MOIRA BUNN	MARIA LISA HILL JILL NORTON COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGSTALL

ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT

PILGRIM STATUE: MARIBEL & HENRY VILLEGAS

COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA, SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —