# WELCOME

**ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH —** 28 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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## 13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

## GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

The gospel for today can be a difficult one to hear. It calls us to place our discipleship before our loyalty to family and even before our own life. It is important to place this passage in the broader context of not only the chapter in which it sits, but also within the gospel as a whole.

Today's passage appears at the conclusion of Chapter 10 in the Gospel of Matthew. The entire chapter deals with the commissioning and sending out of the disciples to 'proclaim the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.' (Mt 10:8) The previous chapter concludes with the words, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Mt 9:37-38) Chapter 10 is a response to this call. Jesus sends the disciples to 'work the harvest' through proclamation, healing and exorcism.
At the end of the chapter, having spelt out all the difficulties a disciple must face, Jesus assures them that even the smallest act of welcoming the disciple will be rewarded.

It's also important to understand that the Jewish audience of the Gospel of Matthew found themselves under increasing persecution and there was often division within families between those holding to orthodox Jewish beliefs and those following the new Christian way. For some early Christians, there was the very real choice to be made between following their faith and remaining loyal to family. The Gospel of Matthew repeatedly affirms Jesus as the promised Jewish messiah; as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy. For early followers of the Christian way, this difficult message about being a follower was in the context of an affirmation that the message of Jesus was deeply grounded in their Jewish faith.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### EVENTS

- 28 JUN — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 1 JUL — CFE COURSE: THE FAMILY @7.30PM-8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (LAST SESSION)
- 3 JUL — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 11 JUL — ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY MASS @7.30AM
- 11 JUL — ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY DINNER AFTER 6PM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- **18 JUL** — YOUTH MASS @6PM ***(DATE CHANGED)***

**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.

Welcome **Manuel Jusuf** who was baptised this weekend to our parish community of Saint Benedict's.

**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**

On behalf of the parish community, we extend our warmest congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their ***First Holy Communion*** over the past two weekends! It was a truly beautiful celebration, and we are incredibly proud of our young parishioners as they take this significant step in their faith journey. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who worked so hard to make these weekends so memorable. The liturgy was complemented with beautiful singing and stunning floral arrangements which brought warmth to the sacred space. We also extend our gratitude to the catechists, teachers, and families for preparing the children, and to everyone who contributed to artwork and photography studio which added a wonderful, personal touch to the occasion.

**1 July: The Family: a Place of Relational Love**
**Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm (last session), 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS**

The next First Friday Friends function on **3 July 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.

**Parish Extension Update – July 2026**

**We are pleased to share that the City of Melville has now granted Development Approval for our parish extension project. The builder will now proceed with the building licence application, with construction expected to begin mid–late August. The project is scheduled to take around 12 weeks, placing anticipated completion in late November. Further updates will be provided as we progress.**

**A report from Little Sisters of the Poor (LSP)**

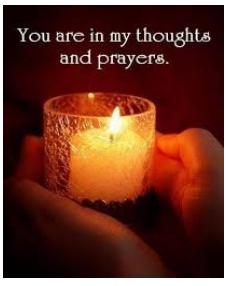
Total of **$4,505.70** was collected from our church during the weekend Masses on 30 & 31 May 2026. They are very grateful and pray for abundant blessings upon our parish.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Joan Croft

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Francis Hackett, Wencesla Tannady, Valerie Evans, Danny Kingdon, Rika Gomes, Joan Williams, Fr John O' Reilly, Edwin Dick, Alison Keane, Antoinette Laba, Brian Hackett, Bernice Monkhouse, Terrence Blair, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

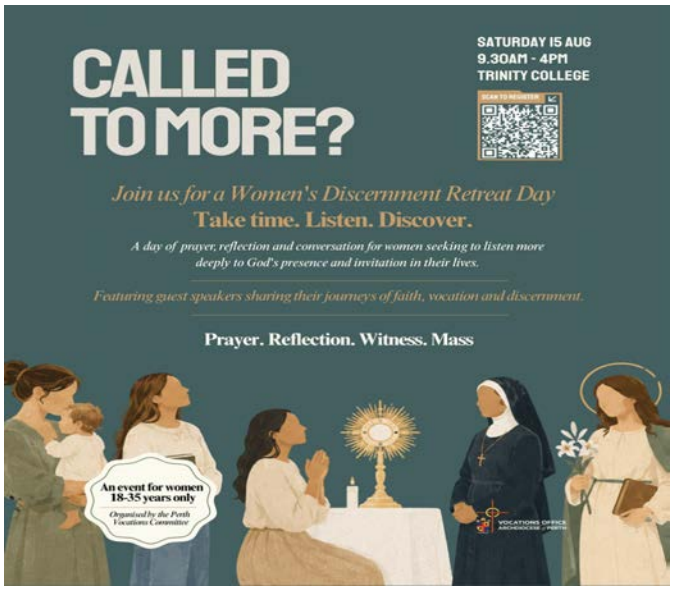


## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 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.



**Faith and the News: Reading the 'Signs of the Times'**

The theologian Karl Barth once remarked that the Christian is to read with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other—making sense of the signs of the times through the perennial truths of the Gospel. We as Christians interpret the events of our world through the lens of the Gospel. We know that the Gospel is called the 'Good News of Jesus Christ', did you know there is another good news in circulation? Here in Perth, *The Record* magazine helps us know what's happening.

Published four times a year by the Archdiocesan Communications Office, it's free and available.

THE RECORD MAGAZINE

Official Magazine for the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

There is also a *free weekly e-mail newsletter* from the same office which brings stories of hope, faith, and the "Good News" in action across Perth and around the Catholic world. You can subscribe by going to their website: www.therecord.com.au

Fr Joseph

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Complete the Text Maze:

"Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me."

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FINISH

Jesus says that by welcoming others, we will be rewarded. Draw a picture of yourself making someone feel welcome.

### 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: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**1st:** Zech 9: 9-10 **Ps:** 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**2nd:** Rom 8: 9, 11-13 **Gospel:** Mt 11: 25-30

## READINGS FOR THE DAY

### Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 46:2*

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

### First Reading *2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16*

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2*

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
   through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
   Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
   that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
   who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
   who find their joy every day in your name,
   who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
   it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
   for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
   our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

### Second Reading *Romans 6:3-4. 8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation *1 Peter 2:9*

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

### Gospel *Matthew 10:37-42*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 102:1*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 4 & 5 JULY 2026

| | SAT 6PM | SUN 7.30AM | SUN 9.30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| ACOLYTE | PIERRE SEQUEIRA | STEVEN ROBERTSON | TERRY MEO | KEN BOWNES |
| ALTAR SERVERS | REGINALDO CAMMARANO<br>JACOB WONG<br>HAILEY CORREIA | JERARD, JONAH &<br>JORDAN VINCENT | JOEY VILLEGAS<br>XAVIER SIA<br>AMANDA CHIA | VALERIE, RAPHAEL &<br>GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA |
| COMMENTATORS | ROSA WEST | MARIA ARANDA | TERRY BOLAND | MAUREEN BRIGHT |
| COLLECTORS | STEFANI CHEN<br>STEPHEN DONOVAN | JAMES GALVIN | PATRICK LEECH | JOE CINANNI<br>MARIA NARDONE<br>PAUL BELVISO |
| READERS | TONY RYAN<br>YVONNE GARBIN | GAY PULKER<br>MARK DE CRUZ | DANIEL BARIN<br>MOIRA BUNN | JACKIE WONG<br>CLARE COOMBES |
| EMOHC | MILDRED REGO<br>AYLMYR SEQUEIRA<br>KELLY DWYER<br>ANNE ANDRIANI | ANGELA SCOTT<br>JACQUIE HERON<br>MONICA ANDERSON | CARMEL RECHICHI<br>JUDY PHILLIPS<br>LILI ORIFICI<br>MARGARET HANDYSIDE | MARIA LISA HILL<br>DONNA ARTINGSTALL<br>JOE CINANNI<br>MAISIE CINANNI |

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| **ALTAR SOCIETY:** JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA | **PILGRIM STATUE:** SUSI SUSANTO |
| **COUNTERS:** HELEN OAKLEY, CONNIE & LOUIS BOVE, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS & JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI | **CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** — |