WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 12 JULY 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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15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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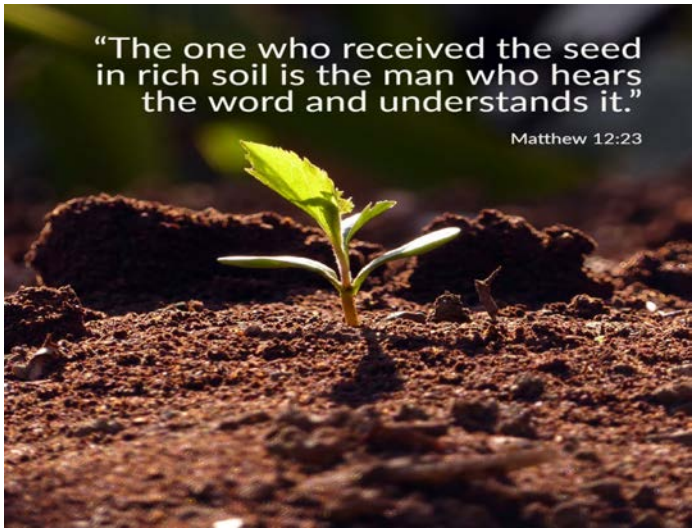

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Build My Life Bible Study/Prayer Group:
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PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:
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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 11 JUL — ST BENEDICT'S FEAST DAY DINNER AFTER 6PM MASS ***(PLEASE BRING A PLATE)***
- 12 JUL — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM
- **18 JUL** — YOUTH MASS @6PM ***(DATE CHANGED)***
- 23 JUL — ALPHA COURSE STARTS EVERY THURSDAY @ 6.30PM-8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 25 & 26 JUL — CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES, SATURDAY 25 JULY @6PM & SUNDAY 26 JULY @930AM

Welcome Gabriel Piamonte & Beau Tuke who were baptised this weekend into our parish community of St 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

PARISH 1ST COLLECTION

Please note that the BSB No is incorrect (BSB No of 086 066) for the new bank account details for **1st collection**.

Account Name: **1ST COLLECTION**

BSB: 086 006 (this is the correct BSB & not 066)

Account number: **763 105 222**

Ref: 1st Collection/name

ALPHA ...

Next course begins 23 July 2026

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

WHERE: @ St Benedict's Church

THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha - a chance to explore life's BIG questions in a fun, safe welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short movie and chat about our faith. We encourage open and honest conversations, about what you think, feel and believe. You can expect to laugh, connect and journey together with others.

WHERE: St Benedict's Parish Applecross, 115 Ardross Street - Albert Lynch Room

WHEN: starting Thursday 23/7/2026 @6.30-8.30pm

TO REGISTER: Call/text Steve or Jacquie OR add your name and phone number to sheet at back of church.

Contact Steve 0412 207 750 or Jacquie 0412 106 057 for more information alpha.org.au

Parish Extension Works – July to October 2026

Work on the parish extension will begin 20 July and continue through to 1 October, with the two ACROD bays near the flagpole fenced off for builder access and deliveries. Construction materials will be delivered to the front of the church and the ACROD bays used for this purpose from **Monday to Friday**.

All works during this period are external, and the Albert Lynch Room will remain accessible until the final stage of construction in September.

Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

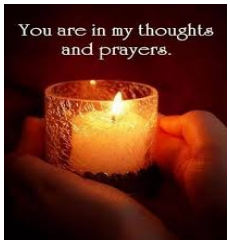
PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Valerie Fry - Funeral: Tuesday, 21 July 2026 @1pm

Joan Croft

ANNIVERSARIES:

Clementina Even, Noreen Rosario. Leo Johnson, Philip George, Marzia Cinanni, Nicola Odorisio, Evelyn Meyerkort, Alice Colgan 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.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15) is the theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly that will be celebrated on **Sunday 26 July** in conjunction with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Agencies, schools and parishes are encouraged to celebrate and give thanks for grandparents and the elderly who enrich our families, parishes and communities with their invaluable contributions of wisdom, faith, love and experience.

From the Pastor's Desk

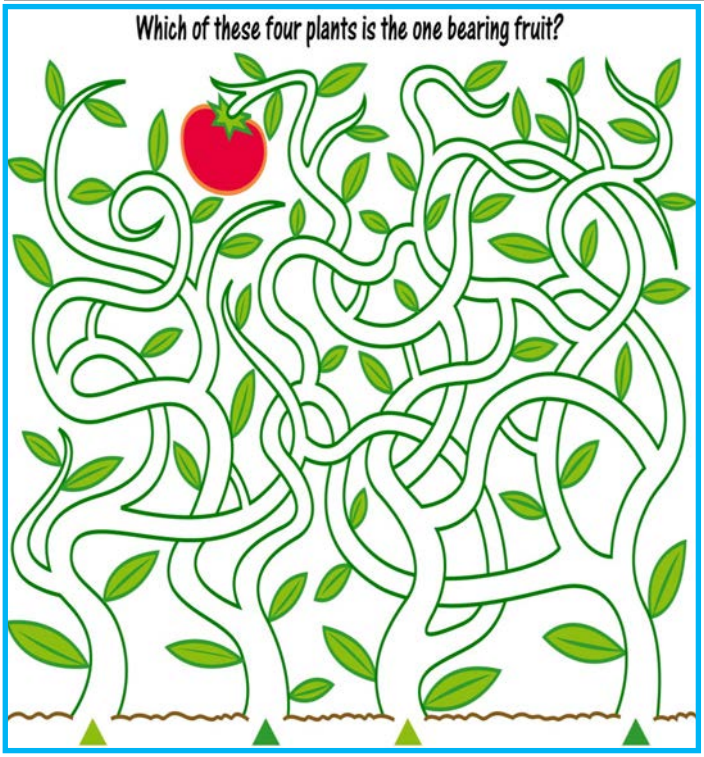
St Benedict: A Life of Radical Faith (With a Perth Connection)

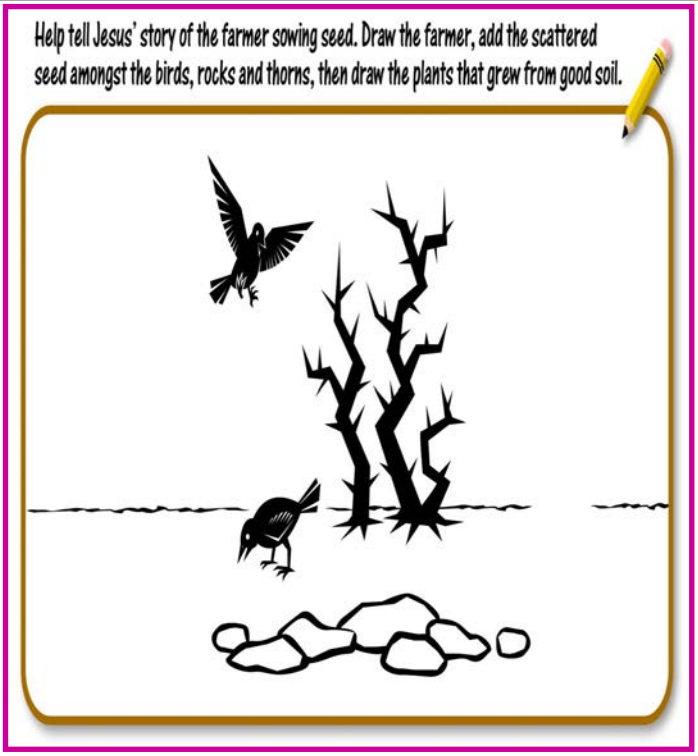
Back in the 6th century, a young Benedict fled the bustling city of Rome to focus entirely on a life of prayer, quiet contemplation, and simplicity. He ended up living as a hermit in a rugged mountain cave in a region called Subiaco, just outside the city. According to tradition, Benedict's holy way of life quickly attracted local followers. He went on to establish 12 monasteries in Italy and wrote his famous *Rule of St. Benedict*, which became the bedrock of Western monasticism for the next millennium. This monastic movement became a staple of European culture with monks copying ancient books, creating beautiful art, and even becoming Europe's very first master brewers of beer!

Fast forward thirteen centuries to Western Australia. When Benedictine monks arrived in Perth in the 1850s, they settled on a prominent hill overlooking the city (near where CEWA is today). In remembrance of the very birthplace of their order, they named the area Subiaco. Long before it became the home of WA football history and the bustling, latte-sipping precinct it is today, Subiaco was a quiet hill dedicated to prayer and work. So, next time you drive through Subiaco, remember St. Benedict and the ancient roots of faith planted right here in our own city!

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: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Wis 12: 13, 16-19 **Ps:** 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16

2nd: Rom 8: 26-27 **Gospel:** Mt 13: 24-43

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 16:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8*

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
   you fill it with riches.
   Your river in heaven brims over
   to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
   you drench its furrows,
   you level it, soften it with showers,
   you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
   Abundance flows in your steps,
   in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,
   the meadows covered with flocks,
   the valleys are decked with wheat.
   They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 8:18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:1-9* (**Shorter form**)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 83:4-5*

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 18 & 19 JULY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	ROD DOWLING	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	DOMENICO, LEONARDO & ALESSANDRO DE FELICE	JOEL DOWLING JORDAN VINCENT	LETICIA AVERY MASON SIA MATTHEW PRANATA	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX RIJKS SOFIE GABRIEL
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS	PATRICK LEECH	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON MEGAN OH	GIULIA HARRIS ANUSHIA SUPPIAH	MAISIE CINANNI ANDREA D'SOUZA
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	BRYAN LILLIS ANGELA SCOTT JACQUIE HERON	RUTH THORN TERESA LEECH CARMEL RECHICHI JUDY PHILLIPS	YULIANA VAN DER BURG KEVIN AUTON OSBORNE D'SOUZA JILL NORTON

ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** IONE & DESMOND COORAY
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ, GILLIAN COELHO	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —