WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 19 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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16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- **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
- 26 JUL — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 7 AUG — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS AT 11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM

Welcome Calihan Pickering, Orlando Caruso & Harry Sheldrick who were baptised recently & this weekend to our parish community of St Benedict's.

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.

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

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.

Thank you to those who have signed up. Last chance to register this week.

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

Thank you!
A big thank you to all of our parishioners who came to the St Benedict Annual Mass and Dinner on Saturday 11th July.
A special note of appreciation goes to the members of our Hospitality Committee—your hard work, planning, and dedication behind the scenes made this event possible. Thank you for your generous service to our parish family!

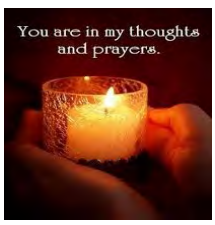
PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

Joan Croft

ANNIVERSARIES:

Barney Vanpraag, Patrick Reale, Frederick Fazey, Francis O'Connor, Bill Gaynor, Peter Twine 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.

Understanding the Papal Mandate: Ordination of Bishops

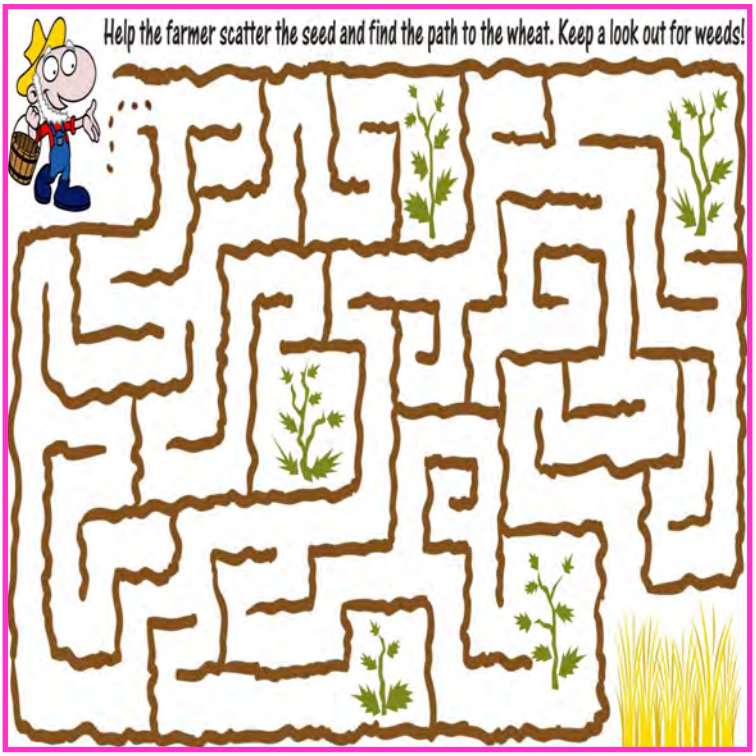
You may have seen news reports about four Catholic bishops ordained without the Pope's approval. The genesis of the ordination, complex in itself, stems from a group known as the Priestly Society of Pius X who defiantly ordained four bishops last week and were automatically, by that act, excommunicated from the Church. To understand why this is a serious matter, it helps to look at how a bishop is chosen. In the Catholic Church, a priest cannot simply be ordained a bishop on a whim. Because bishops are successors to the Apostles, they must be approved by the Pope to ensure the global Church remains united in faith, leadership and approved governance.

We saw an example of this proper process during Bishop Nelson's ordination in April. During the ceremony, Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Papal Nuncio (the Pope's ambassador), held up a special document called the Papal Mandate. This is the Pope's official, written authority allowing the ordination to go ahead. Showing it to the people proves that the new bishop is in direct, unbroken communion with Rome (You can see this on YouTube).

When ordinations happen without this mandate, it creates a painful fracture in that unity. It reminds us how much our leaders need our prayerful support. As we always do in our Prayers of the Faithful, lets continue to pray for Pope Leo as he navigates these challenges.

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: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 **Ps:** 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
2nd: Rom 8:28-30 **Gospel:** Mt 13:44-52

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 53:6,8*

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove
that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power
is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5*

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
   full of love to all who call.
   Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
   and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
   and glorify your name, O Lord:
   for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
   you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
   slow to anger, O Lord,
   abounding in love and truth,
   turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation *See Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30* (**Shorter form**)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 110:4-5*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 25 & 26 JULY 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN TYLER MORRIS JOSHUA TSIA	IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	GRACE STEWART AMANDA CHIA CHARMAINE VOGLER	SACHA AUTON ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	JACQUIE HERON	TERRY BOLAND	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	ADRIAN DARGIE	ROGER BUNN TERRY BOLAND	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	GERRI CLAY ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	MARIA ARANDA ANGELA SCOTT	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	JACKIE WONG KELVIN GRACE
EMOHC	MILDRED REGO PHIL TRUEMAN ROSA WEST EILEEN SELVARATMAN	MONICA ANDERSON CORNELIUS ITOTOH FRANCA ITOTOH	LILI ORIFICI MARGARET HANDYSIDE MARGARET SANDFORD MOIRA BUNN	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI KEVIN AUTON LINDA ROBERTSON

ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MAY ARNOLD
COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE & HELEN VESTER	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —