WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 26 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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17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 25 & 26 JUL — CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES, SATURDAY @6PM & SUNDAY @930AM
- 26 JUL — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 30 JUL — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @ 6.30PM -8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 7 AUG — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 14 & 15 AUG — THE ASSUMPTION: FRIDAY (VIGIL MASS) @7PM & SATURDAY MASS @7.30AM (SEE BELOW)

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.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Mass will be celebrated on
Friday 14 August (vigil mass) @7pm &
Saturday 15 August @7.30am
(Holy Day of Obligation)

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 — 7 August 2026 @6pm

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.

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

All couples celebrating a significant marriage milestone, together with their families, are warmly invited to attend the **Marriage Day Mass**. Married couples are invited to join the **10:00 AM Mass** at **St Mary's Cathedral** on **Saturday, 29 August 2026,** which will include a special blessing for families. Light refreshments will follow in the Cathedral Hall after the mass.

Registrations before 15 August 2026 are essential to receive a certificate. Please note that certificates will only be presented to couples from the Archdiocese of Perth celebrating significant anniversaries in 2026.

To register, follow the link: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1593147 or see our parish's notice board.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **7 August 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peg Brennan, Robin Sy Suan, Cora Keeley, Setiawan Barin 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 life-time 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.

2 AUG | ST CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH EVENT

Meet the saint who spoke your language.

Before social media influencers, there was **St Carlo Acutis** - a teenager who used his passion for technology to share the beauty of the Eucharist with the world. Now you have the opportunity to venerate his relics and discover why he continues to inspire millions of young people.

Sunday, 2 August 2026
St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Centre, Perth
2:30pm to 6:00pm *(5:00pm Youth Mass)*
Ages 12 to 30
Program:

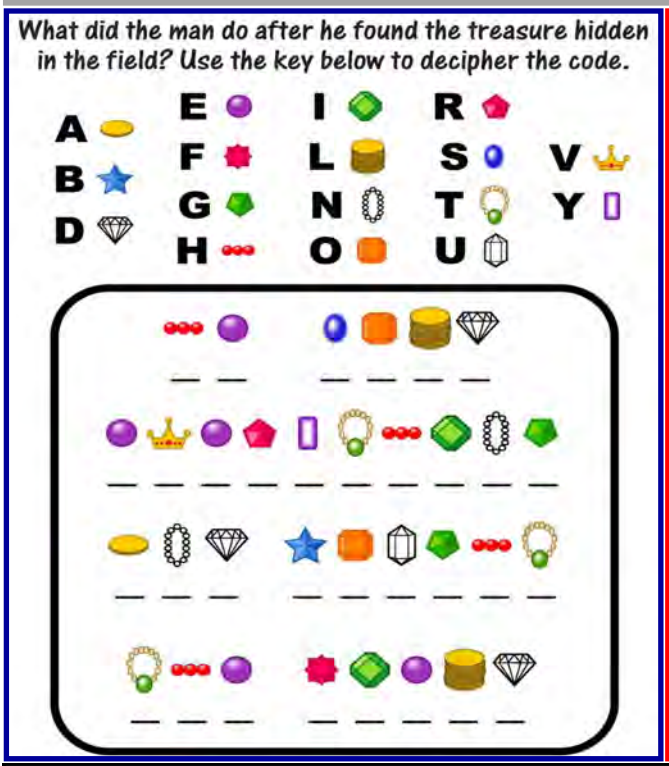
2:30pm – Veneration of the Relics & Exhibition
3:30pm – Inspiring talk by Kate Hobbs
5:00pm – Youth Mass with the Relics of St Carlo Acutis

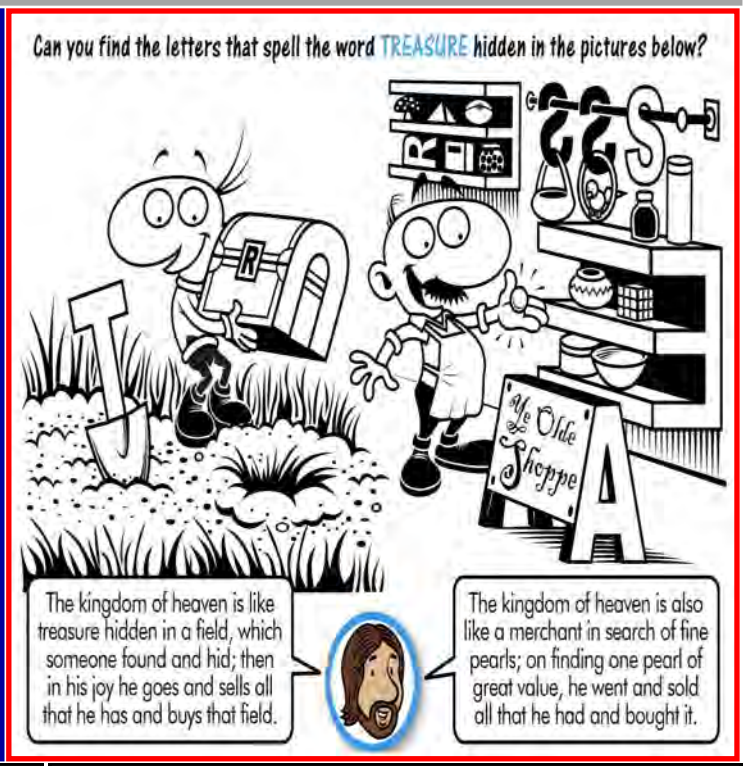
Known as **"God's Influencer,"** Carlo reminds us that holiness isn't just for the past - it's for today. Whether you're searching for purpose, growing in your faith, or simply curious about the first millennial saint, this is an afternoon you won't want to miss. Bring your friends and experience the life and legacy of a young person who proved that ordinary lives can become extraordinary with God.

St. John Henry Newman meditation (March 7, 1848)

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.
Somehow I am necessary for His purposes... I have a part in this great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling. Therefore I will trust Him.
Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain; He may prolong my life, He may shorten it; He knows what He is about.
He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers, He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me— still He knows what He is about....

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: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Is 55: 1-3 **Ps:** 144: 8-9, 15-18
2nd: Rom 8: 35, 37-39 **Gospel:** Mt 14: 13-21

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36*

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading *1 Kings 3:5.7-12*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97*

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
   is to obey your word.
   The law from your mouth means more to me
   than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
   by your promise to your servant.
   Let your love come to me and I shall live
   for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
   more than finest gold.
   That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
   I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
   therefore I obey it.
   The unfolding of your word gives light
   and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 8:28-30*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 102:2*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 1 & 2 AUGUST 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	STEVEN ROBERTSON	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	DHIVYEN MANNAR JAKE & LUKE GOLDING	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	JACKSON HANDCOCK DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	LORNA D'SOUZA	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
READERS	ROSA WEST EILEEN SELVARATNAM	GAY PULKER RITA ILICH	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL VINCI	MAUREEN BRIGHT KATRINA MCINNES
EMOHC	MICHELLE CARRICK YVONNE GARBIN STEFANI CHEN CARLA CARDOSO	BRYAN LILLIS ANGELA SCOTT JACQUIE HERON	MELISSA TROLIO TERESA LEECH CARMEL RECHICHI VOLUNTEER NEEDED	MARIA LISA HILL COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGSTALL YULIANA VAN DER BURG

ALTAR SOCIETY: AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** CARMEL & TONI RECHICHI
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —