WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 2 AUGUST 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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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Feeding of the Hungry Crowd

Note the disciples' reaction to the plight of the hungry crowd: 'Send the people away so that *they* can *buy*.' The disciples have gone for the fix which puts no responsibility on them. They are willing to entrust the hungry crowd to market forces. Those with money can eat: those without, can't. For the disciples, money and commerce are the answers to hunger.

Jesus rejects that solution. 'There is no need for them to go; *give* them something to eat yourselves.' The solution to the hunger of that crowd was to give generously what little the disciples had. What they could have kept for themselves was to become gift. Once the disciples were in Jesus' frame of mind, the hunger of the crowd was satisfied. How did this come about? The answer lay in human cooperation with the impulse of Divine generosity which knows no limits. The story simply says that Jesus blessed and broke the loaves 'and handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowd.' Jesus depended on the disciples to obey him: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'.

Jesus still looks with gut-wrenching compassion on those who are hungry in our own society and throughout the world. If we answer that market forces will suffice, Jesus will reject our answer as decisively as he rejected the answer of his earliest disciples. We have to take responsibility to share what we have, to be generous with what we have. After all, Jesus, Our Lord and Master, *commands* us: 'Give them something to eat yourselves'. Note how Jesus blessed those loaves and broke them before they were distributed, which reminds us of the words of Pedro Arrupe, former General of the Jesuits, 'Eucharist will never be complete so long as people still go hungry in the world.'

We could pause for a moment at Mass to ask: Who are those hungry people crowding in on us, and then pray that we may respond to them as our Lord commanded, so that the hungers of the crowd, and our hunger to really follow our Lord, *will be satisfied*.

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PARISH NOTICES

- 6 AUG — 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
- 8 AUG — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 9 AUG—PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM (ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON & MARY ALVARO)
- 14 & 15 AUG — THE ASSUMPTION: FRIDAY (VIGIL MASS) @7PM & SATURDAY MASS @7.30AM (SEE BELOW)
- 22 & 30 AUG — CONFIRMATION MASSES BY BISHOP NELSON PO, SAT 22/8 @2PM & SUN 30/8 @2PM
- 28 AUG — SENIOR LUNCH @11AM

Parish Albert Lynch Room Extension Works

If you would like to make a contribution to this project:

Account Name: **Applecross Parish**
BSB: **086 006**
Account No: **450 486 124**
Ref: **Extension AL/Name**

Thank you for your generosity and to all who have donated so far.

- Parish Council & Finance Committee

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 — 8 August 2026 @6pm

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.

GRATITUDE

A huge thank you to the parishioners of Applecross for the wonderful donation of food and funds for those in our area who are doing it tough. The cold of winter always brings new pressures on families as they juggle putting food on the table with keeping home and children warm. Vinnies provides help including food, warm clothes and help with utilities, and we cannot do this and help so many people without your continued support. We want you to know we are extremely grateful for your ongoing generosity.
- The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

PLANNED GIVING (2ND COLLECTION):
Parish income for the year ended 30/6/26 was 103% of the annual budgeted income.
Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the Parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edith Pix, Petronella Vermeulem, David Casey, Raymond Bowl, John Williams, John O'Leary, Jemma Blet and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

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.

Upcoming Marian Solemnity: Not an ordinary assumption

On August 15th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Here at St Benedict's parish we will celebrate the occasion with both a Vigil Mass on Friday at 7pm and a Saturday Mass-of-the-Day at 7.30am. This ancient feast commemorates the dogma that Mary, having reached the end of her life, was taken body and soul into heaven.

Far from being an isolated privilege reserved only for the Mother of God, Mary's Assumption is a joyful sign of hope for each of us. In salvation history, Mary stands as the premier disciple. Just as her Son Jesus ascended into heaven in His glorified body, Mary's bodily assumption serves as a direct preview of our ultimate destiny: the resurrection of the dead that we proclaim every Sunday in the Apostles' Creed.

Historically, this feast was defined in 1950, when Pope Pius XII, by pointing to Mary's glorified body in heaven, reminded humanity that our physical selves are not disposable shells but sacred creations destined for eternity. That is our hope!

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.

How many words can you make from the letters in LOAVES AND FISH ?

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: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: I Kgs 19: 9, 11-13 **Ps:** 84: 9-14

2nd: Rom 9: 1-5 **Gospel:** Mt 14: 22-33

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 69:2,6*

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading *Isaiah 55:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16*

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 8:35. 37-39*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon *Wisdom 16:20*

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 8 & 9 AUGUST 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO JACOB CHEN DARSHYN MANNAR	MATTEO REDOLATTI ESEOSE & IHINOSEN ITOTOH	MASON SIA CHARMAINE VOGLER MATTHEW PRANATA	SACHA AUTON KATHERINE WIBAWA TAYAHNA PRETORIUS
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS MARK DE CRUZ	ANUSHIA SUPPIAH PAUL MENEZES	CARMEL COSTIN CLARE COOMBES
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON CORNELIUS ITOTOH FRANCA ITOTOH	JUDY PHILLIPS LILI ORIFICI MARGARET HANDYSIDE MARGARET SANDFORD	JILL NORTON JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI KEVIN AUTON

ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI

PILGRIM STATUE: ROBERT & JACQUIE HERON

COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG,

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —