WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 23 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 fortnightly on Tuesday @11am (boardroom)
Clare Farr 0406 973 595

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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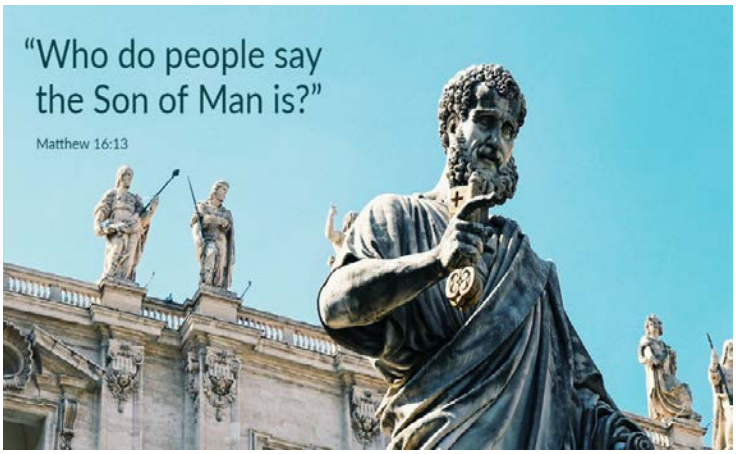

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 22 AUG— CONFIRMATION MASS BY BISHOP NELSON PO @2PM (**THIS MASS IS NOT CONSIDERED A SUNDAY MASS, PARISHIONERS NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE USUAL SUNDAY MASSES)**
- 26 AUG — COMUNNION SERVICE @7AM (NOT MASS)
- 27 AUG — COMUNION SERVICE @9AM (NOT MASS) & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 27 AUG — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @6.30PM -8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 28 AUG — SENIOR LUNCH @11AM
- 29-30 AUG — CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL WEEK (ALL MASSES)
- 30 AUG — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- 30 AUG — CONFIRMATION MASS BY BISHOP NELSON PO @2PM (**THIS MASS IS NOT CONSIDERED A SUNDAY MASS, PARISHIONERS NEED TO ATTEND ONE OF THE USUAL SUNDAY MASSES)**

Fr Joseph will be away on annual leave for the next two weeks. Please welcome our visiting priests to our parish community.

ASSIGNED CELEBRANT ROSTER - 22/8/26 TO 2/9/26

DATE	DAY	TIME	ASSIGNED CELEBRANT
22/08/2026	Saturday	6pm	Fr Peter Tran
23/08/2026	Sunday	7.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		9.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		6pm	Fr Patrick Lim
25/08/2026	Tuesday	9am	Fr Navis or Fr Bebin
26/08/2026	Wednesday	7am	Communion Service
27/08/2026	Thursday	9am	Communion Service
28/08/2026	Friday	7am	Fr Navis or Fr Bebin
29/08/2026	Saturday	7.30am	Fr Patrick Lim
		6pm	Fr Peter Tran
30/08/2026	Sunday	7.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		9.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		6pm	Fr Patrick Lim
1/09/2026	Tuesday	9am	Fr Patrick Lim
2/09/2026	Wednesday	7am	Fr Patrick Lim

Welcome to the **McRobb children: Hudson, Fletcher and Emily,** who were baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict.

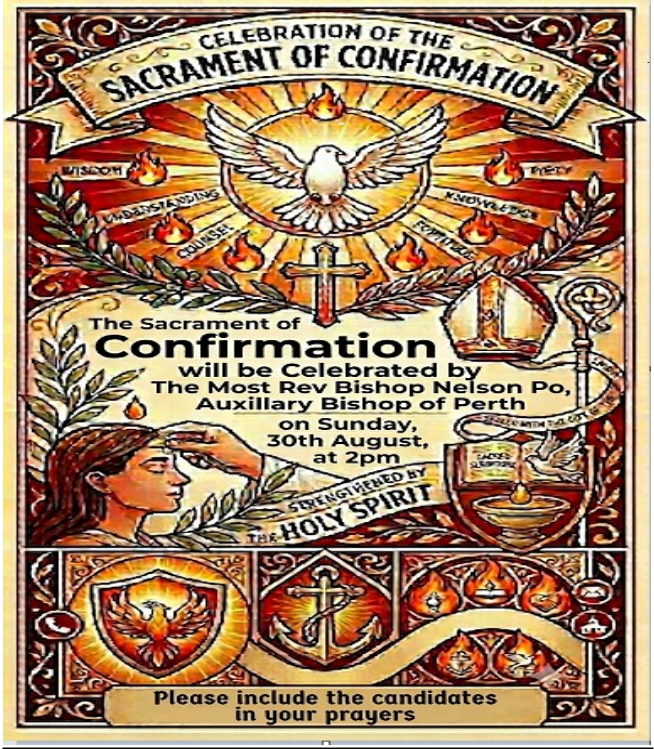
PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Brett Robertson and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 12 September 2026 @6pm



ANNUAL ST BENEDICT'S SENIORS' LUNCH
FRIDAY 28/8/26 @11AM

The RSVP of the above lunch is closed early as the maximum number of people has been achieved. Thank you to all parishioners who have registered. Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Last Saturday Vigil Mass Choir – Musicians & Singers Needed

Do you enjoy music and singing?

We are inviting parishioners of all ages to form and join a small music ministry for the **Last Saturday Vigil Mass (6pm)** each month.

We are looking for a pianist or guitarist, singers, and a volunteer to operate the PowerPoint.

This is only a once-a-month commitment on the last week-end and a wonderful way to support our parish community.

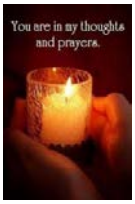
For more information, please **message Alfonso on 0428 438 710** or contact the **Parish Office on 9364 1120**. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariannina Papiccio

ANNIVERSARIES:

Fr Albert E. Lynch, Margaret West, Mavis Johnson, Catherine Phillips, Dr Noel Becker, Phyllis Shelton, Helen O'Leary, Patricia Marrable, Esther Fitzpatrick, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

29 - 30 AUG | PATER NOSTER MASSIVE BOOK SALE

The Pater Noster Catholic Church community invites you to their Massive Book Sale. All books are only $2.00! In addition to the books you'll find CDs, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, a Cake and Craft Stall, bric-a-brac, vintage collectibles and a giant raffle. Tea, coffee and snacks are available for a gold coin donation. **9.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 29 August** and **9.00am to 3.00pm on Sunday 30 August on the corner of Marmion and Evershed Streets in Myaree.**

12 SEP| UNDERSTANDING CHANGE, LOSS AND GRIEF SEMINAR

'Understanding Change, Loss and Grief' is a 3-hour seminar for people with an interest in learning about what grief is, its potential triggers and impacts, as well as strategies to manage it and move forward. **Starts 9:30 am to 1pm**, with morning tea provided. **Cost: $ 16** for the *Seasons of Growth: Understanding Change, Loss and Grief* workbook. For more information contact Catholic Outreach on (08) 9422 7920 or outreach@perthcatholic.org.au. Register by 10 September.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

Caritas Australia is urging Australians not to forget the people of Ukraine. In 2026, more than 12 million Ukrainian people will require humanitarian assistance including emergency shelter, water, food, money and psychosocial support. To learn more or to make a Donation, visit Donate to Ukraine | Support Ukraine Charity.

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING
(in person)

At St Vincent's, 114 Parmelia Ave, Kwinana

- **Tuesday, 29 September 2026 @5.30pm-6.30pm,**
- **Tuesday, 13 October 2026 @10.30am-11.30am,**

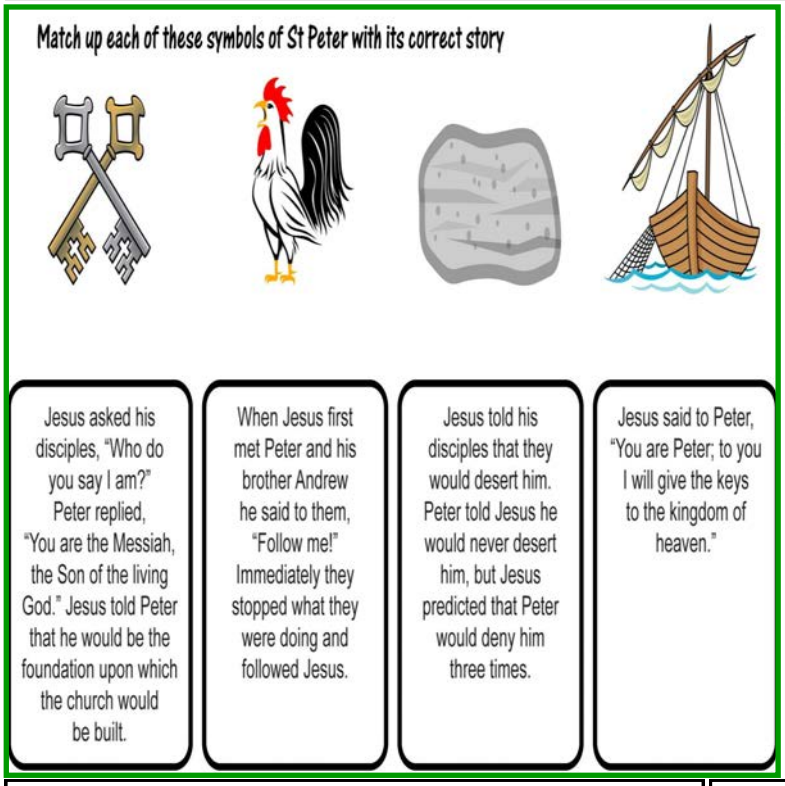
To register **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction**. *Further info:* **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or 08 9221 7762.

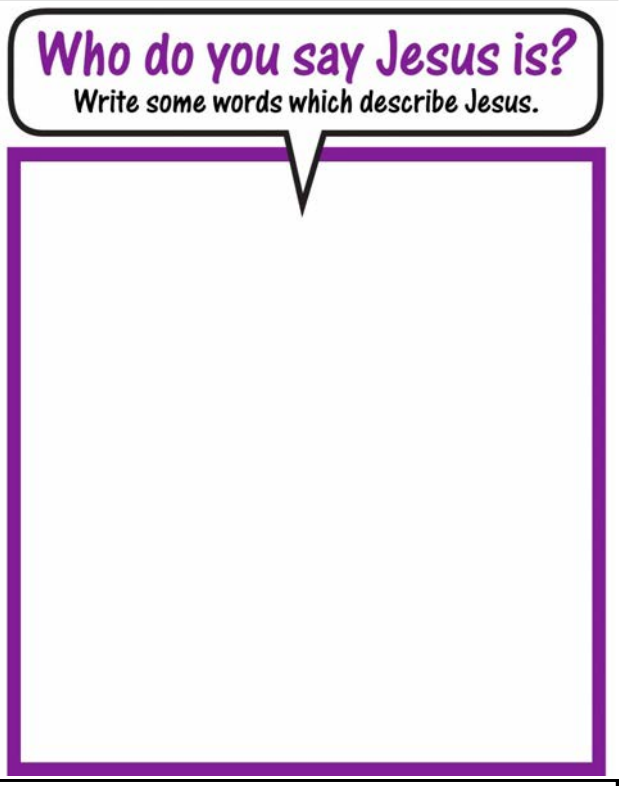
World Youth Day Bigger than the Olympics

Preparations are in full swing for World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, where Pope Leo XIV is expected to join young Catholics from around the world for the second World Youth Day ever held in Asia. The 3 to 8 August 2027 gathering comes more than three decades after the first World Youth Day in Asia, which drew 4 – 5 million people to Manila with St John Paul II in 1995, setting a Guinness World Record for largest attendance at a papal event at the time. With one year remaining before the massive international Catholic youth festival, organisers say planning has intensified. Representatives from the Vatican's Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life visited South Korea in July to review preparations and meet with bishops from dioceses that will host pilgrims in the diocesan days before the main event. Before arriving in the South Korean capital, international pilgrims will have the option to take part in the traditional Days in the Diocese from 29 July to 2 August, staying with local communities in 15 dioceses across the country while experiencing the faith, culture, and traditions of the Catholic Church in Korea. While World Youth Day is primarily intended for young people ages 14 – 30, all who wish to participate are welcome, organisers say. The theme of the event is *Take courage, I have conquered the world* (John 16:33)

By Courtney Mares

CHILDREN'S CORNER





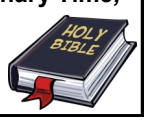
Church/School Parking – Reminder

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: 22th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Jer 20: 7-9 **Ps:** 62: 2-6, 8-9

2nd: Rom 12: 1-2 **Gospel:** Mt 16: 21-27



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 85:1-3*

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading *Isaiah 22:19-23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 11:33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 16:18*

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:13-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 103:13-15*

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 29 & 30 AUGUST 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN REGINALDO CAMMARANO LEWIS HERON	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	MASON SIA AMANDA CHIA LETICIA AVERY	VALERIE, RAPHAEL & GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	EILEEN SELVARATNAM	MARIA ARANDA	PATRICK LEECH	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	GERRI CLAY MILDRED REGO	MARK DE CRUZ MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	CARMEL COSTIN KATRINA MCINNES
EMOHC	CARLA CARDOSO ANNE ANDRIANI KELLY DWYER EILEEN SELVARATNAM	TINA CAMMARANO BRYAN LILLIS ANGELA SCOTT	MARGARET SANDFORD TERESA LEECH MELISSA TROLIO **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**	KEVIN AUTON LINDA ROBERTSON YULIANA VAN DER BURG DONNA ARTINGSTALL

ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** RASHANTHI WANIGASEKERA
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —