WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 30 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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22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 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)**
- 3 SEP — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @6.30PM-8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 4 SEP — ANOINTING OF THE SICK SERVICE @8.15AM AFTER BENEDICTION
- 4 SEP — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (A TALK ON MELSAFE)
- 5 SEP — BUSY BEES @8AM-11AM (CLEANING THE GLASS DOORS & WINDOWS)

ASSIGNED CELEBRANT ROSTER - 29/8/26 TO 2/9/26

DATE	DAY	TIME	ASSIGNED CELEBRANT
29/08/2026	Saturday	7.30am 6pm	Fr Patrick Lim Fr Peter Tran
30/08/2026	Sunday	7.30am 9.30am 6pm	Fr Robert Carillo Fr Robert Carillo Fr Patrick Lim
1/09/2026 2/09/2026	Tuesday Wednesday	9am 7am	Fr Patrick Lim Fr Patrick Lim

The Ecumenical Fellowship Dinner is on again at St David's Anglican Church on Bombard Street, Ardross in aid of the **Youthcare Applecross/ Melville School Chaplaincy** on **Friday 6 November at 6pm**.
We are looking to make up a table of eight and if you would like tickets they are available from Maureen Bright on 041 831 357 at a cost of $40 each.
Our parish has always supported this worthwhile cause and if you are not available on this date Youthcare would appreciate a donation towards its valuable work.

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, Harsono Setiawan, Steven Robertson, Lisa Bailey, Lenna Hosseini, Judith Chan, Grisel Noronha, Brett Williams, and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 12 September 2026 @6pm

Thank you!
A big thank you to our seniors who came to the St Benedict's Annual Seniors' Lunch on Friday 28 August.
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.
Also, a big thank you to the parishioners who contributed towards the food for 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 weekend 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:

Marina Gavin, Tom Gollop, Ian Crawford, Fr Charles O'Malley, Paula Perrott, Bill Back, Eric Walsh, Alison Williams, Frances Sporer , and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

THIS WEEKEND's Catholic Mission Appeal invites you to partner with missionaries in **Malawi** to support families rebuilding after devastating floods, and to help children access education close to home. Through projects like **St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School**, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. Your gift will also assist other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or by visiting **catholicmission.org.au/united**. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at **director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au** to explore the possibilities.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Talk from City of Melville on Melsafe

The next First Friday Friends gathering on **Friday 4 September at Albert Lynch room** will host a talk from staff at the **City of Melville on Melsafe**, the City's integrated community safety service including home security, vehicle security, security while you're at home, security while you're out and about, emergency awareness and planning and scams and online safety. This will be from 11am until noon followed by our usual lunch. Any questions just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357. If you are coming, please ensure that you arrive before 11am so that we can start on time.

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.

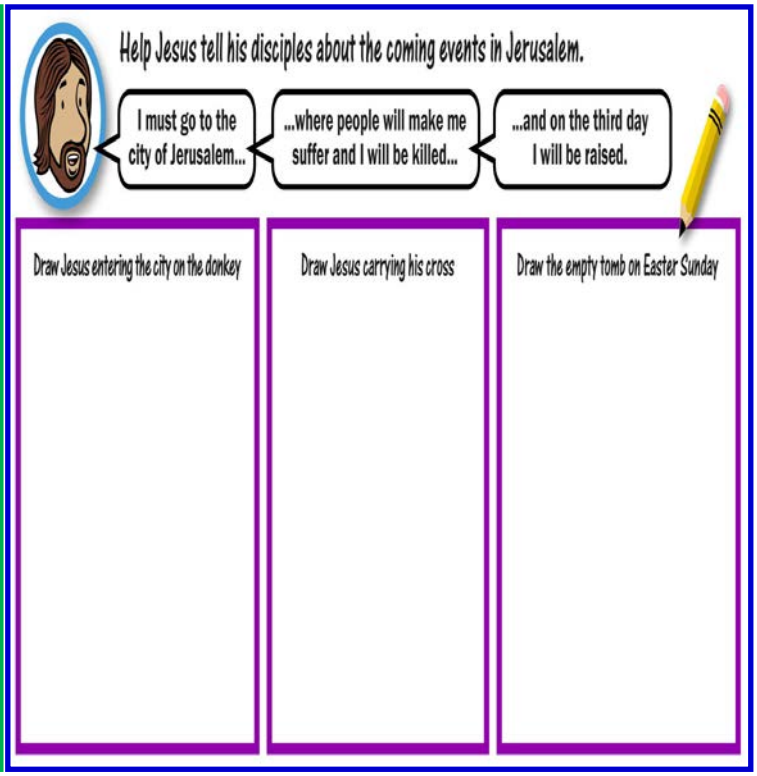
Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

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



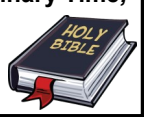
Church/School Parking – Reminder

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: 23nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Ezek 33: 7-9 **Ps:** 94: 1-2, 6-9

2nd: Rom 13: 8-10 **Gospel:** Mt 18: 15-20



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 85:3,5*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2*

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 12:1-2*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation *See Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 16:21-27*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 30:20*

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	JAKE & LUKE GOLDING DARSHYN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART ESEOSE & IHINOSEN ITOTOH	JACKSON HANDCOCK JOEY VILLEGAS MATTHEW PRANATA	KATHERINE WIBAWA OLAF RIJKS SOFIE GABRIEL
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	MEGAN OH	VERONICA AVERY	KATRINA MCINNES
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** PAUL BELVISO
COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE & HELEN VESTER	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —