WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 6 SEPTEMBER 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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23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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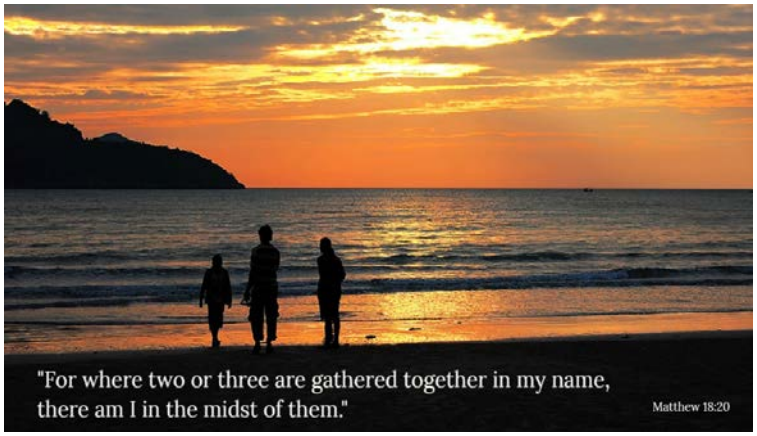

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Meet second Tuesday @7pm in St Benedict's School staff room. Steve Clay — 0421 207 750

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:
Marina Ciccarelli,
Phil Trueman &
Meagan Xanthis.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 10 SEP — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @6.30PM -8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 12 SEP — DAY FOR GIRLS @9AM TO 3PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM & FOYER
- 12 SEP — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 13 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: VANESSA KILROE & CHRISTIE STIPINOVICH)
- 13 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, HOSTED BY ST VINNIES - APPLECROSS
- 19 SEP — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM, FOLLOWED BY SUPPER (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)

Welcome to *the* ***Crooke children: Adelaide, Alaini and Miles*** who were baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict.

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.

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, Sooi Chay, Cristine Pittorini, and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*

YOUTH CORNER

12 Sep 2026 - Youth Mass @6pm

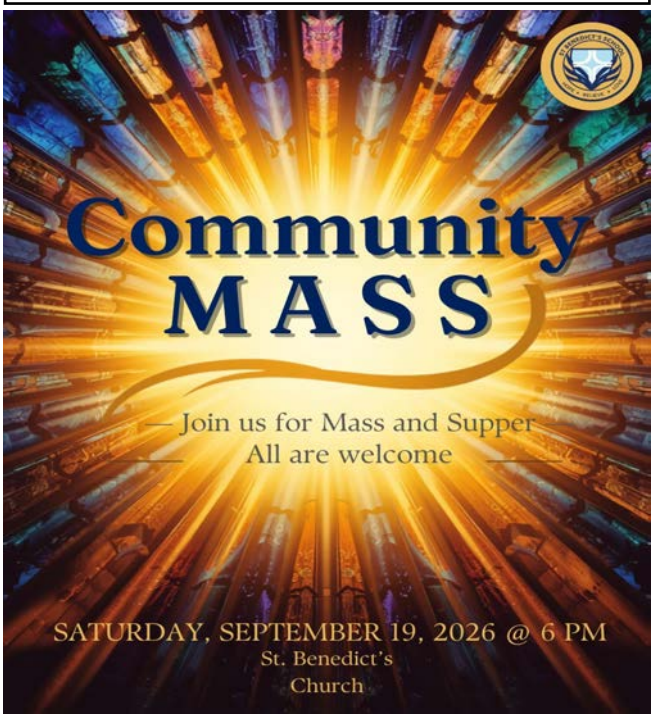
12-13 Sep - WYD Presentation by our Youth Group

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.

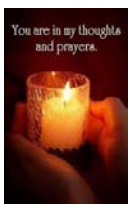


PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mariannina Papiccio

ANNIVERSARIES:

Therese Arnold, Anne Graffin, Alec Lynch, Giuseppe Zoccoli, Patrice Wringe, Roberto Lo Presti, Bill Botman, Ernest Court, Winnie D'Mello, Michael Gavin, Cyril De Cruz, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



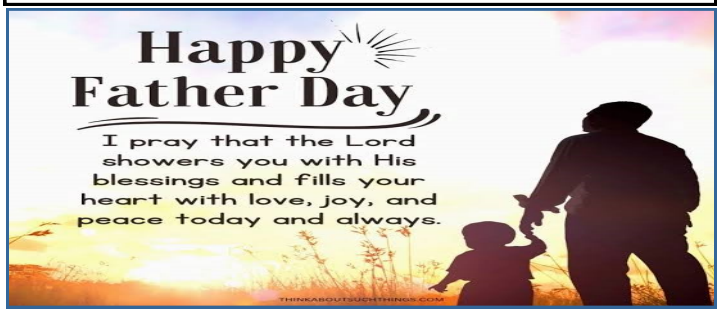
THANK YOU for your prayers and generous response to this year's **Catholic Mission Appeal**. Your donations will support families in Malawi to rebuild after devastating floods, and help children access education close to home. Through projects like **St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School**, our missionary 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. If you have missed the opportunity to support this missionary work, please visit catholicmission.org.au/united and make a donation. 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.

FIRE WEEKEND PERTH 2026

The Disciples of Jesus Perth Young Adults is inviting people ages 18-35 to the **Fire Weekend Perth.** It is a weekend to have a personal encounter with God and meet others to grow community and faith. Faith, fun, friendship and food.

Dates: Friday 11th - Sunday 13th of September 2026 (arrive at 5pm)
Location: Advent Park, 345 Kalamunda Rd, Maida Vale WA 6057
Cost: $170

To register: **http://form.jotform.com/262168954025057**

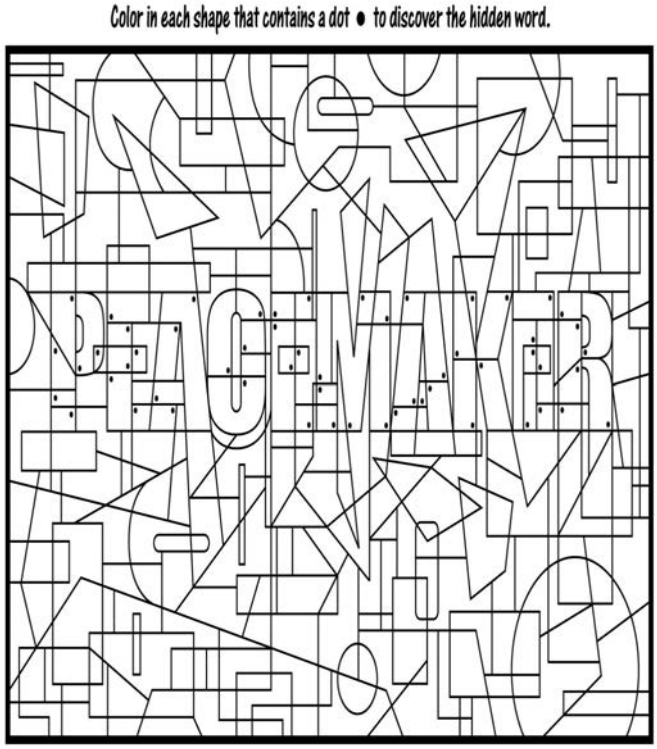


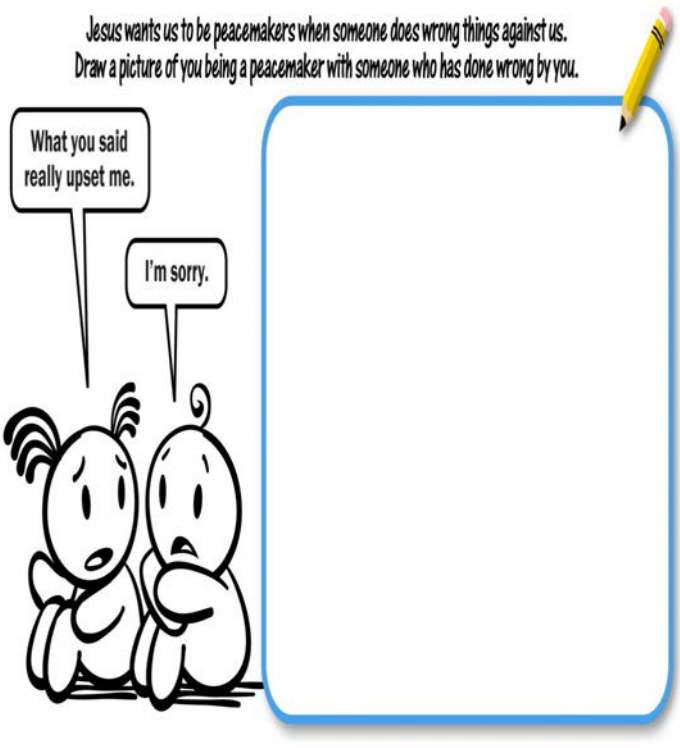
At St Benedict's, Applecross, we give thanks for fathers and father figures whose love, guidance, and presence help shape the lives of children. Research consistently shows that an engaged father can have a profound impact on a child's development. Children with involved fathers are more likely to do well at school, develop healthy self-esteem, and avoid behavioural problems and substance abuse later in life. Studies have also found that children whose fathers take an active role in family life tend to achieve better academic outcomes and experience greater emotional wellbeing. While no father is perfect, a father's steady presence provides children with security, encouragement, and a model of love, responsibility, and sacrifice. Through everyday moments, from conversations at the dinner table to support during life's challenges, fathers help children understand their worth and build confidence for the future.

As Christians, our appreciation for fatherhood is deepened by our faith. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father," reminding us that God's fatherly love is at the heart of the Gospel. God the Father is the source of all love, protection, wisdom, and mercy. Earthly fathers are called to the noble task to reflect something of that divine love, helping their children come to know that they are cherished not only by their families, but by God Himself. This weekend at St Benedict's we give thanks for all fathers and bless them in their pivotal vocation.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER



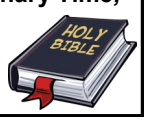


Church/School Parking – Reminder

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: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7 **Ps:** 102: 1-4, 9-12
2nd: Rom 14: 7-9 **Gospel:** Mt 18: 21-35



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 118:137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8*

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:15 - 20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 41:2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	ROD DOWLING	TERRY MEO	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	TYLER MORRIS JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JOEL DOWLING MATTEO REDOLATTI	XAVIER SIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON	PATRICK LEECH	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH MONICA ANDERSON	NICOLE PARKER TERRY BOLAND	MAISIE CINANNI CLARE COOMBES
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	TINA CAMMARANO CORNELIUS ITOTOH FRANCA ITOTOH	MARGARET HANDYSIDE MARGARET SANDFORD TERESA LEECH MELISSA TROLIO	KEVIN AUTON LINDA ROBERTSON COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGSTALL

ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARGARET LYONS
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —