WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 13 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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24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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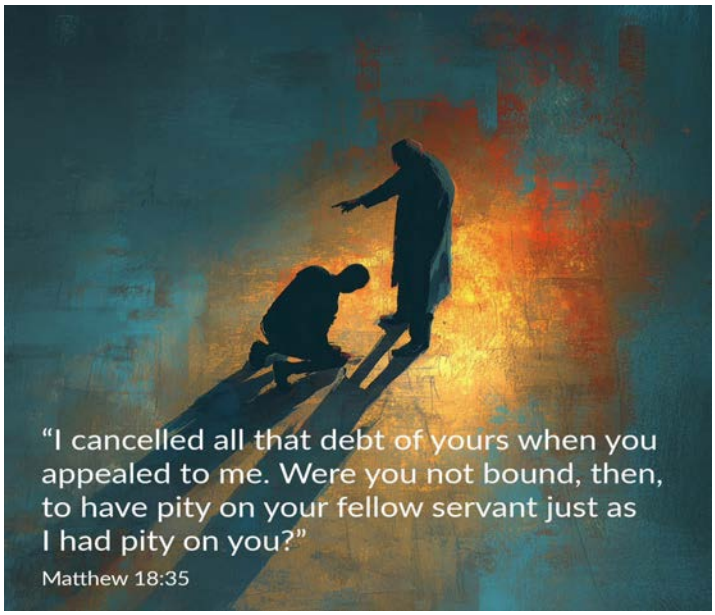

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Meagan Xanthis.

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PARISH NOTICES

- 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
- 17 SEP — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @6.30PM -8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM FOR 11 WEEKS TO 1 OCTOBER 2026
- 19 SEP — COMMUNITY MASS @6PM, FOLLOWED BY SUPPER (THEME: INDIAN), PLEASE BRING A PLATE
- 26-27 SEP — CWL'S ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS SALE AT ALL MASSES ON THESE WEEENDS
- 27 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a dedicated time during Saturday/ Sunday Mass when children leave the main assembly to hear and explore the day's Scripture readings at an age-appropriate level.

If you are interested in joining the catechists team to provide this liturgy for the children, please contact our parish by email applecross@perthcatholic.org.au or call on 08 9364 1120.

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.

Welcome to ***Daisy Dee George*** who was baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict's.

ASSIGNED CELEBRANT - 14/9/26 TO 24/9/26

DATE	DAY	TIME	ASSIGNED CELEBRANT
14/09/2026	Monday	7am	Communion Service
15/09/2026	Tuesday	9am	Fr Peter Black
16/09/2026	Wednesday	7am	Fr Patrick Lim
17/09/2026	Thursday	9am	Fr Peter Black
18/09/2026	Friday	7am	Fr Patrick Lim
19/09/2026	Saturday	7.30am	Fr Patrick Lim
		6pm	Fr Patrick Lim
20/09/2026	Sunday	7.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		9.30am	Fr Robert Carillo
		6pm	Fr Patrick Lim
21/09/2026	Monday	7am	Communion Service
22/09/2026	Tuesday	9am	Fr Patrick Lim
23/09/2026	Wednesday	7am	Fr Peter Black
24/09/2026	Thursday	9am	Fr Patrick Lim

PRAY FOR THE SICK

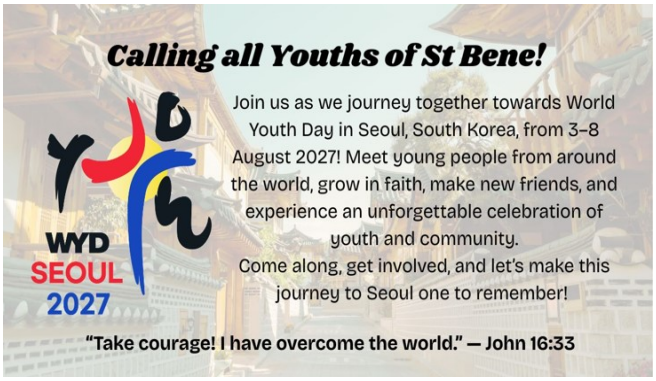
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

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

Youth Mass — 12 September 2026 @6pm

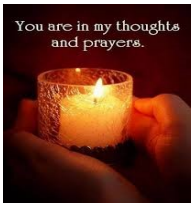
If parishioners could contribute to the supper, please bring something that complements the theme of INDIAN.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Doris Josephine Allen, Peter Segoro, Lois Lee T Miller.

ANNIVERSARIES:



Laurie Townsend, Phillip Dally, Estelle Lombardo, Adele Sangster, Jake Heron, Elizabeth Townsend, Anna Reale, Aloysius D'Rosario, Roger Murphy, Bryan Stokes, John Wilson, Norah Hanrahan, Stephen Court, Antonio Lua She, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

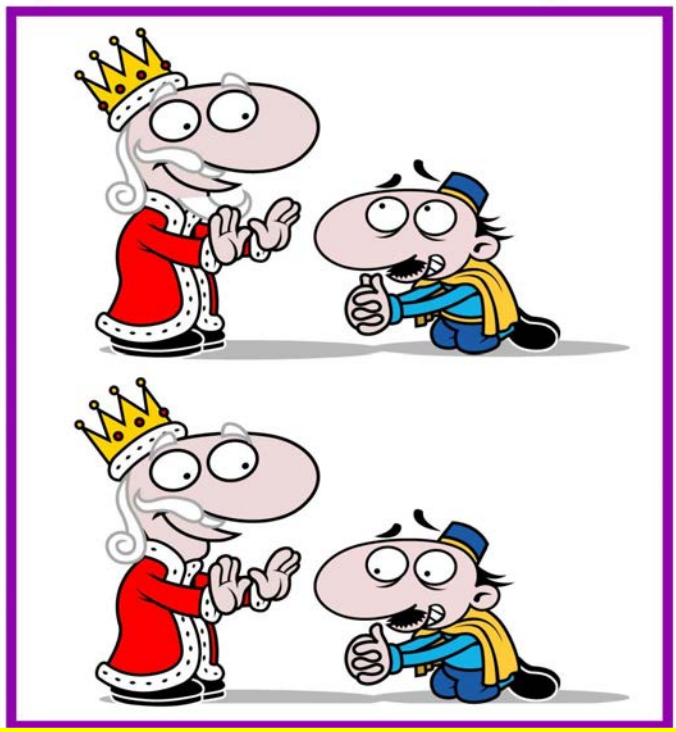
This Safeguarding Sunday, we give thanks for the significant work that has been undertaken across the Catholic Church to ensure that our communities are places where safety, dignity and hope flourish for all people, especially children and vulnerable adults. The Church has faced the painful reality of past failures with honesty and humility. In response, comprehensive safeguarding measures have been established in the Archdiocese to ensure that such failures are never repeated. Robust reporting protocols have been implemented so that concerns and allegations can be reported clearly, promptly and appropriately. In our own parish, we are blessed to have three Safeguarding Officers (**Phil Trueman, Marina Ciccarelli and Meagan Xanthis**) who assist in fostering a culture of vigilance, professional oversight and care.

All of these measures reflect the Gospel call to protect the vulnerable and uphold the dignity of every person. Through ongoing commitment to transparency, our Church communities have become considerably safer environments for children, families and all who participate in parish life. On this Safeguarding Sunday, let us recommit ourselves to creating communities where every person is welcomed, protected, respected and able to encounter the love of Christ in safety and trust.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



Show Forgiveness

How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?

How can we show forgiveness to others?

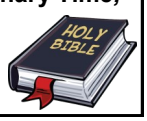
Church/School Parking – Reminder

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: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Is 55: 6-9 **Ps:** 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

2nd: Phil 1: 20-24, 27 **Gospel:** Mt 20: 1-16



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Sirach 36:18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill -will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:21-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 35:8*

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 19 & 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MIKE KILROE	DOMINIC LONGO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	HAILEY CORREIA LEWIS HERON JACOB CHEN	IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	AMANDA CHIA JOEY VILLEGAS MASON SIA	VALERIE, RAPHAEL & GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	ADELE PARSONS	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	STEFANI CHEN ROSA WEST	MARIA ARANDA LORNA D'SOUZA	PAUL SEARSON PAUL MENEZES	JACKIE WONG ANDREA D'SOUZA
EMOHC	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA PHIL TRUEMAN ANNE ANDRIANI KELLY DWYER	TINA CAMMARANO JUDY LEE JACQUIE HERON	MARINA CICCARELLI CARMEL RECHICHI JUDY PHILLIPS **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**	YULIANA VAN DER BURG MARIA LISA HILL OSBOURNE D'SOUZA JILL NORTON

ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA	**PILGRIM STATUE:** DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —