WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 27 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 - 5.30PM**

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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26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

'No, no, no, no … Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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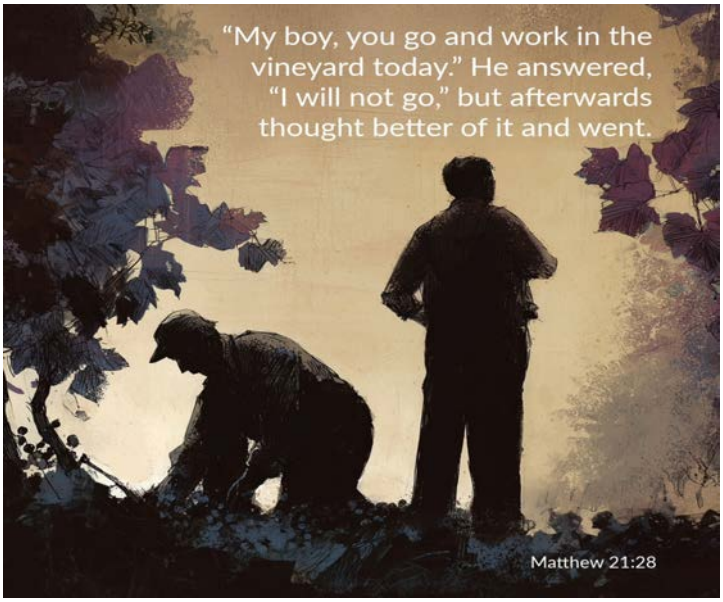

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PARISH NOTICES

- 26-27 SEP — CWL'S ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS SALE AT ALL MASSES
- 27 SEP — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- 1 OCT — ALPHA COURSE, EVERY THURSDAY @6.30PM-8.30PM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (LAST SESSION)
- 2 OCT — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS GATHERING @11AM AT ALBERT LYNCH ROOM
- 11 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 17 OCT — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 17-18 OCT — WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER TALK AT ALL MASSES
- 25 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)

Congratulations to Meagan Xanthis who is commissioned as one of our parish's Safeguarding Officer this Sunday at 9.30am mass.

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.

We are going to start Children Liturgy of the Word in our parish on Saturday 6pm mass and Sunday 9.30am mass. If you are interested in joining the catechist team to provide this liturgy for the children, please contact our parish by email applecross@perthcatholic.org.au or call on 08 9364 1120.

Albert Lynch Room Extension – Progress Update

We are delighted to share that the Albert Lynch Room Extension has reached a major milestone.

The external structure — including all walls and the full roof installation — is now complete.

Two progress payments remain: one in October and the final in November. These will bring the project to full completion, marking our first major building achievement in 18 years.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support. This extension strengthens our parish facilities and ensures the Albert Lynch Room can continue serving our growing community for many years to come.

A reminder that the **two ACROD bays near the flagpole are fenced off for builder access and deliveries from Monday to Friday** as construction materials will be delivered to the front of the church.

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, 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 — 17 October 2026 @6pm

Lend a Helping Hand

On the weekend - **26/27 September**, Applecross Catholic Women's League will be conducting a raffle at all Masses, in support of **ST PATRICK'S COMMUNITY CARE** - A vital service to the homeless and disadvantaged in our midst!

We invite our generous St Benedict's community to donate vouchers and goodies to add to our prize hampers.

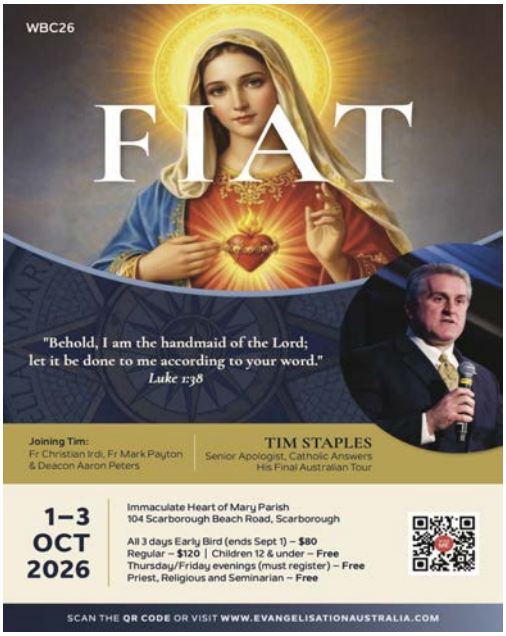
Contact - Adele Parsons – Treasurer Applecross CWL – 0428 584 882 – Thank you!!!

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **2 October 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Monica Pitts, Sally Hobday, Doris Josephine Allen, Peter Segoro, Joaquin Imperial, Lois Lee T Miller

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dr Irene Lopez, Willa Edwards, Giuseppe Mancini, Joan Williams, John O'Connor, Cesario Di Rosso, Ena Wood and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Thank you.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

10 OCT | CBC FREMANTLE 125 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The CBC Fremantle community invites you to celebrate 125 years of history, community, and legacy. Students, families, staff, and friends past and present will be welcomed for a special afternoon reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the future. Explore the campus through guided tours, enjoy music and light refreshments, and reconnect with the people and stories that make CBC Fremantle so special. **1.00pm to 3.30pm at the College**.

31 OCT | 30 YEARS OF PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE

In 2026 Pregnancy Assistance Inc celebrates 30 years of service, care, counseling and support for those impacted by pregnancy and pregnancy loss. To commemorate the milestone, Bishop Don Sproxton will celebrate the 10.30am Mass at All Saints Church in Greenwood followed by a lunch at the Parish Centre. All are welcome. **Registration by Saturday 3 October is essential. Register** Pregnancy Assistance 30th Anniversary Celebration Tickets, Saturday, October 31 • 10:30 AM - 2 PM | Eventbrite **or call 9328 2929**.

8 - 13 NOV | A NEW HEART - DISCERNING MY WAY

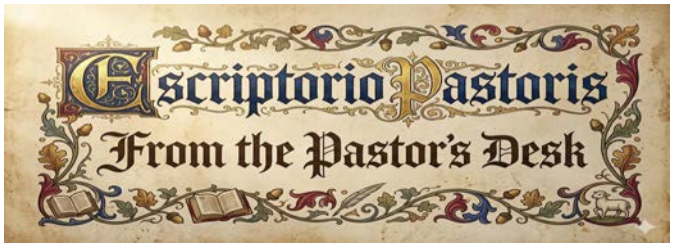
Ignatian Spirituality WA invites you to a five-day, residential, silent retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Accompanied by experienced spiritual directors, the retreat offers space to slow down, listen deeply and be more attentive to God's presence in your life. St Catherine's House of Hospitality, Tuart Hill & $550.00 - includes accommodation and all meals. For further details phone or email Chiara Von Perger: chiaravp@hotmail.com / 0403 903 504 or Chris Gardner: mjgard7@gmail.com / 0429 995 591.

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.**

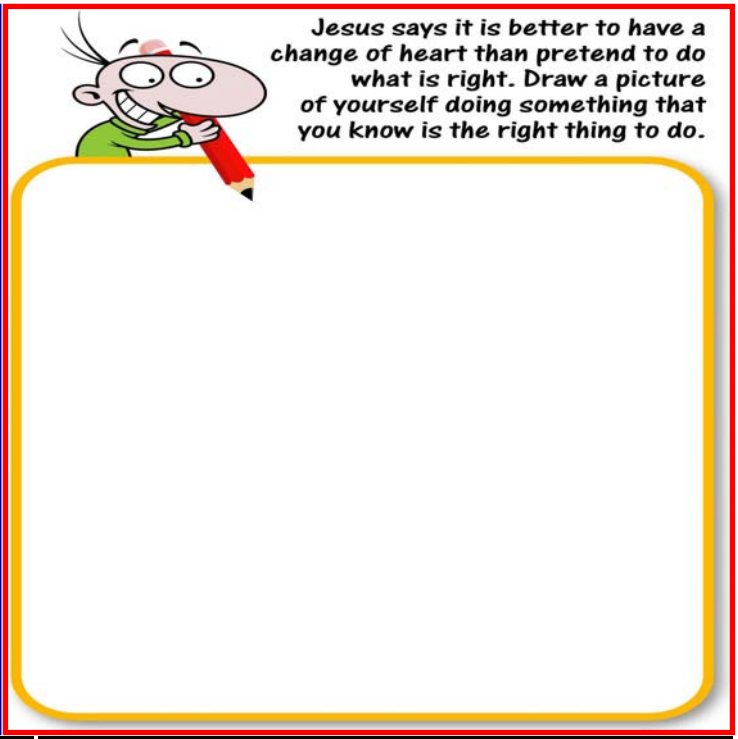
To register **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction**. *Further info:* **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or 08 9221 7762.



I recently attended the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors in New York, a gathering of fellow vocation directors from across the United States and around the world to share ideas and strengthen our work of accompanying men discerning a call to the priesthood. One of the encouraging themes throughout the conference was the growing number of men thinking about the priesthood worldwide. While recent decades have seen significant challenges, there are signs of renewed hope. Nationally, seminary applications are increasing, and here in Perth we already have five men currently in the assessment phase of their application for 2027. The general consensus among presenters and vocation directors was that young men are responding to a deeper desire for lives of meaning, service, and self-gift. Like marriage, priesthood is a vocation founded on giving oneself for others. It brings the privilege of sharing in life's joyful moments through baptisms and weddings, while also being present during times of grief, illness, and loss. The conference featured speakers including Cardinal Timothy Dolan, himself a former vocation director, who reflected on priestly fatherhood, leadership, and managing stress in ministry. Beyond the presentations, it was a valuable opportunity to pray together through Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours, and to learn from the best practices of other dioceses. Above all, the growth in vocations reminds us that the Holy Spirit continues to work powerfully within the Church.

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: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st: Is 5: 1-7 **Ps:** 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20

2nd: Phil 4: 6-9 **Gospel:** Mt 21: 33-43

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42*

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading *Ezekiel 18:25-28*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
   Lord, teach me your paths.
   Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
   for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
   and the love you have shown from of old.
   Do not remember the sins of my youth.
   In your love remember me,
   because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
   He shows the path to those who stray,
   he guides the humble in the right path;
   he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading *Philippians 2:1-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:28-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 118:49-50*

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 3 & 4 OCTOBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	MATTHEW TLOCZEK	DENIS RIGG	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	REGINALDO CAMMARANO JACOB CHEN HAILEY CORREIA	GRACE STEWART MATTEO REDOLATTI IHINOSEN ITOTOH	JOEY VILLEGAS XAVIER SIA AMANDA CHIA	VALERIE, RAPHAEL & GAVRIEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	LORNA D'SOUZA	TERRY BOLAND	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN MATTHEW TLOCZEC	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	JOE CINANNI MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
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ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI	**PILGRIM STATUE:** ANNE ANDRIANI
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU	**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —