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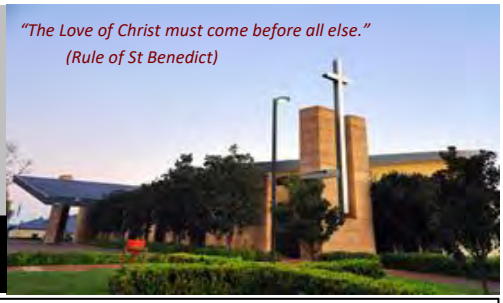
ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 4 OCTOBER 2026



WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:
Mon: Communion - Service @7am **(after the service, the church will be closed)**
Tues/Thurs: 9am
Wed/Fri: 7am
Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm
Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

Reconciliation:
Sat.: **4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm
Friday: 8am—5pm

Baptisms: By appointment Sundays at 10.45am

Marriages: By appointment

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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 on 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

Build My Life Bible Study/Prayer Group:
Meet second Tuesday @7pm in St Benedict's School staff room. Steve Clay - 0421 207 750

BENEDICTCARE COORDINATORS:
Head Coordinator: Carmel Tick (0488 100 928)
New Parishioners: Ruth Thorn
Home Help/Transport: Carmel Tick
Handyman/Gardening: Louis Bove
Visiting/Emergency Meals: Meagan Xanthis

27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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PARISH NOTICES

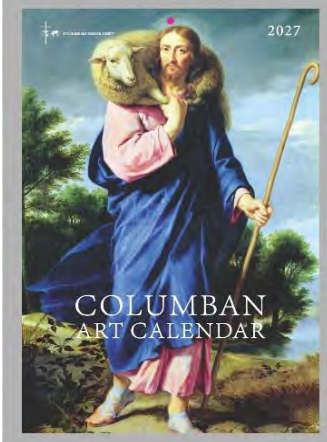
EVENTS

- 10 OCT — PUBLIC ROSARY AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- 11 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS, PLEASE BRING A PLATE (ROSTER: RITA ILICH & VALERIE LEE)
- 17 OCT — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- 17-18 OCT — COMMITMENT MASSES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (6PM SAT OR 9.30AM SUN)
- 17-18 OCT — WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER TALK AT ALL MASSES
- 25 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- 31 OCT & 1 NOV — ST VINNIE TALK & RAFFLE TICKETS SALE AT ALL MASSES

Catholic Women's League Applecross wishes to thank the parishioners of St Benedict's for their Wonderful support of **Lend a Hand to the Homeless Raffle** on the weekend 26/27 September 2026. The final figure was just over $1300, the whole which will go to **St Patricks Community Care Centre for their work with the Homeless and Disadvantaged.**

Prizes: 1ST GREEN C 30 PAT R, **2ND** BLUE B 14 ALICIA T, and **3RD** RED A 90 CARMEL C.

Congratulations to all. Many thanks and prayers to our wonderful donors.



2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

COST: $10 each

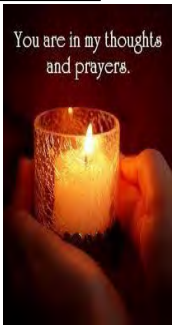
Please put the money into **the envelope provided** and place it in the **2nd collection basket**.

Thank you.

Welcome to **Hannah Lilian Smith** who was baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict's.

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

PUBLIC ROSARY INFORMATION

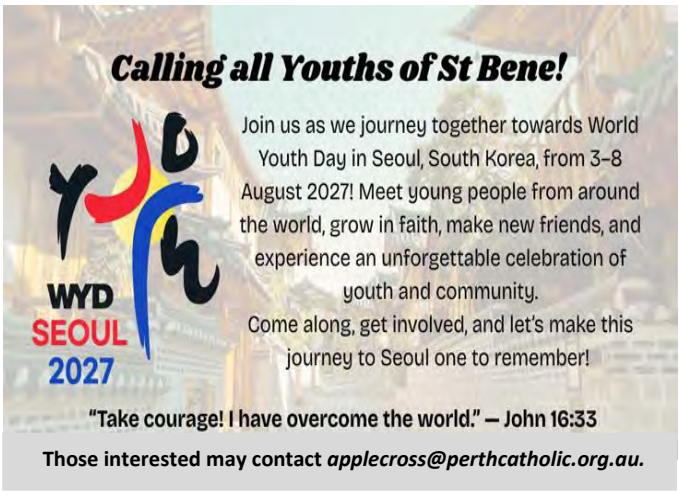
Date: **Saturday 10th October** (close to the last Fatima apparition of Our Lady and miracle of the sun)
Time: 8am after mass - immediately after mass
Location: St Benedict's car park.
Format: Rosary, prayer for vocation, Saint Michael the Archangel prayer and Memorare if time permits

Purpose:

- Give public witness to our faith,
- Join with others on the national day of public rosary prayers
- Make reparation for others
- Public prayer is powerful
- Seek Our Lady's help in guiding Australia.
- By praying the rosary, we help to change the world

Sponsor: Australia Needs Fatima

https://fatima.org.au/topic/the-rosary



PARISH MEETINGS:

- 7 OCT – Liturgy Committee
- 8 OCT – Pastoral Council (PPC)
- 27 OCT – Finance Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Sally Hobday – Funeral: Tuesday 6/10/26 @2.30 pm
Monica Pitts – Funeral: Thursday 8/10/26 @11am
Doris Allen, Peter Segoro, Joaquin Imperial.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Hilda Gore, Mervyn Palmer, John Reynolds, Rose Byrne and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Thank you

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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 welcome.

Registration by Saturday 3 October is essential. Register Pregnancy Assistance 30th Anniversary Celebration Tickets, Saturday, October 31 at 10:30 AM - 2 PM | Eventbrite **or call 9328 2929**.

SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING (in person):

Tuesday, 13 October 2026 @10.30am-11.30am at St Vincent's, 114 Parmelia Ave, Kwinana

To register: https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction.

For info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

Fr Joe will be away next weekend to celebrate his brother's wedding in Sydney. Please pray for the newlyweds.

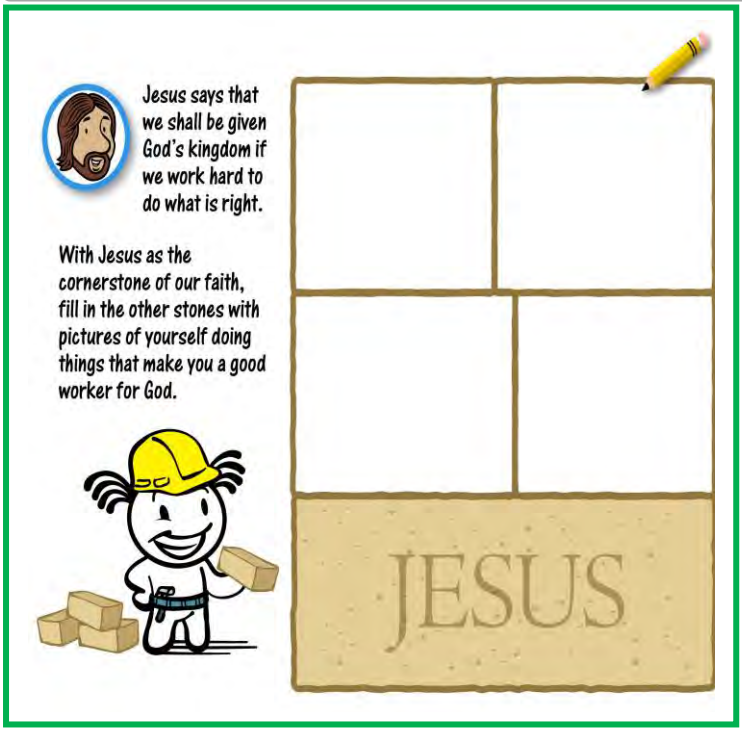
Fr Patrick Lim will be celebrating all the masses (Friday and weekend) from 9-11 October.

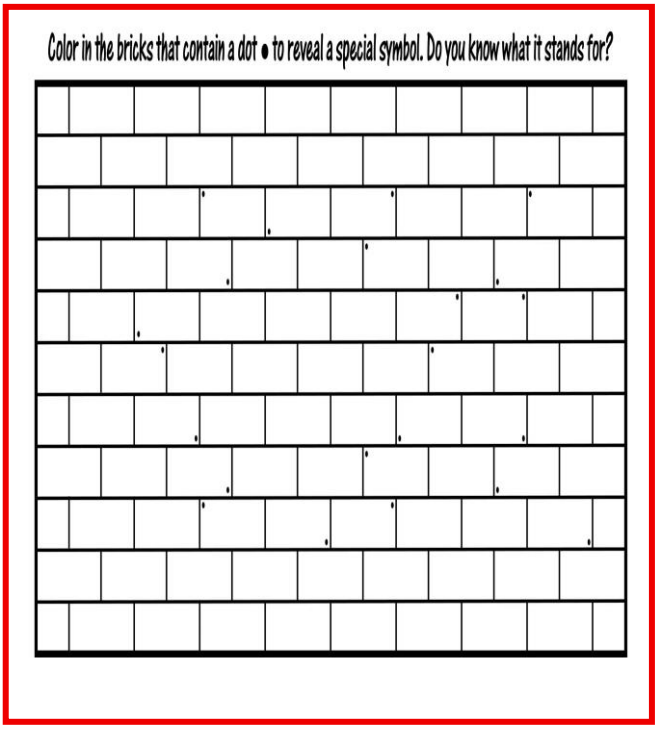
Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

Just a gentle reminder that one of the important ministries of our parish is caring for those who are sick, recovering, or unable to join us for Mass. If you or a family member are experiencing illness, preparing for surgery, undergoing chemotherapy, recovering from an operation, or facing other serious health challenges, I would be very happy to visit you. During such a visit, you may receive Holy Communion, and where appropriate, the Anointing of the Sick, one of the 7 Sacraments of the Church. This anointing with the holy oils is a reminder that you remain a valued member of our parish family and that the Church accompanies you with her prayers, love, and support. In his Apostolic Letter *Salvifici Doloris*, St John Paul II wrote: "Love is the richest source of the meaning of suffering, which always remains a mystery. Love is also the fullest source of the answer to the question of the meaning of suffering." When suffering enters our lives, it can bring uncertainty, loneliness, and even a crisis of the human spirit. All the more reason to receive the sustaining grace of the Eucharist and the strengthening that comes through the anointing with the holy oils. If you are sick, or know of a family member who would benefit from a visit, please contact the parish office. It would be a blessing to come and pray with you, bring you Holy Communion, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing if needed. You are important to our parish community.

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: 28th Sun in Ord Time, Yr A

1st: Is 25: 6-10 **Ps:** 22
2nd: Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 **Gospel:** Mt 22: 1-14

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Esther 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading *Isaiah 5:1-7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7*

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
   to plant it you drove out the nations.
   It stretched out its branches to the sea,
   to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
   It is plucked by all who pass by.
   It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
   devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
   look down from heaven and see.
   Visit this vine and protect it,
   the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
   give us life that we may call upon your name.
   God of hosts, bring us back;
   let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading *Philippians 4:6-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation *See John 15:15*

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 21:33-43*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

> It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Communion Antiphon *Lam 3:25*

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 10 & 11 0CTOBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	ROD DOWLING	LUKE HANDCOCK	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN TSIA TYLER MORRIS DHIVYEN & DARSHYN MANNAR	JOEL DOWLING JORDAN VINCENT	JACKSON HANDCOCK DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	MEGAN OH	PATRICK LEECH	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA			**PILGRIM STATUE:** SUSI SUSANTO	
COUNTERS: JOE CINANNI, MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO			**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —	