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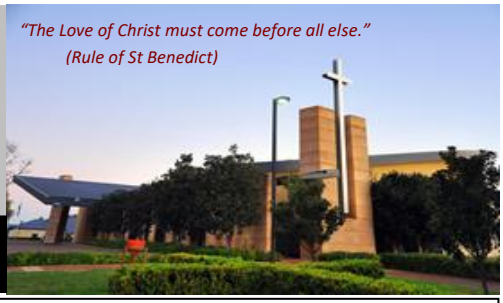
ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 11 OCTOBER 2026



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

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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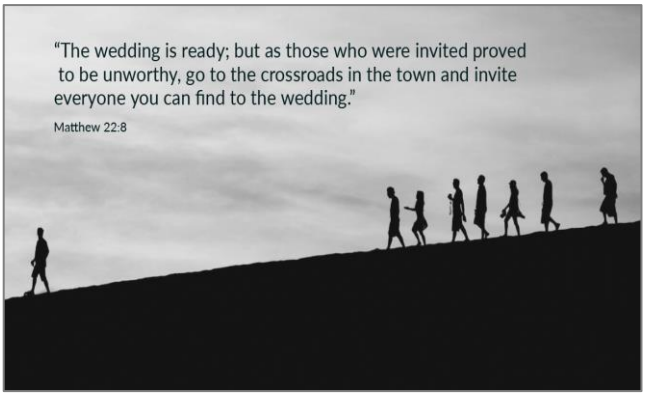

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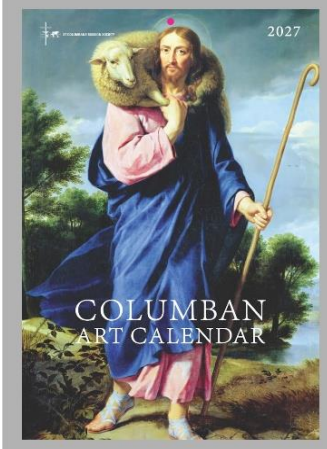
PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 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

Christopher Carstens – *Return to the Source* 10-19/11/26:

Tuesday 10/11/26 @7-8.30pm – Devotional Journey in the Mass Part 1 – St Thomas More Bateman, Parish Hall
Thursday 12/11/26 @7-8.30pm – Sacred Music: Theology, Spirituality and Progressive Solemnity – St Thomas More Bateman, Parish Hall
Saturday 14/11/26 @9-10.30am – Devotional Journey in the Mass Part 2 – St Benedict's Church
Monday 16/11/26@7-8.30pm – History of the Roman Rite – Carolyn Payne Theatre Corpus Christi College
Thursday 19/11/26 @7-8.30pm – What Vatican II really says about the Mass – St Benedict's Church



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**.

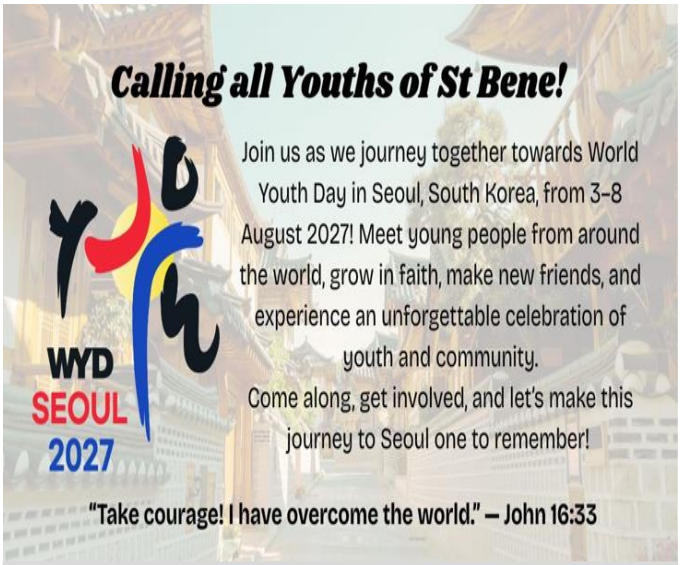
Thank you.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass – **17 October 2026** @ 6pm

PARISH MEETINGS:

- 27 OCT @6.30pm – Finance Committee



Those interested may contact *applecross@perthcatholic.org.au.*

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Sally Hobday, Monica Pitts, Joaquin Imperial.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Francis Tan, Cecilia McGurk, Bonny Menezes, Hilary Yurkov, Terry Ryan, Richard O'Connor, Paul Heron, Caterina Cinanni, Monica Matthews, Brian Allen, Mark Hender, Kenneth Leeder, Patricia Forkin 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**.

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

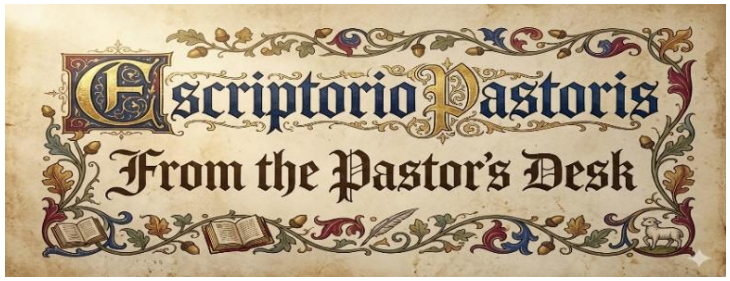
Ignatian Spirituality WA invites you to a five-day, residential, silent retreat based on the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Accompanied by experienced spiritual directors, the retreat offers space to slow down, listen deeply and be more attentive to God's presence in your life. St Catherine's 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):

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.

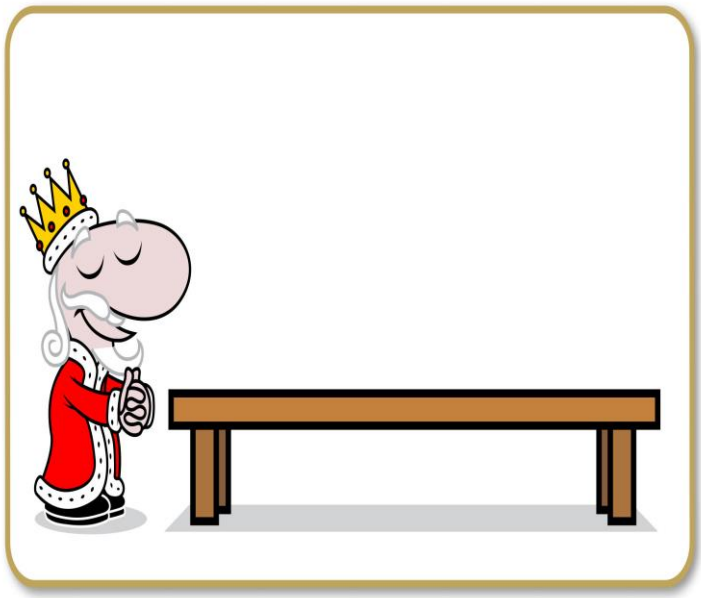


When people say we have an 'Australian Cardinal' there may be some slight adjustments to be made about such a title. However, you might have noticed the presence of Cardinal Mykola Bychok in Australia. He is the Bishop (Eparch) of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese). In December 2024, Pope Francis created him a cardinal, making him both Australia's first cardinal since Cardinal Pell and the youngest member of the College of Cardinals at the time. Importantly, Cardinal Bychok is not a Roman Catholic in the Latin Rite. He belongs to the *Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church*, one of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches that are in full communion with the Pope of Rome while preserving their own liturgy, spirituality, theology, and traditions. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church follows the Byzantine tradition rather than the Roman Rite (which we celebrate at St Benedict's). As cardinal, he represents not only the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Australia and Oceania but also the wider Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, particularly its global diaspora and a Church that has suffered greatly through war, persecution, and displacement. His elevation highlights the universality of the Catholic Church, which is broader than the Roman or Latin tradition alone.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When the invited guests refused to come, the king asked people from the streets to come to the banquet. On the table, draw the finest food for the banquet.



How many words can you make from the letters in the word BANQUET ?

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: 29th Sun in Ord Time, Yr A

1st: Is 45: 1, 4-6 **Ps:** 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10

2nd: 1 Thess 1: 1-5 **Gospel:** Mt 22: 15-21

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 129:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading *Isaiah 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22. R. v.6*

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 33:11*

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 17 & 18 OCTOBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	DOMENICO, LEONARDO & ALESSANDRO DE FELICE	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	LETICIA AVERY MASON SIA MATTHEW PRANATA	TAYAHNA PRETORIUS ALEX RIJKS SOFIE GABRIEL
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON	VERONICA AVERY	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS MEGAN OH	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL SEARSON	KATRINA MCINNES JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	FRANCA ITOTOH TINA CAMMARANO	MARINA CICCARELLI MOIRA BUNN CARMEL RECHICHI LILI ORIFICI	YULIANA VAN DER BURG COLLEEN MORRIS JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI
ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA			**PILGRIM STATUE:** MARIBEL & HENRY VILLEGAS	
COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE & HELEN VESTER			**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —	