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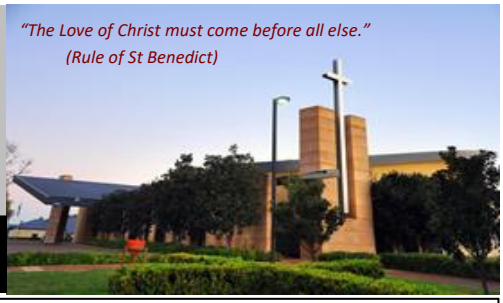
ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 18 OCTOBER 2026



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 Group
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

Craft Group
Meet every Wednesday @9.30am in the Fr Albert Lynch Room. Monica Anderson - 0400 909 366

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

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Whose Image and Likeness?

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person*.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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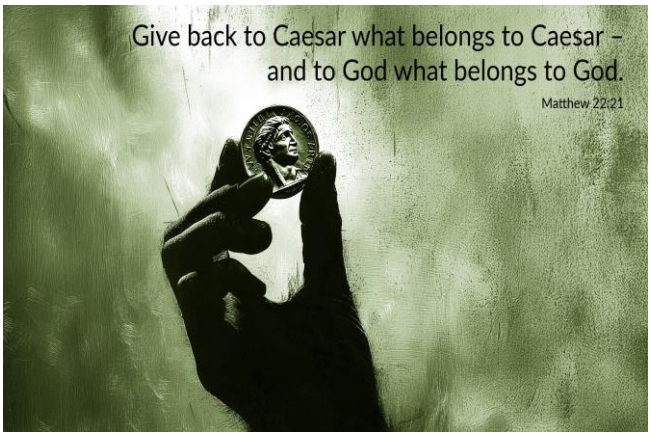

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- **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

SAVE THE DATE!
VOLUNTEER SUNDOWNER
Friday, 13 November 2026 6 pm

To all our Acolytes, Altar Servers, Commentators, Collectors & Ushers & Greeters, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Society, Counters, Choirs, Busy Bee Volunteers, Safeguarding Officers, Catechists, Hospitality, and the many others who so faithfully give their time, talents and hearts to parish life — **this celebration is for YOU!** ♡

YOUTH CORNER

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

A special invitation for the **Elderly and Parishioners with Special Needs** to seat on the front pews for easier reception of the Holy Communion from the Priest or Special Minister.

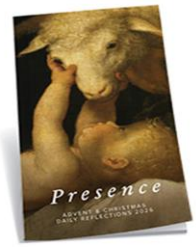
2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR ON SALE

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.



2026 ADVENT BOOK

PRESENCE:

Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026 is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. From First Sunday of Advent (29 Nov 2026) & continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 Jan 2027).

Presence offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey.

COST: $5 each

Please put the money into the envelope provided (Advent Book) and place it in the 2nd collection basket.

OR

PLEASE GIVE THE MONEY TO THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

THANK YOU

Welcome to **Lyla Rose Sofoulis** who was baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict's.

PARISH MEETINGS:

- 27 OCT @6.30pm – Finance Committee

Christopher Carstens Liturgical Formation Series November 2026

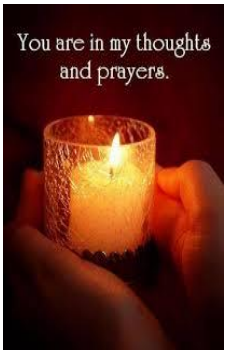
Date	Time	Subject	Venue	Cost
Tuesday 10/11/26	7pm-8.30pm	Devotional Journey in the Mass Part 1	St Thomas More Bateman Parish Hall	$15 per Session OR $50 for all Sessions
Thursday 12/11/26	7pm-8.30pm	Sacred Music: Theology, Spirituality and Progressive Solemnity	St Thomas More Bateman Parish Hall	$15 per Session OR $50 for all Sessions
Saturday 14/11/26	9am-10.30am	Devotional Journey in the Mass Part 2	St Benedict's Church Applecross	$15 per Session OR $50 for all Sessions
Monday 16/11/26	7pm-8.30pm	History of the Roman Rite	Carolyn Payne Theatre Corpus Christi College	$15 per Session OR $50 for all Sessions
Thursday 19/11/26	7pm-8.30pm	What Vatican II really says about the Mass	St Benedict's Church Applecross	$15 per Session OR $50 for all Sessions

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:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Helen Saldanha, Licia Cobanov, Beatrice Leong, Karen Maher, Patricia Hutchinson, Harold Woodcock, Joseph Stokes, Warren Pickering, Johan Van Kessel, Alzira Serralha and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Thank you

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

St Patrick's Basilica and Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour

Join the Fremantle Fishing Fleet Festival Association for the annual Blessing of the Fleet, celebrating faith, community and the enduring maritime heritage of Fremantle's fishing families. Held in conjunction with *Little Italy by the Sea 2026* at Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour, this year's celebration promises a spectacular day of Italian culture, music, food, family traditions and maritime heritage.

Mass & Triduum - St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle:

- Tuesday 20 October | 7:30pm | Mass in Italian
- Wednesday 21 October | 7:30pm | Mass in English
- Thursday 22 October | 7:30pm | Mass in English and Italian

Festival Day: Sunday 25

- 8:30 am: Mass in honour of Our Lady of Capo D'Orlando
- 9:30 am: Solemn High Mass in Italian, St Patrick's Basilica
- 11:00 am - 7.00 pm: Little Italy by the Sea
- 2:00 pm: Traditional Procession, St Patrick's Basilica to Fishing Boat Harbour
- 3:30 pm: Blessing of the Fishing Fleet by Fr Peter Bianchini
- 5:00 pm: Benediction, St Patrick's Basilica
- 7:00 pm: Fireworks spectacular

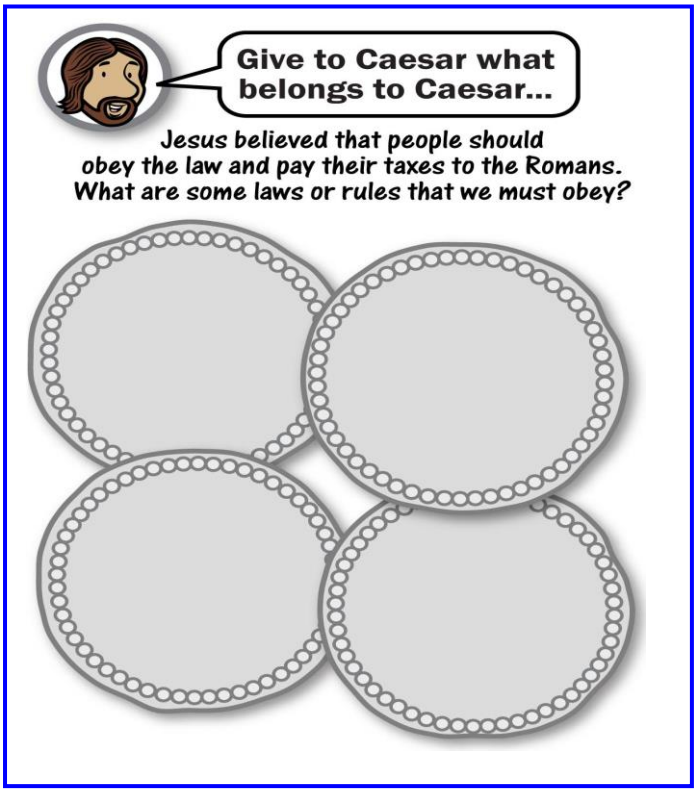
This week, Pope Leo XIV underwent surgery at Rome's Gemelli Hospital after doctors discovered a nodule in his lung. During the operation, surgeons removed the lower lobe of his right lung, and tests confirmed the presence of lung cancer. The Vatican reported that the surgery was successful and that the Holy Father's recovery is progressing as expected. He has resumed eating normally and started respiratory therapy while recovering in hospital.

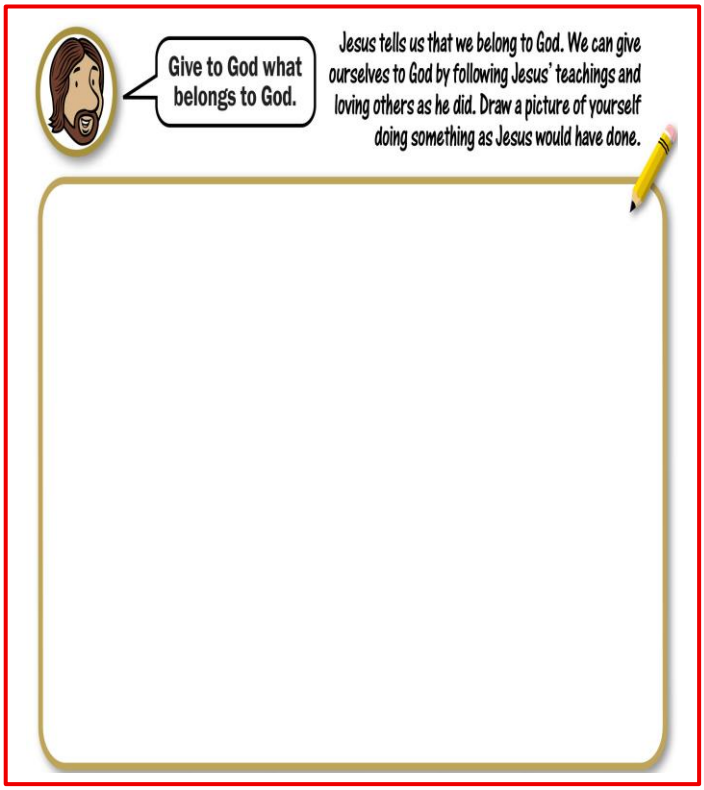
When the Pope is sick, the Church does what she has always done: *she prays*. We pray for his recovery, for wisdom for his doctors, and for strength in carrying the burden of his office. The Pope is more than a world leader. He is the successor of St Peter, the visible sign of the Church's unity, called to strengthen his brothers and sisters in the faith.

The Pope is, in a sense, the umpire who manages the great theatre of the Church. He does not play every role, nor does he perform every task, but he helps ensure that the great mission is played faithfully according to the Gospel handed down by Christ. What a task. Let's hope he gets some rest in his time of convalescence.

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: 30th Sun in Ord Time, Yr A

1st: Ex 22: 20-26 **Ps:** 17: 2-4, 47, 51

2nd: 1 Thess 1: 5-10 **Gospel:** Mt 22: 34-40

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 16:6,8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading *Isaiah 45:1.4-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7*

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation *Philippians 2:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 32:18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 24 & 25 OCTOBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	SIMON CARRICK	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DENIS RIGG	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN TYLER MORRIS JOSHUA TSIA	IHINOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	GRACE STEWART AMANDA CHIA CHARMAINE VOGLER	SASCHA AUTON ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	ADELE PARSONS	TERRY BOLAND	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	JAMES GALVIN	PATRICK LEECH	JOE CINANNI PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	EILEEN SELVARATNAM ROSA WEST	LORNA D'SOUZA ANGELA SCOTT	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI KELVIN GRACE
EMOHC	MICHELLE CARRICK AYLMYR SEQUEIRA STEFANI CHEN YVONNE GARBIN	MONICA ANDERSON CORNELIUS ITOTOH	JUDY PHILLIPS MARGARET HANDYSIDE TERESA LEECH PATRICIA ROBERTSON	MARIA LISA HILL DONNA ARTINGSTALL JILL NORTON KEVIN AUTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: IONE & DESMOND COORAY	
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