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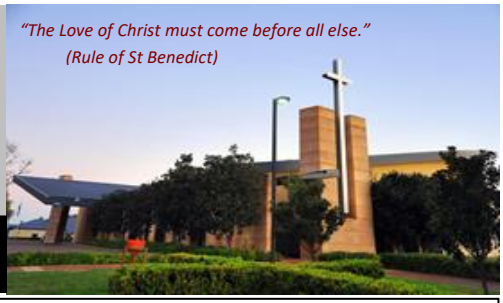
ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 25 OCTOBER 2026



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

30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 25 OCT — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE)
- 31 OCT & 1 NOV — ST VINNIES PROMOTION WEEKEND
- 1 NOV — ALL SAINTS' DAY (ALL WEEKEND MASSES)
- 2 NOV – ALL SOULS @7AM **– MASS**
- 6 NOV – FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- **13 NOV – VOLUNTEERS' SUNDOWNER @6PM**
- **14 NOV** – YOUTH MASS @6PM

YOU ARE INVITED! ❤

VOLUNTEER SUNDOWNER

Friday, 13 November 2026
6 – 9 pm
Paella dinner served at 6:30 pm
RSVP BY 4 NOVEMBER

Please add your name to the sign sheet on the tables at the back of the church.

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, Committee Members and the many others who so faithfully give their time, talents and hearts to our parish life — **this celebration is for YOU!** ♡

We warmly invite you and your families to join us for a special sundowner as we celebrate and thank you for all that you do for our parish.

Your generosity, dedication and service make our parish community what it is. We look forward to celebrating with you!

YOUTH CORNER

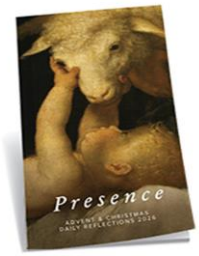
Youth Mass – **14 November 2026** @ 6pm

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.

The **Ecumenical Fellowship Dinner** is on again at St David's Anglican Church on Bombard St, Ardross in aid of the **YouthCARE Applecross/Melville Chaplaincy** on **Friday, 6 November at 6 pm.**

We are looking to make up a table of eight and if you would like tickets, they are available from Maureen Bright on 0413 831 357 at a cost of $40 each.

Our parish has always supported this worthwhile cause and if you are not available on this date, YouthCARE would appreciate a donation towards its valuable work.



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

Are you interested in becoming a catechist?

If so and would like to see what it is all about, then the opportunity is available on **Thursday 19 November 9.30am to 12pm at the Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville**. You will hear about the Initial Formation Course which combines a study of scripture, prayer and church documents, training in teaching the Archdiocesan Catechist Programme 'Gathered In My Name' and techniques to help catechists share the Gospel Message faithfully. Prospective catechists will have the opportunity to meet the team who will support them in their ministry and answer any questions.

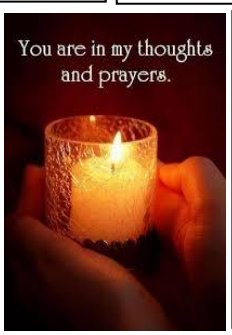
Or if you would just like to come along and sit in a class here at St Benedict's to get a feel for whether this is the right thing for you first, just give Maureen Bright a ring on 0413 831 357 and we would love to hear from you.

Welcome to **Kayden Doyle and Liliana Martinez** who were 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.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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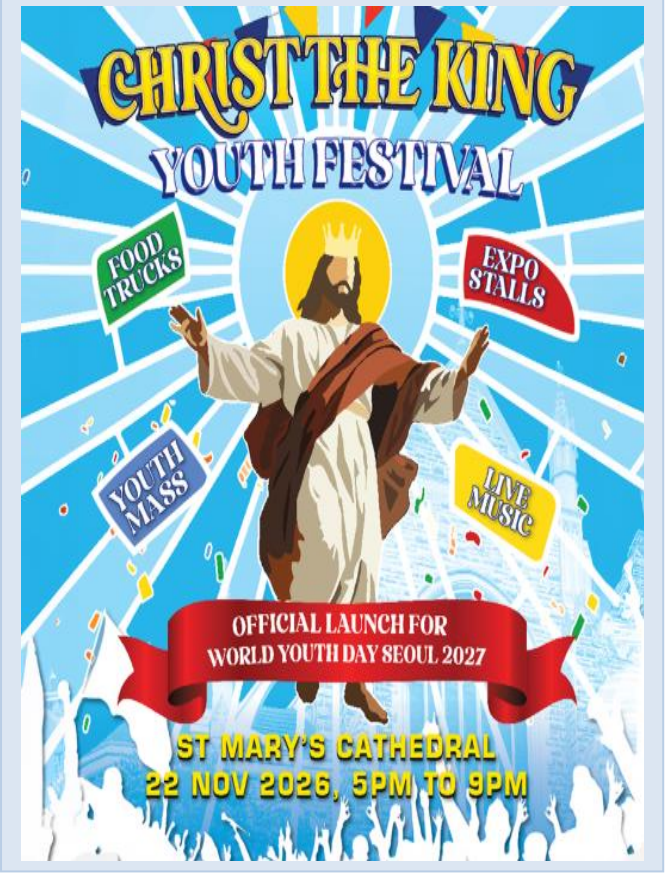
ANNIVERSARIES:

Bernice Trainor, Lewis Sinning, Norma Slattery, Paulyne Blizzard, Ernie Coombs, Therese Yen Lai Chan, Cindy Forlee, John Quinn, James Kelly, Doris Francis, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you*

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS



Escriptorio Pastoris
From the Pastor's Desk

Here at St Benedict's, I am delighted to report that ten candidates are making their journey of faith into full communion with the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). Among them are four catechumens, who have not yet been baptised and are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. We also have six baptised Christians from Protestant communities who are preparing to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Each Thursday evening, our dedicated three-member RCIA team meets with the group to explore Sacred Scripture, Catholic teaching, prayer, and the rich tradition of the Church. These sessions provide an opportunity for guided discussion, questions, and spiritual growth as our candidates deepen their relationship with Christ and his Church. We ask our parish community to keep these men and women in your prayers throughout the coming months, that the Holy Spirit may guide them and welcome them into their spiritual home. If you would like to get involved, please contact the parish office or speak to me after Mass.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Show your love

I show love for God when I ....

I show love for others when I ....

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love
second
God
answered
yourself
teacher
heart
first
test
commandment

An expert in the Jewish law tried to ____ Jesus. He asked, "_____, what is the most important _____?"

Jesus _____: "Love the Lord your ___ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it: "____ your neighbor as much as you love _____".

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: All Saints

1st: Rev 7: 2-4, 9-14 **Ps:** 23: 1-6

2nd: 1 Jn 3: 1-3 **Gospel:** Mt 5: 1-12

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 104:3-4*

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading *Exodus 22:20-26*

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2*

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
   my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
   My God is the rock where I take refuge;
   my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
   The Lord is worthy of all praise:
   when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
   Praised be the God who saves me.
   He has given great victories to his king
   and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:34-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 19:6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 31 OCTOBER & 1 NOVEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MATTHEW TLOCZEC	TERRY MEO	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	DHIVYEN MANNAR JAKE & LUKE GOLDING	MATTEO REDOLATTI ESEOSE & IHINOSEN ITOTOH	CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	NOEL, ELOUISE & FELIX LIU
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	LORNA D'SOUZA	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	LOUIS BOVE MATTHEW TLOCZEC	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
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EMOHC	ROSA WEST MEGAN DOWLING CARLA CARDOSO KELLY DWYER	JUDY LEE ANGELA SCOTT	RUTH THORN MELISSA TROLIO MARGARET SANDFORD MARINA CICCARELLI	LINDA ROBERTSON OSBORNE D'SOUZA YULIANIA VAN DER BURG COLLEEN MORRIS
ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI			**PILGRIM STATUE:** MAY ARNOLD	
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN			**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** –	