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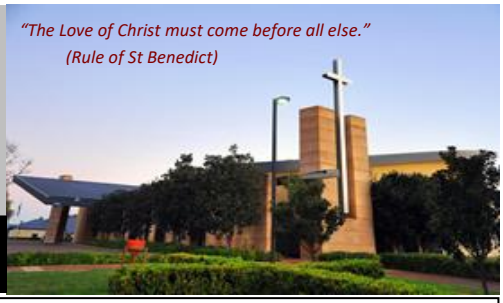
ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 1 NOVEMBER 2026



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

SICK/ANOINTING: Fr Joseph 0491 726 304

ALL SAINTS, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- 31 OCT & 1 NOV — ST VINNIES PROMOTION WEEKEND
- 1 NOV — ALL SAINTS' DAY (ALL WEEKEND MASSES)
- 2 NOV — ALL SOULS @7AM **– MASS**
- 4 & 5 NOV — FIRST RECONCILIATIONS @4PM
- 6 NOV — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- **13 NOV — VOLUNTEERS' SUNDOWNER @6PM**
- 14 NOV — DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY IN THE MASS (PART 2) BY CHRIS CARSTENS AT OUR CHURCH

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.

Congratulations to **Maria Arora & Teresa Leech** who were commissioned as catechists for our parish by Bishop Don Sproxton on Tuesday, 20th October.

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.

Welcome to **Emilia Benino and Hugo MacLean-Black** who were baptised last weekend into our parish community of Saint Benedict's.

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.

Christopher Carstens*: Liturgical Formation Series*

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 (Morning Tea at 8 am)
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

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.

Month of November for all the Dead

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *"All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." p.1030.*

From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers for them, so that, purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.

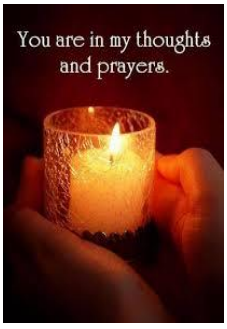
You are welcome to add on the envelopes provided in the church the names of family and friends who have died.

Every Mass in November will be offered for them.

"It is a good and holy thing to pray for the dead."
II Mac 12:46

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:

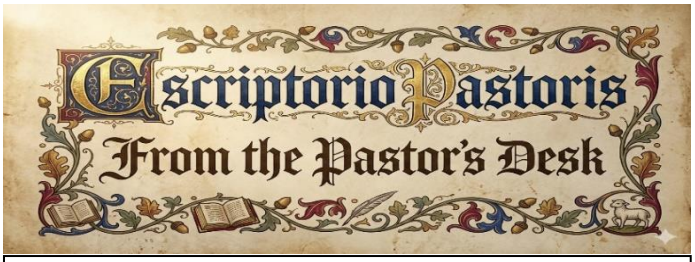
Mary Cargeeg, Frank O Cocks, Rita Roach, Reginald Trainor, Pat Norris, Ronald Milne, Benedict Schildknecht, Nell Harris, John Edmunds and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

The official launch of the **Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink** will be held next weekend on **7/8 November 2026.** Please collect a copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agencies in this Archdiocese.

You may choose to mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided OR return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Masses next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online at ***www.LifeLink.com.au***

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.



Why We Pray for the Dead in November

The month of November has long been dedicated to praying for the faithful departed. As Catholics, we believe that the purpose of our life is union with God. We are created by Him, loved by Him, and called to share in His eternal life.

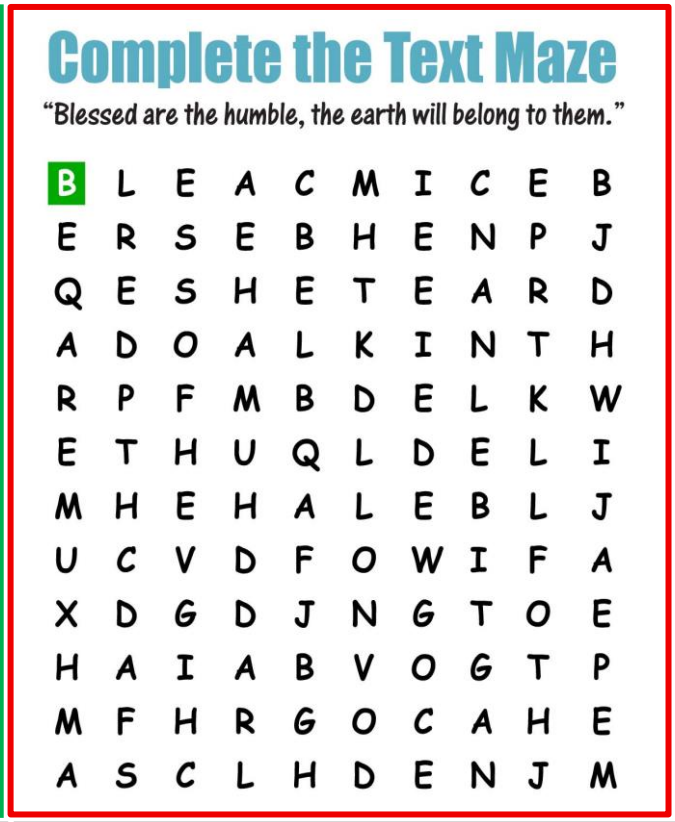
Yet throughout our lives we are battered by sin, weakness, failures, and the wounds of life's events. Before entering heaven, which is a state of perfection and complete communion with God, we need to undergo a purification which gets us fit for heaven. The Church calls this purification *Purgatory*.

For this reason, praying for our loved ones who have died is a very good thing! Our prayers especially with the Mass, assist them as they journey toward the fullness of God's presence. Throughout November, every Mass celebrated at St Benedict's Parish will be offered along with your prayers for those who have died. You are invited to place the names of your deceased loved ones in the November envelopes and deposit them in the box provided.

This is the venerable tradition of St Benedict's Parish, remembering with love those who have gone before us and entrusting them to the mercy of God.

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: 32nd Sun in Ord Time, Yr A

1st: Wis 6: 12-16 **Ps:** 62: 2-8
2nd: 1 Thess 4: 13-18 **Gospel:** Mt 25: 1-13

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

First Reading *Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6*

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon *Matthew 5:8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 7 & 8 NOVEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	ROD DOWLING	DOMINIC LONGO	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN REGINALDO CAMMARANO JACOB CHEN DARSHYN MANNAR	JOEL DOWLING GRACE STEWART	XAVIER SIA CHARMAINE VOGLER MATTHEW PRANATA	SACHA AUTON KATHERINE WIBAWA TAYAHNA PRETORIUS
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	MEGAN OH	MARINA CICCARELLI	KATRINA MCINNES
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	GERRY DOYLE	MARGARET SANDFORD	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	ROSA WEST TONY RYAN	ADELE PARSONS MARK DE CRUZ	JUDY PHILLIPS PAUL MENEZES	GLENDA BEUKES CLARE COOMBES
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ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI

PILGRIM STATUE: CARMEL & TONI RECHICHI

COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, CONNIE & LOUIE BOVE, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS & JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —