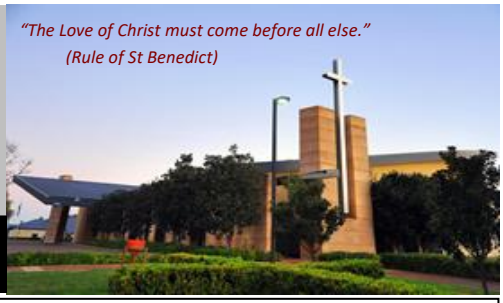
WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH – 8 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

Parish Office:
115 Ardross Street, Ardross WA 6153
PO Box 1831, Applecross WA 6153
Tel: 08 9364 1120
Website: www.stbenedicts.net.au
Office Hours: 10am—4pm (Tue-Fri)
Administration Officer: Stefani Chen
E (main): applecross@perthcatholic.org.au
Admin. Assistant: Maribel Villegas (Thu & Fri)
E (office): office.applecross@perthcatholic.org.au
Administrator: Fr Joseph Laundy
E (Fr Joseph): joseph.laundy@perthcatholic.org.au

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 @9.15 am 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

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME , YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

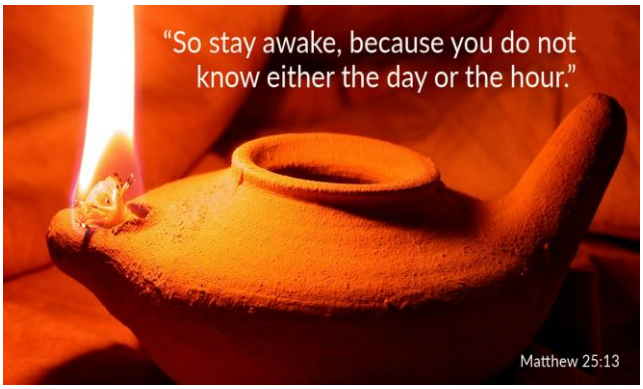
Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

© ***Fr Michael Tate***



CATECHIST COORDINATOR: Maureen Bright
Email: office.applecross@perthcatholic.org.au
SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR: Rosa Ranieri
Email: stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com

PARISH INCLUSIVITY COORDINATOR:
Bev Piche
0467 054 168

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:
Marina Ciccarelli, Phil Trueman & Meagan Xanthis
Email : applecross.safeguarding@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE: Yunita Lay
stbenedicts.pastoral@gmail.com

PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- **13 NOV - VOLUNTEERS' SUNDOWNER @6PM**
- **14 NOV** - DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY IN THE MASS (PART 2) BY CHRIS CARSTENS AT OUR CHURCH
- **14 NOV** - YOUTH MASS @6PM
- **15 NOV** - PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7:30 AM MASS **(PLEASE BRING A PLATE**)
- **19 NOV** - WHAT VATICAN II REALLY SAYS ABOUT THE MASS BY CHRIS CARTENS AT OUR CHURCH
- **21 NOV** - COMMUNITY MASS @6PM
- **29 NOV** – PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9:30 AM MASS **(PLEASE BRING A PLATE)**

MARY, MOTHER OF SORROWS PRAYER GROUP invites you to a day of reflection with Br Terry Casey at St Benedict's Parish church on 26th November, commencing at 9:30 am after the 9 am mass and closing at 2:30 pm.

The theme for the day is "Gratefulness for God's presence in the journey of my life".

Please bring your own lunch. Morning tea will be provided. No cost. Kindly RSVP to *Judy 0420 246 741*.

Volunteer Sundowner

Friday, 13 November 2026 at 6-9 pm

Paella dinner served at 6:30 pm

VENUE: Undercover area in ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL

Thank you to all who have RSVP'd. Kindly note, that due to ongoing building works, the event will be held in the school's undercover area. As this is outdoor, please remember to bring something warm. Parking available on the school and church grounds. **We look forward to seeing you all soon!**

We are seeking ***expressions of interest*** from current Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion to residents at a local nursing home. It is a fortnightly commitment and full training will be provided.

If you are interested, please email *Megan Dowling* ***rmdowling@bigpond.com***

YOUTH CORNER

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

Congratulations to the **winners of the St Vincent De Paul raffle** held last weekend: 1st- Paul the Italian, 2nd- Angela S., 3rd- Chris, 4th- Jill, 5th- Colleen M. To all who bought tickets, a heartfelt thanks for all your support to Vinnies.

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

Further details are on our parish notice board.

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.

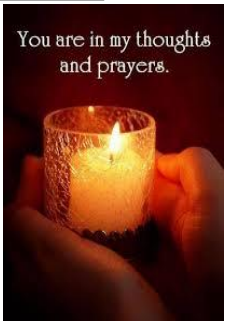
Every Mass in November will be offered for them.

"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:

-

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maree Rowney, Lizzy Connaughton, Frances Low, Jack Norris, Kathleen Delany, Caterina Radici, Mildred Tuckey, Elizabeth White, Bridget Devane 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 this weekend, **7/8 November 2026.** Please collect a copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass, 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***

Holy water. It reminds us of our Baptism. It's a sacramental. It's activated when we use it.

On the table inside the church, you'll notice a holy water dispenser. You are welcome to take the holy water home. You can use it for a myriad of uses: bless yourself as you leave home. Parents can bless their kids before bed. You might like to sprinkle it around your home. Some people practice putting a little in a wash cycle to bless their clothes. The holy water is blessed according to the Roman Ritual and includes exorcised holy salt, a longstanding sign of God's protection and blessing. Take some holy water home and use it often.

Fr Joseph

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Like the wise bridesmaids waiting for the groom to arrive, how can we be alert and ready to meet Jesus among us?

Draw a picture of yourself doing something that helps you to be ready!

Which two of these lamps are exactly the same?

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: 33rd Sun in Ord Time, Yr A

1st: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 **Ps:** 127: 1-5

2nd: 1 Thess 5: 1-6 **Gospel:** Mt 25: 14-30

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 87:3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2*

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
   for you my soul is thirsting.
   My body pines for you
   like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
   to see your strength and your glory.
   For your love is better than life,
   my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
   in your name I will lift up my hands.
   My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
   my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
   On you I muse through the night
   for you have been my help;
   in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 22:1-2*

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 14 & 15 NOVEMBER 2026

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	MIKE KILROE	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	WILFRED DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	LEWIS HERON JOSHUA & ETHAN TSIA	JERARD, JONAH & JORDAN VINCENT	MATTEO REDOLATTI MASON SIA LETICIA AVERY	OLAF RIJKS ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS	VERONICA AVERY	MAISIE CINANNI
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	ADRIAN DARGIE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	MARIA NARDONE PAUL BELVISO
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MEGAN OH MONICA ANDERSON	NICOLE PARKER PATRICIA ROBERTSON	CARMEL COSTIN KELVIN GRACE
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	BRYAN LILLIS TINA CAMMARANO	JUDY PHILLIPS TERESA LEECH LILI ORIFICI MARGARET SANDFORD	JILL NORTON MARIA LISA HILL LINDA ROBERTSON COLLEEN MORRIS
ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI			**PILGRIM STATUE:** ROBERT & JACQUIE HERON	
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY & BRIAN LIU			**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** —	