

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 23 JULY 2023



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @7am (after the service, the church will be closed)

Wed/Fri: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on

Thursdays @1pm

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @1pm

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 22 JULY — CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS @6PM
- ◆ 23 JULY — CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS @9.30AM
- ◆ 23 JULY — CRAFT GROUP'S WINTER FAIR @7.30 & 9.30AM
- ◆ 25 JULY — CONFIRMATION PARENTS' THEOLOGY @7PM, START @6.30PM FOR HOSPITALITY
- ◆ 30 JULY — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 1 AUGUST — ANOINTING MASS @9AM
- ◆ 4 AUGUST — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 8 AUGUST — CONFIRMATION PARENT-CHILD WORKSHOP @4.30PM OR 6PM
- ◆ 9 AUGUST — CONFIRMATION PARENT-CHILD WORKSHOP @5PM
- ◆ 13 AUGUST — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: LINDA ROBERTSON & MARY ALVARO)

St Benedicts World Youth Day Pilgrims travelling to Lisbon + Fatima.

Thank you once again for supporting all our fundraising initiatives over the last few months.

There will be a **prayer/petition box** in the parish from the **15th of July 2023 to the 26th of July 2023.**

Parishioners may write down their prayers in an envelope or on the prayer book. All the prayers will travel with the pilgrims along our journey throughout Lisbon + Fatima and will be placed in petition boxes in Fatima, where we will pray for all of our parishioners and their intentions.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends on **4 August** will be a normal gathering @11am in the Fr Albert Lynch room. All are welcome to attend and if you are staying for lunch please bring along a savoury plate to share. Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

The envelopes for **this financial year** is out for collection. Please remember to collect your box with your name on it (box number may change). If your envelopes are not there, please advise the Parish office on 08 9364 1120.



Another way of supporting the Parish through Planned Giving Programme is through the direct debit system, either by Direct Debit or Credit Card. Forms are available on the tables in the foyer or you may wish to contact the Parish office. Tap & Go machines are also available for 1st & 2nd collections.

The planned giving programme (Second Collection) is an important part of the Parish finances as it allows us to maintain the Church, Presbytery and Parish Administration Centre.

If you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme, please email applecross@perthcatholic.org.au or call the Parish Office on 08 9364 1120.

Thank you for your generous commitment and continued support to the Parish.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Truus Botman, Patrick Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Nick Odorisio, Michelle O'Brien, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, James Kelly, Thomas



YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — **12 August @6pm**
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.



ST BENEDICT'S CRAFT GROUP Winter Fair

Parishioners are invited to our mid-winter fair. There will be home-made jams, pickles and warm rugs to purchase along with a small range of other gifts, all in aid of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Sunday 23rd July at 7.30 am and 9.30 am Masses only

Experience Healing GRACE Anointing OIL Forgiveness & Peace

Mass For The Sick

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST @9AM

ALL WELCOME

Prayer and Faith development small groups in our parish:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: a prayer group that spends quiet time of reflection, prayer, hymns of praise & thanksgiving and fellowship.

Meets Thursday @1pm in Albert Lynch room
Enquiries: Elspeth 0488 683 310 Judy 9364 9249

Build My Life: focuses on growing faith through fellowship, loosely structured bible study & prayer.

Meets weekly Thursday evening @7pm in St Benedicts school staff room
Enquiries: Steve 0412 207 750

Christian Life Community (CLC) is based on Ignatian Spirituality which is a powerful way of helping us make God-based decisions in our lives. clcaustralia.org.au

ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au
Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104

The next ALPHA COURSE alpha.org.au

Starting 31/8/2023 @6.30-8.30pm at St Benedicts Church www.stbenedicts.net.au

Registration: alphaatstbenes@gmail.com

Enquiries: Dom 0404 803 408 or Nicole 0429 859 308

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lawrence (Laurie) Basire & Terrence Blair.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frederick Fazey, Francis O'Connor, Bill Gaynor, Peter Twine, Peg Brennan, Cora Keeley and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

Tuesday 25 July, Online, 7pm to 8pm
 Monday 7 August, Online, 10am-11am
 Wednesday 16 August, Online, 2pm to 3pm
 Thursday 31 August, Online, 7pm to 8pm
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.
 Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

06 Aug, 19 Aug & 03 Sep TURRIST ORATIONIST MINISTRY - CONFERENCE

Turrist Oratorianist Ministry (TOM) is an Indonesian Catholic Charismatic Youth Group and is celebrating its birthday this year and are inviting all to our conference. The conference themed, *More Than Conquerors* will be held on **Sunday 6 August, Saturday 19 August and Sunday 3 September at Sts John & Paul, Willetton Catholic Parish Hall.** The conference will be conducted in English. Please [click here](#) for flyer. For booking, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/more-than-conquerors>. Further info; contact@tom.org.au

18 Aug - 20 Aug A WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

'Come away and renew your relationship with your God.' Discover the Spirit within enabling us to bring love and compassion to our world. A weekend experience, live-in or daily participants, **Friday 18 August 4.30pm to Sunday 20 August, St Catherine's House of Hospitality, 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill.** Fr Stephen Truscott will celebrate Mass on Sunday. Presenters, Sr Catherine Warner, Geraldine Taylor, and Megan Phillips. Further info; visit Nano Nagle website www.nanonaglecentre.org.au or 08 9385 0684.

Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 19 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>

Presence

Jesus waits, silent and unseen, to come into my heart. I will respond to His call. He comes with His infinite power and love. May I be filled with joy in His presence.

Freedom

Lord, may I never take the gift of freedom for granted. You gave me the great blessing of freedom of spirit. Fill my spirit with Your peace and Your joy.

Consciousness

Lord, please prepare the soil of my heart to receive the seed of Your Word. May it take root, grow and produce a bountiful harvest for Your glory and my good.

Conversation

What word or phrase has caught my attention from today's Gospel? I ask the Lord what he wants to say to me through this word...

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insight that may have been given concerning the text.

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LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE
 Apply Online
www.stbenedicts.wa.edu.au

On **7 August 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled *"Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?"* Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Help the farmer scatter the seed and find the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!

Circle the things plants need in order to grow.

Write down or draw some of the things we need to make ourselves grow.

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.** Thank you.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 17th Sun in Ord Time, Year A
1st: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 **Ps:** 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
2nd: Rom 8:28-30 **Gospel:** Mt 13:44-52

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 53:6,8*

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading *Wisdom 12:13.16-19*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial *Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5*

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

Second Reading *Romans 8:26-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation *See Matthew 11:25*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-30 (Shorter form)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 110:4-5*

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 29 & 30 JULY 2023

| | SAT 6PM | SUN 7.30AM | SUN 9.30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| ACOLYTE | BRYAN MEYERKORT | BARRY FARRELL | LUKE HANDCOCK | KEN BOWNES |
| ALTAR SERVERS | LEO DE FELICE DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR | GRACE STEWART | JACKSON HANDCOCK DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI | JERARD VINCENT NOEL & ELOUISE LIU |
| COMMENTATORS | STEFANI CHEN | SALLY HOBDAY | TERRY BOLAND | BEV PICHE |
| COLLECTORS | TONY GARBIN LOUISE BOVE | VOLUNTEER NEEDED | VOLUNTEER NEEDED | CHRIS JOSEPH PAUL BELVISO |
| READERS | ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM MILDRED REGO | ANGELA SCOTT MONICA ANDERSON | PAUL CICCARELLI MARINA CICCARELLI | ANDREA D'SOUZA KELVIN GRACE |
| EMOHC | FRANCES MEYERKORT YVONNE GARBIN | JUDY LEE | JUDY PHILLIPS MOIRA BUNN | DONNA ARTINGSTALL OSBORNE D'SOUZA |

ALTAR SOCIETY: MARILYN CAMPBELL

PILGRIM STATUE: IONE & DESMOND COORAY

COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —