

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 10 SEPTEMBER 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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23ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 10 SEPTEMBER — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- ◆ 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER — RECONCILIATION SACRAMENT @6PM
- ◆ 13 SEPTEMBER — SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: ENTERING INTO COMMUNION WITH GOD AND THE CHURCH @7.30PM-8.30PM (LAST SESSION)
- ◆ 14 SEPTEMBER TO 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 18 SEPTEMBER — HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT LED BY BR JOHNSON SEQUEIRA @5-9.30PM
- ◆ 24 SEPTEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS

Safeguarding Sunday and National Child Protection Week, 3-9 September 2023. The theme for 2023 national Child Protection Week is *Every child, in every community needs a fair go* and *where we start matters*.

The Parish of **Applecross** and the Diocese of **Perth** are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023.

These kites made by our PREP class Year 6, represent these thoughts and feelings and is offered today as a sign of commitment, unity, and love.



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 (Thursdays) at St Benedicts Church www.stbenedicts.net.au
Registration: alphaatstbenes@gmail.com
Enquiries: Dom 0404 803 408 or Nicole 0429 859 308

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 Odoriso, Michelle O'Brien, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, James Kelly, Thomas McGuire Marris, Paul Heron, Lorraine Healey and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 9 September @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

PARISH MORNING TEA INVITATION



**SUNDAY,
10 SEPTEMBER 2023
AFTER 7.30AM MASS**

**ROSTER:
VANESSA KILROE &
CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Tuesday, 12 September
@6pm**

or

**Wednesday, 13 September
@6pm**

Our Parish children will be preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We will pray for them in their journey of faith.



A member of our parish is in very difficult circumstances and is looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom property to lease. The family has an excellent rental history but currently live far away from Applecross. If anyone who has a property which they are able to lease to a reliable tenant in the foreseeable future, and are prepared to do so at less than current market rental, please speak with Fr Nelson.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy.

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman, on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 7.30 pm. The next devotion will be held on **Wednesday 13th September 2023 commencing at 7.30pm.**
Enquiries to George Lopez on 0419 910 039.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alec Lynch

ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael Gavin, Cyril De Cruz, Laurie Townsend, Phillip Dally, Estelle Lombardo, Jake Heron, Elizabeth Townsend, Anna Reale, Aloysius D'Rosario, Roger Murphy and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

Thursday, 14 September 2023 at 7 pm @ St. Anthony, Wanneroo
 Friday, 15 September 2023 at 10 am – Online
 Thursday, 19 September 2023 at 2 pm @ Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth
 Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 6.30 pm @ St. Mary's, Guildford
 Wednesday, 04 October 2023 at 10 am – Online
 Wednesday, 11 October 2023 at 6.30 pm @ Our Lady Help of Christians, East Vic Park
 Thursday, 19 October 2023 at 2 pm – Online
 Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 7 pm – Online
 Tuesday, 07 November 2023 at 7 pm – Online
 Friday, 17 November 2023 at 10 am – Online
 Wednesday, 06 December 2023 at 10 am – Online
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.
Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

Fr Frans De Ridder, a priest prominent in marriage and family ministries in Asia over many years will share his experiences.
Date: Sunday 17 September from 3pm at the Bateman Parish Hall.
 The event is sponsored by the **Parish's Marriage and Family Ministry and Worldwide Marriage Encounter**.
 Refreshments will be provided after Fr Frans' talk and discussion.
RSVP to Max & Annie Mayes 0407 990 506 or just come along.

Perth Mariapolis presents a universal message that gives a light for the word today. The program includes presentations, sharing of real-life stories, musical and cultural contributions, interactive workshops, moments of reflection on gospel values, relaxation and family activities together. Youth and children's program included. You are welcome to join us for the 3 day program or part of it. This event will on the long week-end of the school holidays, **23-25 September**.
 Online booking form: <https://forms.gle/wzQXLrKv7TJTNGrNA>
 For further info: perth.f@focolare.org.au or (08) 9349 4052.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

It is always nice to be in the presence of friends. You, O Lord, are my closest and true friend. May I never forget the friend I have in You.

Freedom

Everything has the potential to draw forth from me a fuller love and life. Yet my desires are often fixed, caught, on illusions of fulfillment. I ask that God, through my freedom, may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant, loving melody, rich in harmony.

Consciousness

In the presence of my loving Creator, I look honestly at my feelings over the last day: the highs, the lows and the level ground. Can I see where the Lord has been present?

Conversation

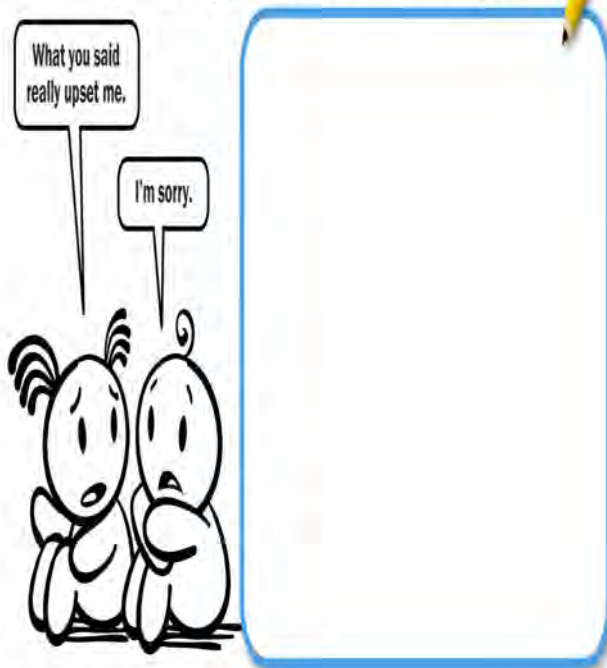
Conversation requires talking and listening. As I talk to Jesus may I also learn to be still and listen, picture the gentleness in His eyes and the smile full of love as he gazes on me. I can be totally honest with Jesus as I tell Him of my worries and my cares. I will open up my heart to Him as I tell Him of my fears and my doubts. I will ask Him to help me to place myself fully in His care, to abandon myself to Him, knowing that He always wants what is best for me.

Conclusion

Filled with the loving presence of God. Ask Him to bless you and guide your steps. As you go to do His work in your daily life.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Jesus wants us to be peacemakers when someone does wrong things against us.
 Draw a picture of you being a peacemaker with someone who has done wrong by you.



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Carefully point out what is wrong

Try to find these words:

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 I G P W J S E N R A N U L Z
 T W O D B W V O H X Y N P Q
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church
 go
 listen
 private
 refuse
 Scriptures
 sin
 true
 two
 unbeliever
 witnesses
 wrong

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: 24th Sun in Ord Time, Year A

1st: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Ps: 102:1-4, 9-12

2nd: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel: Mt 18:21-35



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Psalm 118:137, 124*

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8*

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 18:15-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 41:2-3*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	STEVEN ROBERTSON	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	DAVID & DANYCKA FERNANDES DANIEL SETIAWAN		DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI JOEY VILLEGAS	SACHA AUTON LUCY LOMMA KATHERINE WIBAWA
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	ALICE BATY	MARINA CICCARELLI	JILL NORTON
COLLECTORS	IONE COORAY STEPHEN DONOVAN	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	ADRIAN DARGIE
READERS	MILDRED REGO LEO REGO	FRANK GERICEVICH RITA ILICH	DANIEL BARIN NICOLE PARKER	GLENDA BEUKES MAISIE CINANNI
EMOHC	FRANCES MEYERKORT MILDRED REGO	JUDY LEE	MARGARET SANDFORD MARGARET HANDYSIDE	KEVIN AUTON LINDA ROBERTSON
ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: PAUL BELVISO	
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	