

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 17 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 @10am, gathering @9.45am (new time)

**Baptisms:** By appointment

**Marriages:** By appointment

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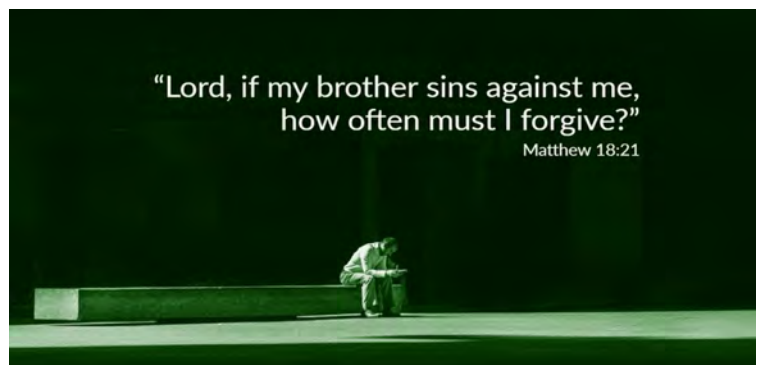
## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### EVENTS

- ◆ 18 SEPTEMBER — HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT LED BY BR JOHNSON SEQUEIRA @5-9.30PM
- ◆ 21 SEPTEMBER TO 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 24 SEPTEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 6 OCTOBER — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 7 OCTOBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 8 OCTOBER — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: RITA ILICH & VALERIE LEE)
- ◆ 21 OCTOBER — SCHOOL FAMILY MASS @6PM

### VINNIES RAFFLE

The Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be selling raffle tickets for a fundraiser to help with its works. There will be three prizes – one for each of three winners. Tickets are \$5 each.

The prizes are:

1. St Patrick's Holy Water Font: This handmade pewter font tells the story of St Patrick in Ireland.
2. Framed copy of a painting of Jesus by renowned artist, Ariel Aagemian and based on the Shroud of Turin.
3. Reliquary containing stones from the Shrine of St Michael the Archangel in Gargano, Italy.

Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses commencing **Saturday 16 September** and on the following weekend commencing **Saturday 23 September**.

### BR. Johnson Sequeira visit to our Parish Church

Come you all children of God.

Br. Johnson Sequeira, a Catholic lay preacher and founder of the JCILM Ministry - **Jesus Christ Is Lord Ministry**, web: <https://jcilmglobal.info/>, is leading a spiritual retreat in Perth. He is blessed, with the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, with the ability to preach and teach the Gospel with practical and simple illustrations that people can understand, thereby we can experience the glory of God in our lives.

Date: **Monday, 18 September 2023 at 5.00pm to 9.30pm at St Benedict's church.**

Please see the poster on the notice board at the Foyer or call or text message 0432 045301 for further details.

### Catholic Youth Ministry Perth

We are the official youth ministry agency in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, assisting young people aged 13-30 to build a deep and lasting relationship with Jesus. We want to accompany them in their faith journey as individuals, in communities, and help them discern their place in the Church and in the world.

[cym.com.au](http://cym.com.au)

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

### COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 AFTER 9.30AM MASS



### FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends on **6 October** 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Mary Mother of Sorrows Prayer Group** who celebrated its **35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** on Thursday, 14 September 2023 at their usual prayer time of 1pm, a day before the Feast of Mary Mother of Sorrows.

The group had gone from being a Charismatic Prayer Group to now practising Centering Prayer and being a more Contemplative and Faith Sharing Group.

Members have also contributed to the Plenary Council and our previous & current Parish Councils when necessary. They do hope someone may be available to join them.

### Speed Limit Petition

Some concerned parishioners are conducting a speed limit petition drive to reduce speed limit around the church and school to **30km/hour**.

The petition targets improved road safety for school children, pedestrians, cyclists, residents and motorists by establishing a safe community precinct surrounding the St Benedict's Primary School with a speed limit of 30km/hour.

Petition forms are at the tables at the back of the church.

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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alec Lynch — Funeral Mass on Friday, 22/9/23 @10am  
**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bryan Stokes, John Wilson, Norah Hanrahan, Stephen Court, Violet Hender, Richard Reid, Edgar Rodoreda and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.  
*Thank you.*



**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1**

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](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 9221 7762.

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 weekend of the school holidays, **23-25 September**. Online booking form: <https://forms.gle/wzQXLrKv7TJTNGrNA>

**Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer - Weekend Oct 28/29 2023**  
 Mothers Prayers Australia was formally established in Oct 2003 with the appointment of Australian Coordinator Rosa Montegrando by the worldwide ministry’s founders in England. Each year since, Mothers Prayers groups in Australia are called to a National Day of Prayer in October to give thanks and praise to God for the many gifts of answered prayers and blessings received through Mothers Prayers.  
 This year, the **National Day of Prayer on the weekend of 28 and 29 October also marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mothers Prayers in Australia**. All Mothers Prayers groups in Perth are invited to commemorate this special day by coming together for prayer and thanksgiving. In past years, Mothers Prayers groups have gathered with other groups to celebrate the day with Mass, organized a full day of prayers and reflection or just meet together to share a cuppa and pray the special intentions.  
 For a copy of the Prayers of the Faithful or more information about Mothers Prayers, please email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers coordinator at [perth@mothersprayers.org](mailto:perth@mothersprayers.org)



**Presence**

I slow myself down for a moment, and try to realise that God is present, To me, Here and now. He is present in what I do, In the people that I meet, and the situations I find myself in daily. How can I make this reality real for myself?

**Freedom**

Your death on the Cross has set me free. I can live joyously and freely, without fear of death. Your mercy knows no bounds.

**Consciousness**

Sometimes I get overwhelmed by the cares of this world. At times like these may I be aware of the comfort of your Presence, Your infinite love for me.

**Conversation**

I begin to talk to Jesus about the piece of scripture I have just read. What part of it strikes a chord in me? Perhaps the words of a friend – or some story I have heard recently –will slowly rise to the surface of my consciousness. If so, does the story throw light on what the scripture passage may be trying to say to me?

**Conclusion**

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

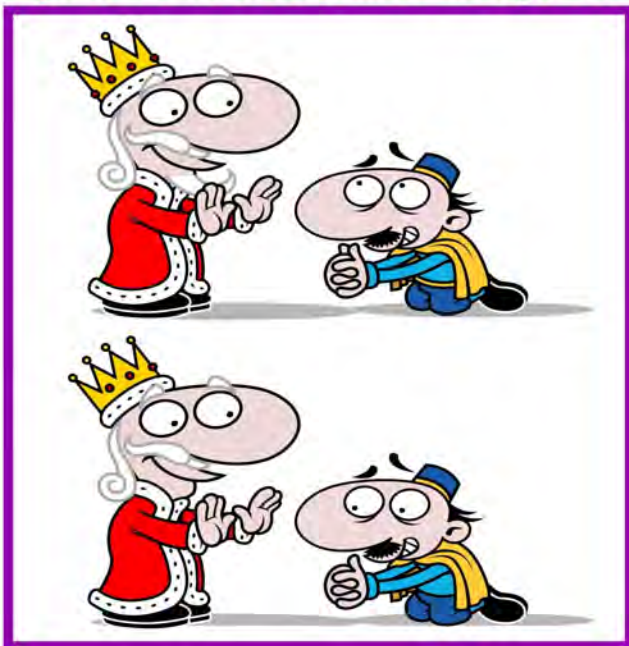
**24 Sep WE ARE ONE**

Sunday, 24 September, 2pm to 3.30pm, St Mary’s Cathedral, Victoria Square, Perth. A special multi-denominational prayer gathering, praying for unity across the churches. This in preparation for the upcoming **‘World Prayer Assembly’**.

All Welcome. Further info; [fmi@flameministries.org](mailto:fmi@flameministries.org).

CHILDREN’S CORNER

**Spot the 7 differences between these pictures**



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times

P H U N D R E D G I X P X L C  
 U M O N E Y G O I L O W E D Z  
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Try to find these words:

- begged
- followers
- free
- heart
- hundred
- king
- money
- official
- owed
- pity
- seventy
- sold

Mt 18:21-35

**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: 25th Sun in Ord Time, Year A**

**1st:** Is 55:6-9  
**2nd:** Phil 1:20-24, 27

**Ps:** 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
**Gospel:** Mt 20:1-16



READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf *Sirach 36:18*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

**First Reading** *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance  
of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the  
commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your  
neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High,  
and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v. 8*

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

**Second Reading** *Romans 14:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 13:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 18:21-35*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**Communion Antiphon** Cf *Psalm 35:8*

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	BARRY FARRELL	DENIS RIGG	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	ESTELA, AMELIA & ISABELLE TARANTO		GRACE STEWART LETICIA AVERY CHARMAINE VOGLER	JONAH VINCENT ADDISON & HARPER GRACE
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	MEGAN OH	TERRY BOLAND	BEV PICHE
COLLECTORS	TONY GARBIN LOUIS BOVE	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	CHRIS JOSEPH PAUL BELVISO
READERS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM FRANCES MEYERKORT	ALICE BATY JACQUIE HERON	MARINA CICCARELLI PAUL CICCARELLI	KELVIN GRACE MAUREEN BRIGHT
EMOHC	MEGAN DOWLING YVONNE GARBIN	MONICA ANDERSON	RUTH THORN TERET BROCKWAY	YULIANA VAN DER BURG JILL NORTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: MARGOT LYONS	
COUNTERS: PIERRE SEQUEIRA, LILI ORIFICI, JENNY COWIE, LUCY LIU & BRIAN LIU			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	