

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 24 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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### PARISH INCLUSIVITY COORDINATOR:

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## 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement.

Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### EVENTS

- ◆ 24 SEPTEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 28 SEPTEMBER TO 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 29 OCTOBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS

### 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 Agemian 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**.

### INTRODUCTION TO CATECHIST FORMATION

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Catechist? There will be an information session hosted by the Catechist Service for anyone interested in training as a Catechist in 2024. Come and learn about the formation and support you will receive in this important ministry.

**Friday 13 October 2023 from 10am to 12.30pm**, morning tea provided, Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville.

**RSVP to Mildred by Thursday 5 October** with your full name, email address and best phone contact.

Phone: 08 9380 1722.

### 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.

### 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 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.



You are invited to

*St Benedict's  
School*

*70th Anniversary*

Sunday 22nd October 2023  
Commencing @ 9.30am  
Followed by Morning Tea

RSVP ADMIN OFFICE 6217 3500 OR  
admin@stbenedicts.wa.edu.au

### 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)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alec Lynch

### ANNIVERSARIES:

William Fahy, Irene Lopez, Willa Edwards, Giuseppe Mancini, Joan Williams and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

*Thank you.*



**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1**

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.

**07 Oct and 08 Oct INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEMINAR**

Saturday 7 October 9.30am to 4pm and Sunday 8 October 10.30am to 3pm, L J Goody Bioethics Centre, 39 Jugan Street, Mt Hawthorn. Flame Ministries presents, a comprehensive seminar for Intercessors, Prayer Group Leaders and those who want to know about charismatic style intercessory prayer. Please bring a plate to share. All Welcome. Further info; Mariza, 0435 435 013.

**15 Oct MEDITATION PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE**

Sunday 15 October 7pm to 8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm), St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Bring a torch and a friend! All are welcome! Further info; Sr Maree Riddler rsj, [maree.riddler@soj.org.au](mailto:maree.riddler@soj.org.au) or 0414 683 926.

**Refugee Family Sponsorship**

To celebrate Migrant & Refugee Sunday, The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) would like expressions of interest from parishioners for the Refugee Family Sponsorship. Refugee Family Sponsorship requires 5-8 volunteers to form a group to financially sponsor a family from a refugee camp to live in Perth.

Refugee Family Sponsorship is overseen by Federal Government and is fully safeguarded. This is also a wonderful opportunity for a parish and school community to practise welcoming a displaced family in need.

To register your interest or for inquiries, please contact: [wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au).

In thanksgiving to God and Our Blessed Mother for the daily apparitions of **Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje**, The Medjugorje evening of prayer warmly invites you, your family and friends this **Friday evening 7pm 29th Sept. at St Bernadette's Church, 49 Jugan St, Glendalough**. Evening includes;- Reconciliation, Rosary, Benediction, Holy Mass. Free distribution of Rosary Beads which received Our Lady's Blessing during Her apparition in Medjugorje. Evening concludes with light refreshments. Please consider this invitation as you will be made very welcome and feel free to pass this invitation onto your own contacts.

**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**

I need to close out the noise, to rise above the noise:

The noise that interrupts, that separates, The noise that isolates. I need to listen to God again, in stillness and quiet.

**Consciousness**

How am I really feeling? Lighthearted? Heavy-hearted? I may be very much at peace, happy to be here.

Equally, I may be frustrated, worried or angry. I acknowledge how I really am. It is the real me that the Lord loves.

**Conversation**

Lord, you have engraved my name on the palm of your hand. Even if others forget me, you never will.

**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.

**Amen**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Z	O	I	G	A	T	W	I	A	R
S	J	S	O	R	S	D	L	L	B
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I	Y	O	W	F	B	N	G	A	D
K	A	E	T	I	R	L	E	S	T

FINISH



**COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE**

"Everyone who is now first will be last!"

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



- SELFISH**      **CARING**
- VAIN**      **GREEDY**      **KIND**
- GENEROUS**
- SHARING**      **CARELESS**
- JEALOUS**

**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: 26th Sun in Ord Time, Year A**

**1st:** Ezek 18:25-28

**Ps:** 24:4-9

**2nd:** Phil 2:1-11

**Gospel:** Mt 21:28-32



READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading** *Isaiah 55:6-9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18*

**(R.)** The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Philippians 1:20-24. 27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life  
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but  
then death would bring me something more; but then  
again, if living in this body means doing work which is  
having good results – I do not know what I should  
choose.

I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with  
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to  
stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy  
of the gospel of Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation** *See Acts of the Apostles 16:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 20:1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a  
landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his  
vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one  
denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at  
about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market  
place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will  
give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour  
and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the  
same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and  
found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why  
have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one  
has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into  
my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard  
said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages,  
starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So  
those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came for-  
ward and received one denarius each. When the first came,  
they expected to get more, but they too received one denari-  
us each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The  
men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and  
you have treated them the same as us, though we have done  
a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them  
and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not  
agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose  
to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to  
do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am  
generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalms 118:4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 30 SEPTEMBER & 1 OCTOBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	DOMINIC LONGO	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	DOMENICO DE FELICE DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR		JACKSON HANDCOCK JOEY VILLEGAS CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	JERARD VINCENT RUBY & TYLER MORRIS
COMMENTATORS	ELAINE DIAS	JACQUIE HERON	PAUL CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	FRANK GERICEVICH	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	CHRIS JOSEPH VOLUNTEER NEEDED
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: ROGER & ELIZABETH FEW	
COUNTERS: JOYCE D'CRUZ, GILLIAN COELHO, STEFANI & BENNY			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	