

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 15 OCTOBER 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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## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

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## PARISH NOTICES

### EVENTS

- ◆ 19 OCTOBER TO 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 21 OCTOBER — BUSY BEE @8AM
- ◆ 22 OCTOBER — ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL 70TH ANNIVERSARY MASS @9.30AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA
- ◆ 27 OCTOBER — VOLUNTEERS SUNDOWNER @6PM
- ◆ 29 OCTOBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 3 NOVEMBER — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 11 NOVEMBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM

### Volunteers — A gift to our community



St Benedict's Parish has many volunteers who selflessly give their time to make the life of our church thrive and we would like to say Thank You!

Please join us for a special Thanksgiving Gathering in the Fr Albert Lynch Room

Friday: 27 October 2023 @6pm

Please sign in your attendance on the sheets at the entrance of the church.

Thank you



## PARISH BUSY BEE

### gardening & window cleaning



SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER @ 8AM—11AM  
PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP

### PLANNED GIVING (2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION):

Parish income for the quarter ended 30/09/23 was 115% of the budgeted income of the quarter and 29% of the budgeted income of the year. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the parish.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Truus Botman, 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, Lorraine Healey and all others who are not included in this list.

Thank you.



### YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 11 November @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.



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

Mary Mother of Sorrows Prayer Group invites you to a day of Reflection with Sister Frances on Thursday 26 October 2023.

Theme: A Day with St Francis, commencing 9.45am (after 9am mass) to 2.30pm at Mary Mackillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth.

Cost \$15, BYO lunch with morning tea provided. RSVP: Judy Phillips 9364 9249.

COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT  
SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2023  
AFTER 9.30AM MASS



### PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Heron

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Caterina Cinanni, Monica Matthews, Brian Allen, Mark Hender, Kenneth Leeder, Patricia Forkin, Helen Saldanha, Licia Cobanov, Karen Maher, Patricia Hutchinson, Harold Woodcock and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. Thank you.



**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1**

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  
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.  
**Further info:** [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 9221 7762.

**18 Oct - 08 Nov THE WORD OF THE LORD: EXPLORING SCRIPTURES**

**Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, (4 sessions), Bateman Parish, 100 Dean Road, Bateman Parish.** This course offers a general overview of Scripture and its significance for our lives. The central topics covered include: an understanding of the Bible in context, the relationship between the Old and New Testaments, how we understand the Church through Scripture and the importance of tradition and revelation. **CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge.** Suggested donation \$20.00. Presenter, Dr Peter Christofides. **Further info or to register, email** [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9278 0261.

**21 Oct DIVINE RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE – ROCKINGHAM PARISH**

Parish Renewal is one of the 7 priority areas in our Archdiocesan Strategic Plan, and rightly so, yet it is so hard to make it real! Divine Renovation is a model of parish renewal that has already proved effective in many parishes. Rockingham Parish is one of the parishes that has profited from this model. Come and join us because we hope you will find some element that may start the journey for you on **Saturday 21 October 8.45am to 3.45pm**. We will share the stories of our journey and the vision behind it, hoping they may be of use to you and your parish. We found it useful to see a model of parish renewal working in another parish and we were also inspired when talked with the people who implemented it, and our questions were answered. For more info and to register <http://divinerenovation.org/events>.  
**Further info;** Parish Office 08 9527 1605.

**27 Oct ROSARY PROCESSION AROUND LAKE MONGER**

**Friday 27 October 7pm, Our Lady's Rosary Procession around Lake Monger will take place leaving from the gazebo, down from the Dodd Street Carpark.** All are welcome to come along and join in the praying of the Rosary as we walk around the lake. The paths are wheelchair and pram friendly. Those who are unable to walk may join others and sit in the gazebo where the Rosary will be led by Legionaries. Please bring your own chair. No naked flames are allowed so please bring a torch.  
**Further info;** Rosemary Bennett 0421 580 783.

**Presence**

God is with me, but more, God is within me. Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my body, in my mind, in my heart, as I am here, right now.

**Freedom**

Lord, I pray for your gift of freedom. May your Holy Spirit guide those in power to work for equality for all your people.

**Consciousness**

Conscious of your presence, Lord, I look over my recent past. Let me be honest with myself about how I've been and what I've done, because I know you love truth in the heart and accept me just as I am.

**Inspiration**

The parable of the wedding in today's Gospel was spoken when Jesus saw that his own people were moving to reject him. The story is symbolic. But the invitation to us is a real one. It is an invitation to enter the Kingdom of God. The invitation to the Kingdom of heaven is cast wide, yet we are free to say yes or no. No matter how low a stature I seem to have in life, I am welcome. I will shake off the rags of my injustice, my less good self and dress in the clothes of a new, more loving person.

I ask God to help me to respond as best I can to this real invitation. Is a quiet voice whispering to me from within? May I listen to this still, small voice that calls me to the wedding feast of life.

**Conversation**

What feelings, questions, doubts or inspirations does today's Gospel stir in me? Can I bring all that I am feeling and thinking to Jesus, as if he were really here with me?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

When the invited guests refused to come, the king asked people from the streets to come to the banquet.  
 On the table, draw the finest food for the banquet and fill the room with guests from all walks of life.



**BANQUET**

How many words can you make from the letters in the word BANQUET ?

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**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: 29th Sun in Ord Time, Year A**

**1st:** Is 45:1, 4-6  
**2nd:** 1Thess 1:1-5

**Ps:** 95:1, 3-5, 7-10  
**Gospel:** Mt 22:15-21



READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** *Psalm 129:3-4*

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

**First Reading** *Isaiah 25:6-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22. R. v.6*

*(R.)* I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

- 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,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
- He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
- You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*

- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation** *See Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 22:1-10* (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

**Communion Antiphon** *Cf Psalm 33:11*

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 21 & 22 OCTOBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	STEVEN ROBERTSON	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN TSIA IHINOLEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	OPEN FOR ANY SERVERS TO ASSIST	XAVIER SIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	SOFIE GABRIEL MICHAEL & STEFAN ELHAJ
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	ALICE BATY	VERONICA AVERY	JILL NORTON
COLLECTORS	TONY GARBIN LOUIS BOVE	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	ELIZABETH FEW	CHRIS JOSEPH PAUL BELVISO
READERS	FRANCES MEYERKORT ELAINE DIAS	ANGELA SCOTT VOLUNTEER NEEDED	ANUSHIA SUPPIAH PAUL VINCI	MAUREEN BRIGHT GLENDA BEUKES
EMOHC	GERRI CLAY STEVEN CLAY	BRYAN LILLIS	RUTH THORN MARINA CICCARELLI	NATALIE ELHAJ COLLEEN MORRIS
ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: MARGARET HANDYSIDE	
COUNTERS: TONY & YVONNE GARBIN, ROSEMARY PACKER & ROBERT BOURNE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	