

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 22 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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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

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"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 22 OCTOBER — ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL 70TH ANNIVERSARY MASS @9.30AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA
- ◆ 26 OCTOBER TO 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 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



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.

PARISH BUSY BEE

gardening & window cleaning



A BIG THANK YOU

Mary Mother of Sorrows Prayer Group

invites you to a day of Reflection with Sister Frances

on **Thursday 2 November 2023.**

Theme: A Day with St Francis, commencing 9.45am 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



2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2023 marks the 101th edition.

COST: \$10 each

Please give the money to Fr Nelson or the parish office.

Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING (2ND 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.



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends on **3 November** 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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Truus Botman, Ng Chai Hong, 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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Paul Heron — Funeral: Thursday 26/10/23 @10.30am.
Beatrice Leong

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Stokes, Warren Pickering, Johan Van Kessel, Alzira Serralha, Bernice Trainor, Lewis Sinning, Norma Slattery, Paulyne Blizzard, Ernie Coombs, Therese Yen Lai Chan, Cindy Forlee and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

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.

25 Oct - 08 Nov THE WORD OF THE LORD: EXPLORING SCRIPTURES

Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, (3 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, or call 08 9278 0261.

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.

The Perth Tamil Catholic Community will be celebrating a special evening on **Friday, 27 October 2023 at Sts John and Paul Catholic Church.** The evening will **start at 7pm** with Rosary in Tamil followed by Mass celebration in Tamil and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

In Medjugorje Our Blessed Mother calls us to prayer and she informs us of the power of prayer groups. She says ..."through them I can see, little children, that the Holy Spirit is at work in the world..." she also says "Like a lightning rod attracts the lightning, a prayer group attracts the fire of the Holy Spirit downward. "Therefore, we warmly invite you to attend our **Medjugorje evening of prayer this coming Friday 27th October at 7pm at St Bernadettes Church, 49 Jugan St, Glendalough.** Here we will answer Our Blessed Mothers crucial call to prayer with Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Rosary, Confession, Benediction, Holy Mass. Light refreshments to follow.
 Enq. email medjugorjewa1981@gmail.com

Presence

Let my heart rejoice and be glad in this time of prayer. Remind me often of the great blessings You have bestowed on me, oh my God.

Freedom

"There are very few people who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves into his hands, and let themselves be formed by his grace." (Saint Ignatius). I ask for the grace to trust myself totally to God’s love.

Consciousness

Jesus, thank you for this moment where I am conscious of your presence with me. Help me to be more and more aware of your presence in my daily life, and in everyone I meet.

Inspiration

Jesus remains free and firm in the face of the plots against him. I ask for his courage to stand up for what is true and just. To be a good citizen and to serve God are not in contradiction, since God works through all human systems and institutions to build the final community of love. God needs me to help build good relationships wherever I find myself.

Conversation

Remembering that I am still in God’s presence, I imagine Jesus himself standing or sitting beside me, and say whatever is on my mind, whatever is in my heart, speaking as one friend to another.

CHILDREN’S CORNER



Give to God what belongs to God.

Jesus tells us that we belong to God. We can give ourselves to God by following Jesus’ teachings and loving others as he did. Draw a picture of yourself doing something as Jesus would have done.



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Give to God what belongs to God

W R G S P H A R I S E E S U T
 L B R B S B E L O N G S R E Q
 F L I V N Q N U O M X B E M N
 J S P T R I C K F A J C S S K
 C D Z L D W T Y C V K G P O J
 M O S F L Q V H V Z Z I E T O
 U H I W F P F E K C L D C X L
 Y Q L T E A C H E R Y F T W I
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 H G K B Z J Z L B X U O W H M
 G F Q D P N N J D W A Q B A A
 E T R U T H D P S O A U V R R

Try to find these words:

- belongs
- coins
- Emperor
- honest
- Pharisees
- respect
- silver
- taxes
- teacher
- test
- trick
- truth

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: 30th Sun in Ord Time, Year A

1st: Ex 22:20-26

Ps: 17:2-4, 47, 51

2nd: 1Thess 1:5-10

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of
the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing
you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered
through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it
came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap
Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, to-
gether with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are
an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and
that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay
taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me?
Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a
denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?'
'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give
back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what be-
longs to God.'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 28 & 29 OCTOBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	BARRY FARRELL	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	DAVID & DANYCKA FERNANDES DANIEL SETIAWAN	IHILOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	HAILEY CORREIRA LETICIA AVERY JOEY VILLEGAS	SOFIE GABRIEL VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	LORNA D'SOUZA	TERRY BOLAND	BEV PICHE
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	GERRY DOYLE	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	JOE CINANNI CHRIS JOSEPH
READERS	YVONNE GARBIN LEO REGO	ADELE PARSONS ANGEL SCOTT	NICOLE PARKER PAUL MENEZES	PATRICIA ROBERTSON KELVIN GRACE
EMOHC	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA MEGAN DOWLING	JACQUIE HERON	CARMEL RECHICHI LILI ORIFICI	MAISIE CINANNI JOE CIANNANI
ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: ANNE ANDRIANI	
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: --	