

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 12 NOVEMBER 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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Transport: Lorna D'Souza

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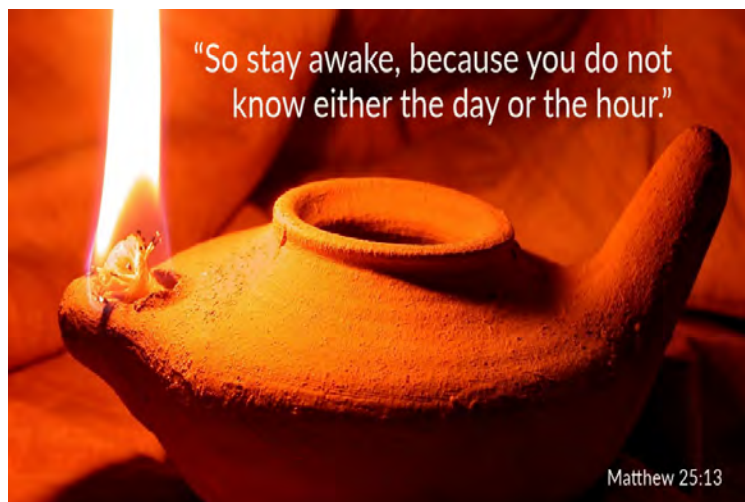
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 12 NOVEMBER — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS (ROSTER: ANNE BANKS & BETTY DYKES)
- ◆ 16 NOVEMBER — ALPHA COURSE, THURSDAYS @6.30-8.30PM
- ◆ 26 NOVEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 1 DECEMBER — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 9 DECEMBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 16 DECEMBER — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM
- ◆ 17 DECEMBER — PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS

During November we pray for our deceased loved ones. A box will be placed on the altar where you can place your November envelopes with the names of the deceased persons who will be remembered at all Masses.




The ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK will be held next weekend on 18/19 November 2023.

Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass next weekend, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies.

You can mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided, or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Mass next weekend.

You may also donate (securely) online by credit card:- www.lifelink.com.au



2024 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.


COST: \$10 each

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

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, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey and all others who are not included in this list.
Thank you.



YOUTH CORNER

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

COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT
SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2023
AFTER 9.30AM MASS



It's no life for some...
An indigenous woman who has suffered a lifetime of beatings from her dysfunctional family and who can't find a way out of her depression and poverty; or a family with several children trying to hang on to their home in this time of rising interest and rental rates. As members of the **St Vincent de Paul Society** we see such a lot of heartache and despair as we visit the homes of those seeking assistance. We listen and try to provide hope as well as practical assistance and advice. We do the heavy lifting and treat each person with dignity and try our utmost to help them.

Please continue to donate nonperishable food items and cash in the parish poor box at the rear of the Church. For you to help us enables us to help those in need in our region, so please continue to be generous and don't forget the important work we do.

Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

James Kelly — Funeral: Wednesday 22/11/23 @10am.
Doris Lavinia Francis.

ANNIVERSARIES:


Frances Low, Jack Norris, Kathleen Delany, Caterina Radici, Mildred Tuckey, Elizabeth White, Bridget Devane, David Clarke, Joyce Stockden, Joan Lange, Bill Gummer, Bill Reilly and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

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.

12 Nov SHORT PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT KARRAKATA CEMETERY
 Join the Cathedral Choir in this very special prayer service of remembrance during this month of November traditionally dedicated to prayer for the holy souls. Featuring chants, hymns and prayers led by Cathedral Dean Rev Dr Sean Fernandez; rosemary will be distributed to those present which you can take to the resting place of loved ones at the conclusion of the service. **Sunday 12 November at 3pm. Meeting Point:** Admin block near main entrance, Railway Road, Karrakatta Cemetery.
 Further info: music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au, or 08 9223 1337; 0419 942 099.

 **THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION**
 The amount donated by the **Applecross** Parish for the 2023 Appeal was **\$4,111**. Thank you for your generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal which will go towards helping our medical missionaries in East Timor to provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable. Please contact Francis Leong on 6234 1760 or at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au if you are keen to participate in God's mission by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission and the vision of Pope Francis as a parish volunteer, or by leaving a bequest.

 **Mothers Prayers Australia— 20th Anniversary Mass**
 Mothers Prayers Australia invites all mothers, grandmothers and spiritual mothers to a **Mass to celebrate its 20th anniversary on Wed 22 November at 10am, at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton**. Please come early to place the names of your children and grandchildren in the basket which will be brought up to the altar at the start of Mass, signifying our surrender of these children into Jesus' care. Mass will be followed by morning tea, during which those new to Mothers Prayers will be introduced to the worldwide Mothers Prayers ministry where mothers come together to pray for their children and all children throughout the world.
 Enquiries: email Su Goh, WA Mothers Prayers Coordinator, perth@mothersprayers.org

Presence
 Every moment is alive with the glorious presence of God. As I give myself more and more to intimate communion with the One who created me, I find that I simply have no time to worry.

Freedom
 Many countries are at this moment suffering the agonies of war. I bow my head in thanksgiving for my freedom. I pray for all prisoners and captives.

Consciousness
 We are all pilgrims on a journey to You, Lord. May we contemplate Your time on earth, and, with Your help, follow in Your footsteps.

Inspiration
 This Gospel helps us to focus on the here and now. It helps us to learn to live totally in the present, to seek and find God there. If we can do that, then all the rest will take care of itself. Whether the Groom arrives early or late, it will not matter as he has been a constant part of my everyday life.

Let us try to renew our commitment to God and to building and growing our relationship with Him through regular prayer and reflection.

Conversation
 Dear Lord, stay by my side always. Gain for me a trusting heart. Thank you for loving me.

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

Amen



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Always be ready!

Mt 25:1-13

Which two of these lamps are exactly the same?

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

Try to find these words:

- buy
- doors
- enough
- groom
- lamps
- night
- oil
- open
- ready
- sleep
- ten
- wedding



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: 33rd Sun in Ord Time, Year A

1st: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 **Ps:** 127:1-5
2nd: 1Thess 5:1-6 **Gospel:** Mt 25:14-30



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 87:3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2*

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who
have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like
the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died
and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have

died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell
you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who
are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any
advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of
God, the voice of the archangel will call out the com-
mand and the Lord himself will come down from heaven;
those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and
then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the
clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air.
So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such
thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42. 44*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones
did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the
sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and
fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bride-
groom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the
foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of
your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for you; you had
better go to those who sell it and buy some for your-
selves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the
wedding hall and the door was closed. The other brides-
maids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the
door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not
know you." So stay awake, because you do not know
either the day or the hour.'

Communion Antiphon *Cf Psalm 22:1-2*

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 18 & 19 NOVEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	STEVEN ROBERTSON	LUKE HANDCOCK	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN TSIA DARSHYN & DHYVYEN MANNAR	JOEY VILLEGAS	XAVIER SIA JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	KATHERINE WIBAWA RUBY & TYLER MORRIS
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	ADELE PARSONS	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	TONY GARBIN LOUIS BOVE	GERRY DOYLE	ELIZABETH FEW	CHRIS JOSEPH PAUL BELVISO
READERS	STEFANI CHEN ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM	JACQUIE HERON LORNA D'SOUZA	CAROL CURNOW JUDY PHILLIPS	MAISIE CINANNI BEV PICHE
EMOHC	CARLA CARDOSO MILDRED REGO	ALICE BATY	TERET BROCKWAY RUTH THORN	YULIANA VAN DER BURG COLLEEN MORRIS
ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: MARIBEL & HENRY VILLEGAS	
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	