

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 19 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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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

Befriending Time

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of *omission* – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men
which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
omitted, all the voyage of their life
is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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"Well done, good and faithful servant;
you have shown you can be faithful in
small things, I will trust you with greater."

Matthew 25:23

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 18-19 NOVEMBER — THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFE LINK
- ◆ 26 NOVEMBER — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 1 DECEMBER — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 2-3 DECEMBER — CRAFT CHRISTMAS STALL
- ◆ 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 is 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 this weekend 18/19 November 2023.

Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this 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 at Mass next weekend.

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



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends on **1 December** will be a garden party @11am at Maureen's house. Please bring along a plate to share and your Kris Kringle. Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.



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.*

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 heart-ache 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. To enable us to help those in need in our region, please continue to be generous and don't forget the important work we do.

Applecross conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Stall and Raffle

St Benedict's Craft Group assisted by Applecross CWL will be conducting a stall of craft items, baked goods and a raffle at all weekend Masses on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December.



All proceeds to support **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

Bring some Christmas cheer to their clients. Cash transactions preferred



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.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES:

Maria Daghish, Elizabeth Ritchie, James Hall, Albert Dolin and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

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.

19 Nov MEDITATION PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

Sunday 19 November 7pm - 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@sosj.org.au or 0414 683 926.

25 Nov HEALING MASS - VOICE OF THE VOICELESS MINISTRY

The next Healing Mass and Adoration of Voice of the Voiceless Ministry of St John Paul II will be held on **Saturday, 25 November, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 43 Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park**. Songs of worship and praise will commence at 11.30am to be followed by Mass at 12noon. All welcome. **Further info:** Cathy 0419 162 544.

03 Dec & 17 Dec ADVENT EVENTS FOR FAMILIES, WOMEN AND GIRLS

Join like-minded people at one of the following events preparing your hearts for the Incarnation of our Lord this Christmas. **Sunday 3 December, 2pm to 4pm Advent Afternoon**, for families, includes. family activities, couple's session, youth, and children's program, as well as prayer and afternoon tea. **Sunday 17 December, 1.30pm to 4.30pm Advent Get-together** for girls aged 8-11. Includes faith and fun activities. **Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon**. Please bring along a plate to share for afternoon tea. Cost, \$5 per participant (children under seven are free). **RSVP by the Monday in the week prior to the event date**. To register or for inquiries please contact Sr M Luka at srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au or 0439 537 843; or Philomena pd@theseira.family or 0417 936 757.



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

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

Dear Lord, instil in my heart the desire to know and love you more. May I respond to your will for my life.

Consciousness

Help me Lord to be more conscious of Your Presence. Teach me to recognise Your Presence in others. Fill my heart with gratitude for the times Your Love has been shown to me through the care of others.

Inspiration

Living in the knowledge that God trusts us and needs our help to spread the Good News, and will give us the grace to do so, is a powerful way to understand our discipleship. If we allow fear and self-doubt to dictate how we use our gifts, God's investment will be diminished or fail to thrive.

Talk with the Lord about how you use the gifts and abilities you have been given and how these can be strengthened for God's glory.

Conversation

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

Conclusion

I thank God for His gift of love
 As I go forth with joy and hope
 To serve His people.

Amen



CHILDREN'S CORNER



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Come and share in my happiness!"

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FINISH



Jesus tells us that God rewards those who use their gifts wisely. Inside each bag write down a gift God has given you.



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: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of the Universe

1st: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17 **Ps:** 22: 1-3, 5-6
2nd: 1Cor 15: 20-26, 28 **Gospel:** Mt 25: 31-46



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Jeremiah 29:11,12,14*
 The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading *Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31*
 A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
 A perfect wife – who can find her?
 She is far beyond the price of pearls.
 Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.
 Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.
 She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.
 She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.
 She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1*

- (R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.
- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
 By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
 - Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
 - Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
 May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*
 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
 You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
 But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake

and sober.
Gospel Acclamation *John 15:4. 5*
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
 Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21*
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

Communion Antiphon *Psalms 72:28*
 To be near God is my happiness,

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2023

| | SAT 6PM | SUN 7.30AM | SUN 9.30AM | SUN 6PM |
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| ACOLYTE | SIMON CARRICK | BARRY FARRELL | PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH | ROB PAUL |
| ALTAR SERVERS | LUKE CARRICK LEO & DOMENICO DE FELICE | JOEY VILLEGAS | JOSHUA TSIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI | ADDISON & HARPER GRACE LUCY LOMMA |
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| COLLECTORS | ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA | JAMES GALVIN | ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI | JOE CINANNI CHRIS JOSEPH |
| READERS | COLLEEN GELDENHUYS ELIZABETH YUSTIRA | RITA ILICH ALICE BATY | NICOLE PARKER PAUL VINCI | MAUREEN BRIGHT KELVIN GRACE |
| EMOHC | MICHELLE CARRICK ELAINE DIAS | TINA CAMMARANO | MARGARET HANDYSIDE MELISSA TROLIO | JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI |

ALTAR SOCIETY: MILDRED REGO

COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE, PAM KODITUWAKKU, HELEN VESTER

PILGRIM STATUE: IONE & DESMOND COORAY

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: —