

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 26 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 (in recess until end of Jan24)

### 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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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A

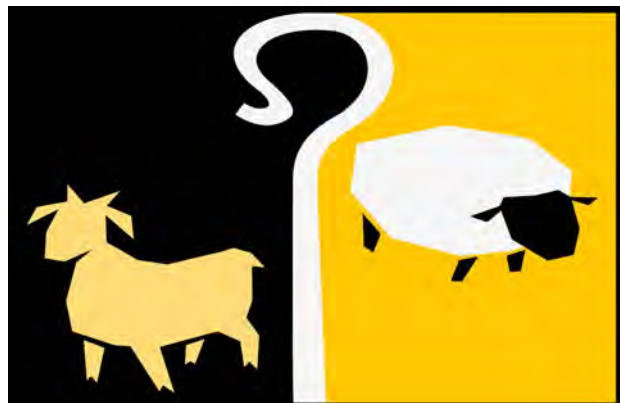
### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

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PARISH NOTICES

**EVENTS**

- ◆ 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
- ◆ 12 DECEMBER — ADVENT RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE) @7PM
- ◆ 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 is being held throughout the Archdiocese.**

If you did not collect the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass last weekend, please collect one as you leave the Church today.

We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan agencies which reach out to care for our brothers and sisters struggling in the community.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR GIFT IN THE REPLY-PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED, OR RETURN YOUR ENVELOPE AND DONATION TO THE PARISH AT ANY TIME OVER THE COMING WEEKS.**

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

**CATENIAN FREMANTLE CIRCLE NEEDS OUR SUPPORT**

"The Catenian Association seeks to support the promulgation of Christian ethics in society by creating opportunities for Catholic men and their families to meet together to socialise, to care for each other in sickness, care for their widows, assist the youth and help those that are struggling. They also engage in good works in and beyond their local parish while being very active in the various ministries within the parish. They are regularly members of the St Vincent De Paul, Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Commentators, Musicians and members of the Parish Council, Liturgy and Finance committees as well as being Catenians." – Archbishop Timothy Costelloe.

Interested men, please contact Alex Banovich AM on 0413 833 493.

**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.

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.



All proceeds to support **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**  
Bring some Christmas cheer to their clients.  
Cash transactions preferred



"Sometimes people fall through the cracks, and they don't get the help that they need – and there's no one there to help. I met someone like that last week. I counted 23 separated medical conditions that she had, including some I'd never heard of before. This woman is seriously ill and on an aged care plan at age 53. We will be advocating for her and try to get her an NDIS plan. She is on so much medication that she has to go without some meds due to cost – and she has to cut down on food. Life is so tough for her. She's just hanging on by a thread and in chronic pain caused by bone on bone. She didn't want to call us for help – as she thought there were others with more need – but we can't look away and we have to keep an eye on her and help as best as we can. Please continue to donate money into the poor box at the rear of the Church as we have a few cases where money is the solution and we can provide solutions tailor-made to the individual." Clare Farr on behalf of St Vincent de Paul, Applecross conference.

**PARISH BUSY BEE**  
**gardening & window cleaning**



**SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER @8AM—11AM**  
**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

James Kelly, Doris Lavinia Francis.

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Margaret Hughes, Lara Mancini, Patrick McAuliffe, Adelina Mancini, Ingeborg De Szoeko, Ester De Gouveia, Shirley Vernon, Phyllis Middleton, Luca Cardoso, Henry Gunawan 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](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 9221 7762.

**1 Dec ADVENT RETREAT GUIDED BY FR JOE PARKINSON**

An Advent Retreat guided by Fr Joe Parkinson for single Catholic women aged 18-35 will be held Friday 1 December from 6pm to Sunday 3 December 3pm at Little Sisters of the Poor, Glendalough Home, 2 Rawlins Street Glendalough. The cost to attend is by donation. To register please contact Sr Mary Lourdes Lsp at [srmarylourdes11@gmail.com](mailto:srmarylourdes11@gmail.com) or on 08 9443 3155 or on 0404 610 773.

**2 Dec ADVENT REFLECTION ON MODERN SLAVERY IN WORD AND MUSIC – FORCED LABOUR EDITION**

A beautiful and inspiring evening of readings and music featuring Paul O'Neill (tenor), Andrew Brown (organist) and the St Elizabeth of the Trinity Choir conducted by Emma Oorschot. In partnership with Catholic Mission and the WA Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO), the Redemptorist Monastery in North Perth is hosting the **Advent Reflection on Modern Slavery in Word and Music on Saturday 2 December 2023 from 7pm to 8.15pm at the Redemptorist Monastery, 190 Vincent Street North Perth**. Please join us with your family, friends & colleagues to experience this premier sacred music Advent concert in our Archdiocese. Entry is FREE, but registration essential. Please go to [www.trybooking.com/CNDPT](http://www.trybooking.com/CNDPT) to register on-line.

**Service of Solidarity with Gaza and the Holy Land**

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing.

Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Please join us: **Monday 27 November 2023 @4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT**

Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar:  
[https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



**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**

Lord, I let go of the worries, resentments and fears That I can sometimes hold on to so tightly. Let me open my hands and my heart to receive freely all the gifts that I need at this time.

**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**

This parable of the sheep and the goats is not about the future, but about opening my eyes here and now to the needs of my neighbour - the hungry, the homeless, the refugee, the isolated & lonely ones. Jesus identifies with each one. If I turn away from my brothers and sisters in need, I am turning away from my brother Jesus.

The message is simple, Lord. You will judge me on my love and service of others. You are there in the poor, the sick, the prisoners, the strangers. May I recognise your face.

**Conversation**

Words don't come easily to me, Lord. Look into my heart and see my longing for peace. Watch over me, Lord. I know that you are always by my side.

**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

Fill in the spaces using the words below

When I was hungry, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_.

When I was thirsty, you gave me something to \_\_\_\_\_.

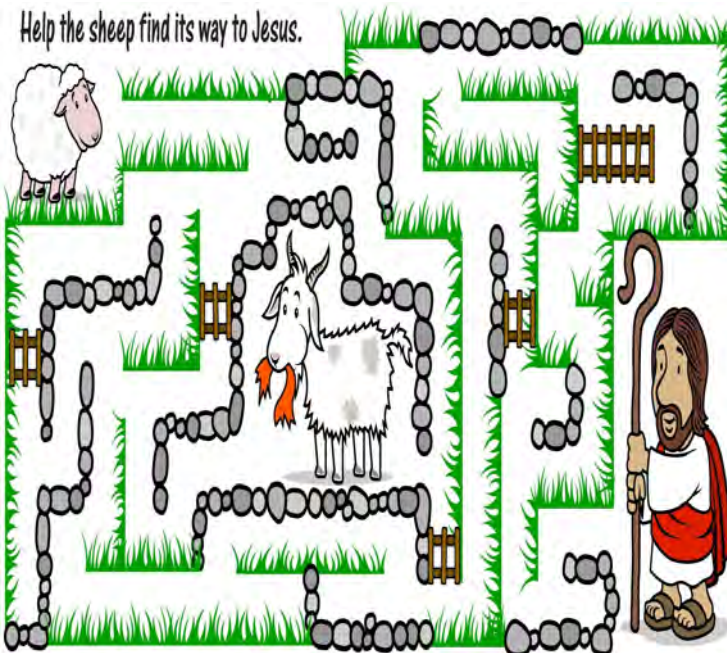
When I was a stranger, you \_\_\_\_\_ me.

When I was naked, you gave me \_\_\_\_\_ to wear.

When I was sick, you took \_\_\_\_\_ of me.

When I was in gaol, you \_\_\_\_\_ me.

welcomed    drink    care  
 eat    clothes    visited



**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: First Sunday of Advent, Year B**

1st: Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8    Ps: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd: 1Cor 1:3-9    Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** *Revelation 5:12; 1:6*

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**First Reading** *Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1*

*(R.)* The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. *(R.)*
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. *(R.)*
3. 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.)*
4. 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** *1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28*

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father,

having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mark 11:9-10*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Matthew 25:31-46*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

**Communion Antiphon** *Psalm 28:10-11*

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 2 & 3 DECEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	MIKE KILROE	DENIS RIGG	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING DANIEL SETIAWAN	IHILOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	HAILEY CORREIRA CHARMAINE VOGLER GRACE STEWART	JERARD VINCENT MICHAEL & STEFAN ELHAJ
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ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLLEEN & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: MAY ARNOLD	
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	