

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 3 DECEMBER 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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 2-3 DECEMBER — CRAFT CHRISTMAS STALL
- ◆ 9 DECEMBER — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 12 DECEMBER — ANOINTING MASS @9AM
- ◆ 12 DECEMBER — ADVENT RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE) @7PM
- ◆ 16 DECEMBER — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM
- ◆ 17 DECEMBER — PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)

PARISH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT

PARISH VISION:

“We, the parishioners of St Benedict’s Applecross, are committed to live faithfully in the words and examples of Jesus Christ, develop and foster at all times a vibrant and welcoming Christian community based on His life of love, compassion, hospitality and service.”

PARISH MISSION:

“We aim to inspire and nurture our parishioners and others of all ages and cultures to develop faith in Jesus Christ, cultivate strong Christian values and engage with the community actively and positively.”

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.

YOUTH CORNER

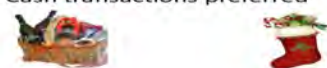
1. Youth Mass — 9 December @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

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 2nd & Sunday 3rd December.



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



Experience Healing GRACE Anointing OIL Forgiveness & Peace

Mass For The Sick

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER @9AM
ALL WELCOME

PARISH BUSY BEE

gardening & window cleaning



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

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY
17 DECEMBER 2023
AFTER 9.30AM MASS



PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
ALL WELCOME



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, Mega Limadinata and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Marion Case, Ama Alba, Lucy Macleod, Robert Malone 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.

9 Dec ADVENT RETREAT

You are invited to an Advent day of retreat **O COME, O COME EMMANUEL** with presenter **Dr Pina Ford**. This much-loved hymn has carried humanity’s longings from ancient times. It seeks God’s peace, justice and comfort to be with us anew, and calls out to God through many names: O Wisdom, O Dayspring, O God of the Nations. The retreat will be held **Saturday 9 December from 9am – 2.30 pm at the Redemptorist Monastery Retreat House, Camelia St, North Perth**. Cost is via donation. Morning tea provided. Please byo lunch.
 Further info and to RSVP; Pina.Ford@cewa.edu.au.

Advent 2023 Prepare for Christmas with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes

Join me and people all around the world for a free Daily Devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.
Starting 3rd December, you'll receive a short inspirational video each day filled with real life stories and practical ways to help you in your prayer and spiritual journey.
 I find, “You don’t become what you hope to become. You only become what you do.” What will you do this Advent?
 Register here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Advent/>
 For more information, email: info@brucedownes.org

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy.

A beautiful, prayerful, sung devotion held at **St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman**, on the second Wednesday of each month. The last devotion for the year will be held on **Wednesday 13 December 2023 commencing @7.30 pm**.
 As it is the last devotion for the year, it will be followed by refreshments, so please bring along a plate of finger foods to share.
 Enquiries to George Lopez on 0419 910 039.



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

What most often stops me from achieving freedom is my tendency to be caught up in fears and expectations about what I ‘ought’ to be or ‘should’ be. My usual automatic responses tie me down and inhibit me from exploring new areas of growth. I ask and pray for a greater sense of inner freedom and all that God wishes to realise in me.

Consciousness

Lord, you gave me the night to rest in sleep. In my waking hours may I not forget your goodness to me. Guide me to share your blessings with others.

Inspiration

Advent begins today. We spend this time preparing for the coming of Christ into our world. He is here already, of course, but he wants to come closer. Let me be one of his points of entry by keeping awake to open the door when he knocks.

What has Christ put me in charge of? How am I doing? Will I be delighted to see him when he comes?

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

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Christmas
 Jesus
 prepare
 season
 arrival
 Advent

_____ is the _____ when
 we _____ for the _____
 of _____ at _____

During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.

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: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Yr B

1st: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps: 84: 9-14

2nd: 2 Pet 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:1-8



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf *Psalm 24:1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4*

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

- Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

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

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have
been enriched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed
been strong among you so that you will not be without any
of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord
Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady
and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you
to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation *Psalm 84:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 13:33-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,
because you never know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left
his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has
told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, be-
cause you do not know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

Communion Antiphon *Psalm 84:13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield
its increase.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 9 & 10 DECEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	ROD DOWLING	DOMINIC LONGO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN TSIA IHINOLEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	TOM, OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	XAVIER SIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	ALEX & OLAF RIJKS NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	LORNA D'SOUZA	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	GERRY DOYLE	TERRY BOLAND ROGER BUNN	ADRIAN DARGIE VOLUNTEER NEEDED
READERS	YOUTH MASS	ADELE PARSONS SALLY HOBDBAY	MOIRA BUNN GERARD DE SOUZA	JILL NORTON ANDREA D'SOUZA
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ANGELA SCOTT	LILI ORIFICI JUDY PHILLIPS	MARIA HILL OSBORNE D'SOUZA
ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & AYLMYR SEQUEIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: CARMEL & TONI RECHICHI	
COUNTERS: TONY & YVONNE GARBIN, ROSEMARY PACKER & ROBERT BOURNE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	