

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 10 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Fr Michael Tate

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the *past*. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not named!) who *does* have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, we know that that 'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new *future* for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with *water* in the 'Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit*.'

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Mark 1:3

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE — PLEASE SEE BELOW



CHRISTMAS EVE:
Family Mass @6pm (inside church)
Vigil Mass @8.30pm
Carols @11.15pm
Midnight Mass @12am

CHRISTMAS DAY: 7.30am
1st Rite Reconciliation: Tuesday 12/12/22 @7PM

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.



Experience Healing GRACE Anointing OIL Forgiveness & Peace

Mass For The Sick

TUESDAY
12 DECEMBER @9AM

PARISH BUSY BEE
gardening & window cleaning



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

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.”

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA INVITATION

SUNDAY
17 DECEMBER 2023
AFTER 9.30AM MASS

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
ALL WELCOME



FIRST RITE
TUESDAY
12 DECEMBER
@7PM

ADVENT RECONCILIATION




The St Benedict’s Craft Group together with the **Catholic Women’s League** wish to thank all who contributed so generously to our recent Christmas Craft Fair. Together we raise **£2,741**. All proceeds go to the **St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal**. We wish you all a safe and Blessed Christmas.

Raffle winners:
 1st prize - Rae (Ticket 63A)
 2nd Prize - Michael Black (Ticket F18)
 3rd prize - Anna Kang (Ticket C21).
 Please collect your prize at the Parish Office.


The Craft Group is now in recess until Wednesday 7th February 2024.

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:
 Brian Officer.

ANNIVERSARIES:
 Thomas Spalding, Anna Bartolotti, Melvyn Byrne, Edna McCaig, Kevin Webster, Alice Bowyer and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

Wednesday, 24 January at 10am - Online
 Tuesday, 06 February at 7pm - Online
 Wednesday, 14 February at 2pm - Online

To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.
Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

13 Dec MIRACLE PRAYERS HEALING SERVICE

The next Miracle Prayers healing service is on **Wed 13 December at 7.30 pm at 67 Howe St, Osborne Park.** Fr Garner Vergara will be speaking on "Welcoming Jesus into our lives." Come and receive prayer for healing and other intentions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. **Further info** at facebook.com/miracleprayersperth or on 0404 028 298.

We periodically celebrate a **Mass in honour of St peregrine at Sts John & Paul Catholic Church Willetton.** Mass will be on **Thursday 14 Dec @7pm.** There will be anointing of the sick and blessing with the relic of St Peregrine.

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Sign up sheets are now available at the back of the Church, for parishioners to volunteer for the different duties which make our Christmas celebrations a wonderful experience for all.

Please write your name on the sheet for the Mass that you will be attending. Your help and support is much appreciated.
Thank You.

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM
 23 DECEMBER 2023 TO 2 JANUARY 2024 (INCLUSIVE)**

Presence

God, you are nearer than I dare believe, closer than my own breath. I am blessed by your Intimate Nearness, and I need not fear.

Freedom

Everything has the potential to draw forth from me a fuller love and life. Yet my desires are often fixed, caught, on illusions of fulfillment. I ask that God, through my freedom may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant loving melody rich in harmony.

Consciousness

How wonderful it is to be able to enter into Your Presence, Lord. No matter what time it is, no matter which land I am in, I need only to speak Your Name.

Inspiration

Mark paints a picture of a man who spends his public life doing good, but is then betrayed, abandoned, captured and crucified. How can this be 'the Good News of Jesus Christ'? I ask to be shown how Jesus' love transforms pain and brings about the salvation of our world.

I mingle with the crowds listening to John the Baptizer. I know that he too suffered a violent death. Where is the 'good news' in that? The good news is that he plays his part in the plan of salvation and bears steady witness to the light. In the wilderness of my life, I ask that I may always witness to light and truth and love.

Conversation

To communicate we don't always need to talk. Can I imagine myself sitting quietly with Jesus? I looking silently at him and He at me. How do I feel?

Conclusion

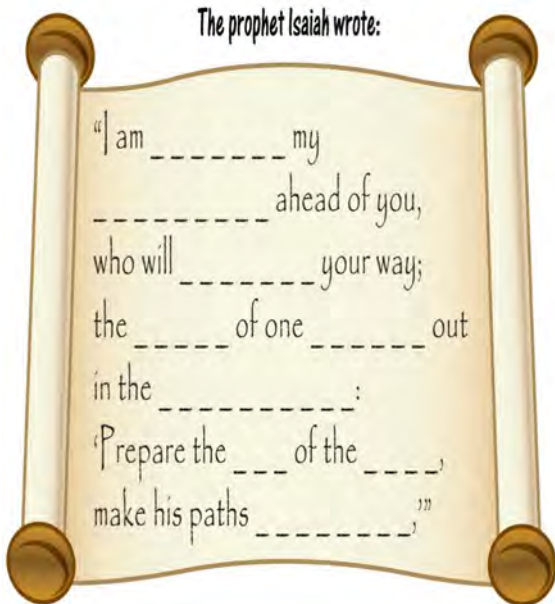
I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given concerning the text.

Amen



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The prophet Isaiah wrote:



crying
 straight
 way
 voice
 sending
 prepare
 wilderness
 messenger
 Lord



What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this second week of Advent?

Three empty rectangular boxes for writing answers.

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: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B

1st: Is 61:1-2, 10-11
 2nd: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Ps: Lk 1:46-50, 53-54
 Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf *Isaiah 30:19,30*

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First Reading *Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8*

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him

Second Reading *2 Peter 3:8-14*

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 3:4. 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 1:1-8*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

Communion Antiphon *Baruch 5:5; 4:36*

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 16 & 17 DECEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	STEVEN ROBERTSON	TERRY MEO	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN TSIA AMELIA & ISABELLE TARANTO	OPEN TO ANY ALTAR SERVERS TO ASSIST	HAILEY CORREIRA JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	KATHERINE WIBAWA OLIVER & JACOB WONG
COMMENTATORS	MILDRED REGO	ADELE PARSONS	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	BEV PICHE
COLLECTORS	TONY GARBIN LOUIS BOVE	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW VOLUNTEER NEEDED	PAUL BELVISO VOLUNTEER NEEDED
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EMOHC	MEGAN DOWLING STEVEN CLAY	JACQUIE HERON	MOIRA BUNN SARAH NEALE	JILL NORTON DONNA ARTINGSTALL
ALTAR SOCIETY: MILDRED REGO			PILGRIM STATUE: ROBERT & JACQUIE HERON	
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	