

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 17 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

This week we rejoice! This is the key theme of *Gaudete* Sunday, where the pink candle on the Advent wreath reminds us to find joy in Jesus. Even amid difficult times, the light of Christ will overcome the darkness.

Responding to this week's readings, Pope Francis suggests that 'joy must be the characteristic of our faith'. Who will be drawn to follow Jesus with us if we seem to be constantly miserable? If we are a people of faith, hope, and love, then let us be faithful, hopeful, and loving – all joyful attributes!

In the opening line of his apostolic exhortation about proclaiming the Gospel, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Pope says this: 'The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.' Like the shepherds responding to the birth of our Saviour, or the Apostles reacting to the Resurrection, the Pope reminds us that we Christians must start our journey of proclamation from a place of awe-filled, awesome joy!

Which is exactly what John the Baptist was doing. He saw himself as a voice proclaiming the Lord's approach, which was obviously good news! And now, as then, such good news is best delivered joyfully.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 17 DECEMBER — PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS (PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE)
- ◆ CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE — PLEASE SEE BELOW
- ◆ 1 JANUARY — NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS @9AM (MONDAY)
- ◆ 5 JANUARY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 13 JANUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 8 FEBRUARY — ALPHA STARTS @6.30PM-8.30PM



CHRISTMAS EVE:
Family Mass @6pm (inside church)
Vigil Mass @8.30pm
Carols @11.15pm
Midnight Mass @12am
CHRISTMAS DAY: 7.30am

PARISH VISION/MISSION STATEMENT (2023-2028)

PARISH VISION:

"We, the parishioners of St Benedict's Applecross, are committed to live faithfully in the words and examples of Jesus Christ, to 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."



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



YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 13 January 2024 @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

PARISH BUSY BEE



THANK YOU

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY
17 DECEMBER 2023
AFTER 9.30AM MASS



PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
ALL WELCOME

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM 23 DECEMBER 2023 TO 2 JANUARY 2024

Alpha - a chance to explore life's BIG questions in a fun, safe welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short movie and chat about our faith. We encourage open and honest conversations, about what you think, feel and believe. You can expect to laugh, share food and journey together with others.

WHERE: ALPHA @ St Benedicts Parish Applecross, 115 Ardross Street, Ardross
WHEN: starting Thursday 8/02/2024 @6.30pm - 8.30pm

REGISTER: email alphaatstbenes@gmail.com

Need more information, please contact Nicole 0429 859 308 or Dom 0404 803 408



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brian Officer.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Felisardo Lopez, Frances Rear, Allan Oakley, Bert Officer, Ernestine Reilly, Hazel George 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

	6pm (family - inside church)	8.30pm (vigil)	Midnight	7.30am
Acolyte	Ken Bownes	Simon Carrick	Mark Welsh	Mike Kilroe
Altar Server	Joshua Tsia Ethan Tsia Christian Vinci Daniel Vinci Ruby Doutch	Sofie Gabriel Katherine Wibawa	Jerard Vincent Jonah Vincent Dhivyen Man-nar Darshyn Man-nar	Olaf Rijks Need 1 more volunteer
Reader	Ihinosen Itotoh Ese Itotoh	Andrea D’Souza Maisie Cinanni	Kevin McCormack Joanna Rijks	Frank Gericevich Gay Pulker
EMOCH	Teresa Leech Joe Cinanni Maisie Cinanni Stefani Chen Need 1 more volunteer	Elaine Dias Osborne D’Souza	Kevin Auton Need 1 more volunteer	Monica Anderson Frances Meyerkort Need 1 more volunteer
Collector/Usher	Maria Nardone Joe Cinanni Maisie Cinanni Stefani Chen Need 1 more volunteer	Osborne D’Souza Yvonne Garbin Need 1 more volunteer	Ioney Cooray Need 2 more volunteers	Bev Piche Need 2 more volunteers

Presence

As I begin this prayer, God is here, Around me, in my sensations, in my thoughts and deep within me. I pause for a moment, and become aware of God’s life-giving Presence.

Freedom

Heavenly Father, make me conscious of whatever burden I am carrying today and give me the grace to place it at the foot of Your Cross and so enter freely into this time of prayer.

Consciousness

When I return to my everyday tasks, remind me, Lord, that you are always there beside me. I need never despair.

Inspiration

John knew that his role was to bring people to Christ. So is ours. We try to live our lives right so that people will be able to know through us that faith in Christ makes all the difference.

John knew that his baptism was preparatory; it was only ‘with water’. Jesus baptises each of us with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in us; he leads and guides us; we try to be open to his powerful work in our hearts.

Conversation

The gift of speech is a wonderful gift. May I use this gift with kindness. May I be slow to utter harsh words, hurtful words, and words spoken in anger.

Conclusion

Filled with the loving presence of God. Ask Him to bless you and guide your steps. As you go to do His work in your daily life.

Amen



CHILDREN’S CORNER



Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday in Advent is called Gaudete Sunday; the Sunday of Joy!

What are three things you can do to bring joy into the lives of others during this week of Advent?

1
2
3

Decipher the message that John the Baptist gave to the priests and temple helpers



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: 4rd Sunday of Advent, Yr B

1st: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Ps: 88:2-5, 27, 29
 2nd: Rom 16:25-27 Gospel: Lk: 1:26-38



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Philippians 4:4-5*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading *Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm *Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. Is 61:10*

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. *(R.)*
2. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. *(R.)*
3. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. *(R.)*

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

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

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation *Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel *John 1:6-8. 19-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Communion Antiphon *Cf Isaiah 35:4*

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 23 & 24 DECEMBER 2023

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	BARRY FARRELL	LUKE HANDCOCK
ALTAR SERVERS	DAVID & DANYCKA FERNANDES DCANIEL SETIAWAN	OPEN TO ANY ALTAR SERVERS TO ASSIST	LETICIA AVERY JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS
COMMENTATORS	ELAINE DIAS	SALLY HOBDAV	VERONICA AVERY
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAJKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	FRANK GERICEVICH	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI
READERS	LEO REGO GERRI CLAY	GAY PULKER MONICA ANDERSON	DANIEL BARIN PAUL SEARSON
EMOHC	KELLY DWYER YVONNE GARBIN	JUDY LEE	MARGARET HANDYSIDE MARINA CICCARELLI
ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI			PILGRIM STATUE: BRYAN & FRANCES MEYERKORT
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —