

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 11 FEBRUARY 2024



"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

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

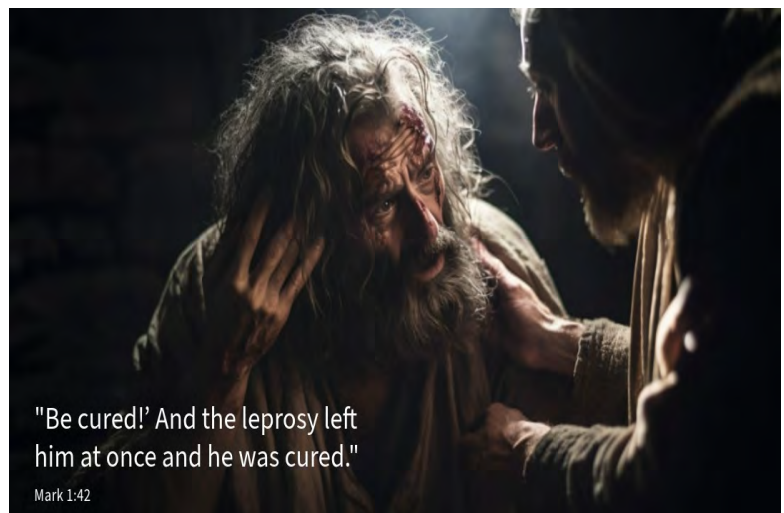
'He was like a deadman walking', quipped Pope Francis. Not only did the leper in today's Gospel have a terrible disease, but he was excluded from wider society and 'marginalised by the civil and religious community'. The physical disease brought with it painful social consequences.

There was a sense at the time that such leprosy was punishment for sin; that somehow the lepers deserved what they were getting. But Jesus saw past these misunderstandings. He saw the person in front of him, responded to their cry, and felt compassion for them. 'Of course I want to!', Jesus says.

Tellingly, Pope Francis points out, Jesus 'does not stand at a safe distance and does not act by delegating, but places Himself in direct contact.' Like Jesus, therefore, we should be close to those in need. We should make contact with them. We should respond to them.

Jesus' response, the Pope points out, is thus essentially about compassion and contact. Firstly, it is important to feel the situations faced by other people. To empathise, sympathise, and understand what they might be feeling. Secondly, it is necessary to reach out and remove the stigma; to respond in some physical, practical way to the situation before us. Even Jesus did not cure social diseases by good intentions alone.

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"Be cured!" And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured."

Mark 1:42

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 11 FEBRUARY — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- ◆ 14 FEBRUARY — ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES @7AM & @7PM
- ◆ 15, 22 & 29 FEBRUARY — ALPHA @6.30PM –8.30PM
- ◆ 16 FEBRUARY — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM
- ◆ 24 FEBRUARY — BUSY BEE @8AM-11AM

The first meeting for 2024 of the Catholic Women’s League will take place at the usual time, 10am, on Tuesday 13 February in the Albert Lynch Hall. Visitors are most welcome.



MASS SCHEDULE
WEDNESDAY
14 FEBRUARY 2024
@7AM & @7PM

THIS IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

SACRAMENT PROGRAMME 2024

The dates for The Sacrament Programme have been released. They are on the notice board at the entrance of the church. The Sacrament programme and enrolment forms can be accessed on the parish website.

Enrolments are now open and applications for all Sacraments close on Friday March 22nd.

For further information contact Rosa Ranieri, Sacrament Co-ordinator at stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com. The Parish Sacrament team looks forward to working together with all families.

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.”

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 8 March @6pm

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 Church, Applecross Parish, 115 Ardross Street, Ardross

WHEN:

Thursdays @6.30pm-8.30pm

REGISTER:

Email alphaatstbenes@gmail.com

Need more information, please contact

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THE ALPHA COURSE

Alpha

PARISH MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY,
11 FEBRUARY 2024
AFTER 7.30AM MASS

ROSTER:
ADELE PARSONS & MEGAN DOWLING

PARISH BUSY BEE

gardening & window cleaning



SATURDAY, 24 FEBRUARY @ 8AM—11AM
PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP



Project Compassion Sunday — 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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, Martin Samy, Kamani Jayaratne and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peg Officer, Joyce Wong, Patricia Gramigna, Brian Bradley, Charlie Egleston, David Phillips, Patricia Andrew, Arthur Corbett, Eric Lange and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

Wednesday, 14 February at 2pm - Online
 Thursday, 22 February at 10am - Online
 Tuesday, 27 February at 7pm - Online
 Wednesday, 06 March at 7pm - Online
 Thursday, 14 March at 2pm - Online
 Friday, 22 March at 10am - Online
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.
Further info: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9221 7762.

22 Feb RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS AND FORMAL RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and formal recognition of Candidates will be held on **Thursday 22 February, 7.30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB will preside. All welcome as parishes throughout the Archdiocese gather to celebrate and witness God's election of those seeking to be received into the Church at Easter and their election to become one with the Catholic community of faith as they are presented to the Archbishop and his delegates; Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn EV, Very Rev Fr Sean Fernandes, Dean of the Cathedral. **Further info:** Marcelle Batticci, christian.initiation@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 6104 3699.

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy — CANCELLATION.
Due to Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm on 14th February 2024, there will be NO Chaplets of Divine Mercy at St Thomas More in Bateman in February.

We appreciate your understanding and encourage your participation in the Ash Wednesday Mass for a meaningful start to the Lenten season.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Would you like to give yourself and your spouse quality time over a weekend that will focus on love, communication and relationship? We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Coming Weekend: 17/18 February - Indonesian Language. Live-out (you go home Saturday night, come back Sunday morning.) @ Corpus Christi College, Bateman
 A WWME Weekend may be the best gift you can give to each other. For more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865. Email WAbookings@wwme.org.au Visit www.wwme.org.au

Presence

Lord, God, my Creator, be close to me now.
 My soul yearns for your presence.

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

Knowing that God loves me unconditionally, I can afford to be honest about how I am.
 How has the last day been, and how do I feel now?
 I share my feelings openly with the Lord.

Inspiration

Desire is important in life as it gives direction and momentum. The leper knew what he wanted and believed that Jesus had the power to grant it. He came in humility, begging from a kneeling position. Jesus met him with a compassionate response. Lord, we come to you in our need, with our desire, and with total confidence in you to meet our needs and to heal our wounds.

This is a story of healing and touching. Strictly speaking, Jesus should not have touched a leper. Neither should the leper have approached Jesus, as lepers had to isolate themselves and call out 'unclean, unclean' to anyone who approached. Lord, help us to see how we isolate ourselves and others and how to break down barriers of stigma, shame and fear, and reach out in love to others, just as you did.

Conversation

How has God's Word moved me? Has it left me cold? Has it consoled me or moved me to act in a new way? I imagine Jesus standing or sitting beside me, I turn and share my feelings with him.

Amen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

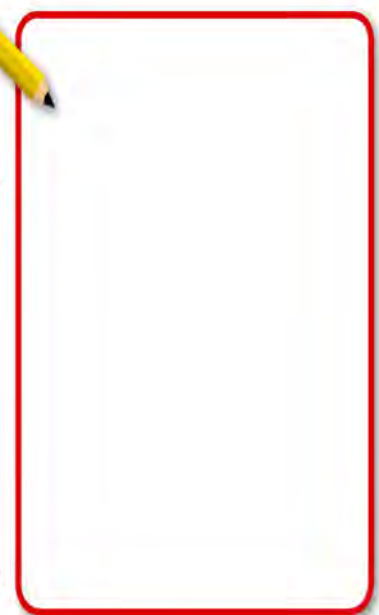
What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say _____ of this to anyone; but go and _____ yourself to the _____, then make an offering at the _____ as Moses _____, then all will know you are _____.



temple show
 commanded
 healed nothing
 priest

Jesus showed God's power by healing the leper. Draw a picture from one of the following stories where God's power is shown by what Jesus did.



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: 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

1st: Gen 9:8-15 **P:** 24:4-9
2nd: 1 Pet 3:18-22 **Gospel:** Mk 1:12-15



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
- But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 17 & 18 FEBRUARY 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	BRYAN MEYERKORT	MIKE KILROE	TERRY MEO	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	MATTHEW & JORDAN TRUEMAN TYLER MORRIS	OPEN FOR ANY SERVERS TO ASSIST	XAVIER SIA JOEY VILLEGAS CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	SOFIE GABRIEL VALERIE & RAPHAEL WIBAWANTA
COMMENTATORS	ELIAS SANTIMANO	ADELE PARSONS	TERRY BOLAND	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	ANTONIO VARNAKULASINGHAM ELIZABETH YUSTIRA	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	FRANCES MEYERKORT AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	GAY PULKER LORNA D'SOUZA	CAROL CURNOW JUDY PHILLIPS	MAISIE CINANNI BEV PICHE
EMOHC	PHIL TRUEMAN MILDRED REGO	TINA CAMMARANO	MARGARET HANDYSIDE MOIRA BUNN	YULIANA VAN DER BURG KEVIN AUTON
ALTAR SOCIETY: MILDRED REGO			PILGRIM STATUE: MARGARET HANDYSIDE	
COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	