

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 25 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

Canacle: 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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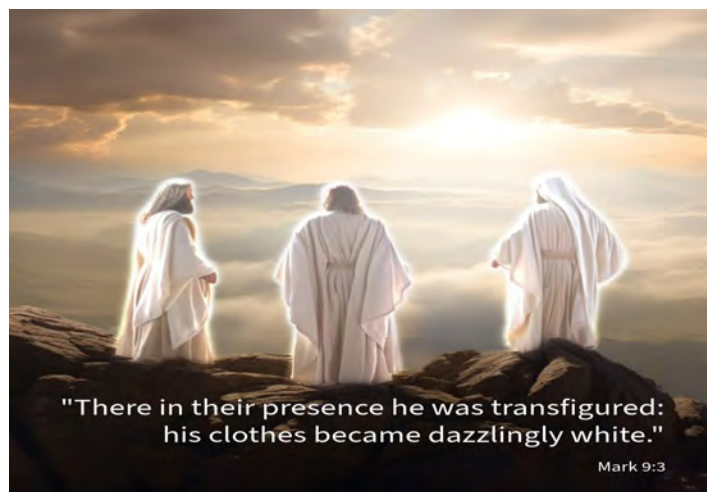
## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God.

Those preparing for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means.

@ Dianne Bergant CSA



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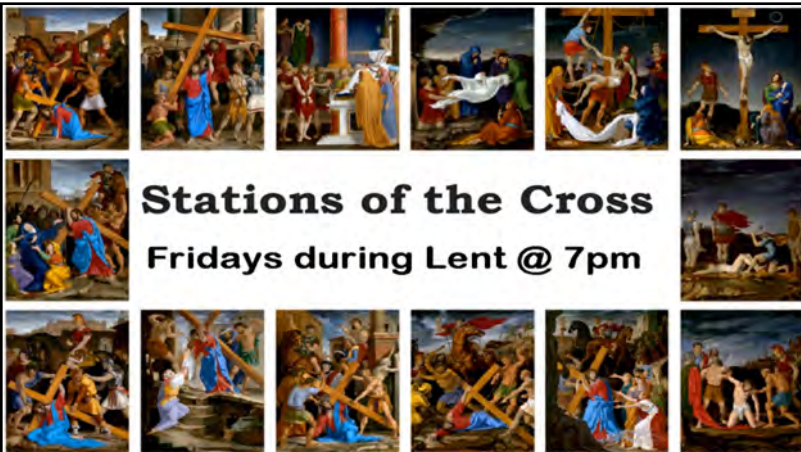
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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 25 FEBRUARY— COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 29 FEBRUARY — ALPHA @6.30PM –8.30PM
- ◆ 1 MARCH — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 1, 8, 15 & 22 MARCH — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM
- ◆ 7, 14, 21 & 28 MARCH — ALPHA @6.30PM-8.30PM
- ◆ 10 MARCH — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS



**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays during Lent @ 7pm

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

For the past two years or so, there have been significant initiatives within our local church, in our Archdiocese and of the universal church. We participated actively in the Plenary Council (PC) of Australia and in the Diocesan Assembly which is a follow up to the PC and had its opening session in September 2023. Our Parish Priest Fr Nelson & Anushia Suppiah are our participants and delegates to the Assembly. The second and final session is set on 13 July 2024.

While waiting for the outcome of the PC and preparing for the Diocesan Assembly, Pope Francis convened the Synod of Bishops in October 2023 in Rome which is also called as the Synod on Synodality, the first of two sessions. Our Archbishop Costelloe was one of the presiders selected by Pope Francis for the four week meeting.

Between the two meetings & prior to October 2024, our church members are asked to pray & discern on what God wants of our church. We were fortunate to do much of this with our PC work but we all continue to be as aware as we can on issues focusing on a Synodal church.

There are many sources of information regarding the Synod which can be found in the Archdiocesan website. Our Parish Faith Formation committee is always available to discuss on any matters you might seek to know. For more details, please contact Michael Perrott on 0438 949 155

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 8 March @6pm

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 22 March 2024.**

For further information contact Rosa Ranieri, Sacrament Coordinator at [stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedicts.sacraments@gmail.com).

The Parish Sacrament team looks forward to working together with all families.

PARISH BUSY BEE

gardening & window cleaning



A BIG THANK YOU

The Vinnies conference at Applecross is looking for people who might be able to help with advice on an occasional and informal basis. We would like to prepare a list of people that we can call if we need a brief informal chat on how to solve a problem. Please read the notice on the noticeboard at the rear of the Church to see if you are able to be of assistance if the need arises.



You are Invited to join in the **Ecumenical World Day of Prayer 2024 Palestine**, @10am, Friday 1 March, at St David' Anglican Church, 56 Simpson St (Cnr Bombard St), Ardross.

*'I beg you ... bear with one another in love'*



Second Sunday of Lent — 24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

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](http://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:

John Lane, Maureen Clement, Pamela Miller, Robert Robertson, Brian Handcock, June James and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. Thank you.





**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1**

Tuesday, 27 February at 7pm - Online  
 Wednesday, 06 March at 7pm - Online  
 Thursday, 14 March at 2pm - Online  
 Friday, 22 March at 10am - Online  
 Tuesday 26 March at 7pm - 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.

**01 Mar CATHOLIC FAITH RENEWAL (CFR) PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING**

Catholic Faith Renewal (CFR) invites you and your family to a Praise & Worship Evening. Friday 1 March 7.30pm, Sts John & Paul Church, Willetton. Features Songs of Praise, Mass and Talk by the Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn, Episcopal Vicar for Education & Faith Formation on "Experiencing the presence of God in our lives: The Lens of Sacramentality". Admission is free. Further info; Charles 0413 755 799 or Ivan 0428 898 833.

**02 Mar LENTEN RETREAT - MERCIFUL FATHER**

A Lenten Retreat: "Merciful Father" The 2nd Reflection on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Saturday 2 March 9am to 5.30pm, 2 Rawlins Street, Glendalough.

To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Lourdes email [rmmarylourdes11@gmail.com](mailto:rmmarylourdes11@gmail.com) or 0404 610 773.

**02 Mar LENTEN RETREAT: ACCOMPANIED BY LOVE**

Saturday 2 March 9am to 2.30pm, Redemptorist Retreat House, Camelia Street, North Perth. Morning tea provided. Please bring your own lunch. Cost donation. RSVP to Dr Pina Ford or [pina.ford@cewa.edu.au](mailto:pina.ford@cewa.edu.au) or 0400 037 986.

**07 Mar NANO NAGLE CENTRE LENTEN REFLECTION SESSION**

The Nano Nagle Centre will be offering Lenten Reflection, Thursday 7 March 10am to 2pm, entitled "The Road to Gethsemane: Reflecting on your Faith Journey" with presenter Geraldine Taylor. The cost of session is \$20 and includes handouts and a light meal. Further info and to register: Contact Sr Catherine Warner pbvm: email: [ncperth@gmail.com](mailto:ncperth@gmail.com) or 08 9385 0684.

Do a 3 day Retreat with the Benedictine Monks in New Norcia from 8<sup>th</sup> April to 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We will also visit the Divine Mercy Church in Chittering on the way back. Full board cost including accommodation, transport & some meals \$1200 per person.

For the itinerary and booking form, do whatsapp us or call us at 0433 771 979 (Sheila) or 0402 290 827 (Veronica). Email: [info@anawimjourneys.com](mailto:info@anawimjourneys.com)

**Presence**

Dear Jesus, today I call on you in a special way. Mostly I come asking for favours. Today I'd like just to be in Your presence. Let my heart respond to Your Love.

**Freedom**

Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Lord, so that I may have inner freedom. Let your Spirit instil in my heart a desire to know and love you more each day.

**Consciousness**

I remind myself that I am in the presence of the Lord. I will take refuge in His loving heart. He is my strength in times of weakness. He is my comforter in times of sorrow.

**Inspiration**

The Transfiguration, which reveals something further of Jesus' identity, comes immediately after the first prediction of his Passion. Jesus was fulfilling both the Law and the Prophets, but bringing them to a new place. We pray that we may be transformed and see beyond the suffering to the glory that Jesus promised.

The reaction of Peter, James and John was one of both attraction and terror. There was the reassuring voice of the Father: "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!" Lord, you remind us of the glory you desire to share with us. May we have the faith to come down the mountain in the meantime and continue the journey with you.

**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

**The Transfiguration**

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw a picture of the Transfiguration.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

This is my Son and I love him

Try to find these words

Y I T E A C H E R S O N B T P  
 C G W C A L S K Z U O L A N E  
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- alone
- clothes
- cloud
- frightened
- high
- Moses
- mountain
- Peter
- shelters
- Son
- teacher
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**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 Lent, Year B**

1st: Ex 20:1-17

P: 18:8-11

2nd: 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: Jn 2:13-25



READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**First Reading** Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

**Second Reading** Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*God did not spare his own Son.*

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**Communion Antiphon** Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 2 & 3 MARCH 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	MIKE TARANTO	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DENIS RIGG	KEN BOWNES
ALTAR SERVERS	TYLER MORRIS AMELIA & ISABELLE TARANTO	IHILOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	JOEY VILLEGAS JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	RUBY DOUTCH MICHAEL & STEFAN ELHAJ
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ALTAR SOCIETY: JOSEPHINE YUSTIRA			PILGRIM STATUE: SUSI SUSANTO	
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	