

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 3 MARCH 2024 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

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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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Greg Sunter

The Temple in Jerusalem was (and still is) a powerful symbol of holiness and a symbol of the connection and relationship between God and the Hebrew people. It is often assumed that Jesus' anger was directed at the traders and moneychangers because their business had infringed on and desecrated the temple precinct. But the reality is a bit more complicated. The Temple was the holiest site for sacrifice to God. The tradition dictated that sacrifice made by a priest on the altar was the highest form of worship. The best animal to sacrifice was a healthy, properly formed creature. Rather than walking a lamb all the way from somewhere like Galilee to Jerusalem, the faithful would purchase their sacrifice animal at the Temple itself – thus the presence of the people selling cattle, sheep and doves. However, to further complicate matters, the Temple traders would not accept Roman coins to purchase the sacrificial animals as they bore the image of the deified emperor. Therefore, money changers were required to exchange Roman currency for acceptable coinage – so the money changers were also playing their part in the prayer life of the Temple.

Jesus' outrage is not so much with the traders and the money-changers as with the whole religious practice and hierarchical structure that has developed to a point where the only way a person can pray in a 'valid' way is to purchase an animal and hand it over to a priest who goes behind a screened wall to sacrifice the animal. The only way to seek God's forgiveness and mercy was to 'buy' it at the Temple. *This* was what outraged Jesus. He could not stomach the injustice nor the barriers that had been erected between the people and their God.

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"Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market."

Mark 2:16

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 5 MARCH ANOINTING MASS @9AM
- ◆ 7, 14 & 21 MARCH — ALPHA @6.30PM-8.30PM
- ◆ 8, 15 & 22 MARCH — STATIONS OF THE CROSS @7PM
- ◆ 9 MARCH — YOUTH MASS @6PM & FR JOSEPH LAUNDY'S FAREWELL
- ◆ 10 MARCH — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- ◆ 20 MARCH — LENTEN RECONCILIATION (1ST RITE) @7PM



HOLY WEEK/EASTER PROGRAMME 2024:

Lenten Reconciliation 20 March (1st Rite): @7pm

Holy Thursday 28 March: Mass @7pm

Good Friday 29 March:

Stations of the Cross @10.30am
Passion of the Lord @3pm



Easter Vigil 30 March: Mass @7pm

Easter Sunday 31 March:

Masses @7.30am, @9.30am & @6pm

Easter Monday 1 April:

Communion Service @7am (no Mass)

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 — 9 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.

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

Experience
Healing GRACE
Anointing OIL
forgiveness
& Peace

Mass For The Sick

TUESDAY, 5 MARCH @9AM
ALL WELCOME

**PIZZA & PASTA EVENING
TO FAREWELL FR JOSEPH LAUNDY**
Saturday 9 March after the 6pm Youth Mass

Come along and join us to farewell Fr Joe.
Please bring your favorite pizza or pasta
to share with everyone.

All welcome.

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.



Third Sunday of Lent — 2 & 3 March



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

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 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:

Victoria Loh Kim Kee, John Brophy, Benedicto De Souza, Nebai Lopez-Alvarado, Wendy Fazey and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

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 or 08 9221 7762.

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: nncperth@gmail.com or 08 9385 0684.

09 Mar THE DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD MASS

The Day of the Unborn Child Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproxtton on **Saturday 9 March, 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth**. This Mass is a chance for you to mourn and honour all babies who are no longer with us but are loved and not forgotten. St John Paul tells us that when you have been through the tragedy of losing a child through abortion, the Church calls you back into its loving embrace, bringing hope that your little one is safe with God and that you will be reconciled with both. When you have lost a child through miscarriage, still birth or ectopic pregnancy this Mass will be celebrated for you also, to remember your beloved babies who will be forever in your heart. During the Mass you will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children and specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth. **Further info;** please call Carmel or Lisette on 08 9328 2929.

16 Mar LENTEN RETREAT - MERCIFUL FATHER

A Lenten Retreat: "Merciful Father" The 3rd & final Reflection on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. **Saturday 16 March 9am to 5.30pm, 2 Rawlins Street, Glendalough**. To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary Lourdes email srmarylourdes11@gmail.com or 0404 610 773.

Do a **3 day Retreat with the Benedictine Monks in New Norcia from 8th April to 11th 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

Presence

As I begin this prayer, God is present, breathing life into me and into everything around me. For a few moments, I remain silent, and become aware of God's loving presence.

Freedom

"Leave me here freely all alone, In cell where never sunlight shone. Should no one ever speak to me, This golden silence makes me free." Part of a poem written by a prisoner at Dachau concentration camp.

Consciousness

Conscious of your presence, Lord, I look over my recent past. Let me be honest with myself about how I've been And what I've done, Because I know you love truth in the heart And accept me just as I am.

Inspiration

Jesus signed his death warrant when he cast commerce out of the temple. He stood up for the truth about God and about religion and the poor, as the business people of the temple were exploiting the poor with high prices. Lent gives us new insights into how Jesus lived his life, always within the shadow of his death, but a death that would ultimately lead to Resurrection and Life.

Jesus declared a different mission in the sacred environment of the temple. He spoke of himself as the new temple. Lord, help us to see beyond structures and buildings, beyond the material things of this world, to the person of Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith.

Conversation

Your own words, Lord, taught me how to pray. The beautiful "Our Father" contains all I would wish to say.

Conclusion

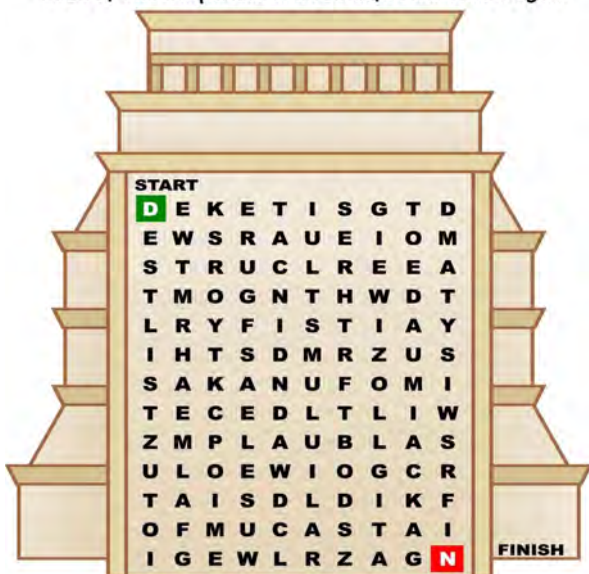
I thank God for His gift of love
 As I go forth with joy and hope
 To serve His people.

Amen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will build it again"



There are times when things make us angry; even Jesus got angry and upset sometimes. But there are good and bad ways of dealing with anger. Complete the statements below by using words and/or pictures.

When I'm angry I sometimes do the wrong thing by...

When I'm angry I can do the right thing by...

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: 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

1st: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23 **Ps:** 136

2nd: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Psalm 24:15-16*

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

First Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred. Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68*

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. *(R.)*
4. They are more to be desired than gold,

than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation *John 3:16*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *John 2:13-25*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.
Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon *John 4:13-14*

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 9 & 10 MARCH 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	MIKE KILROE	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	DANYCKA FERNANDES DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR	GRACE STEWART	XAVIER SIA DANIEL & CHRISTIAN VINCI	ALEX & OLAF RIJKS NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	LORNA D'SOUZA	MARINA CICCARELLI	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	RONI ELHAJ PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	MONICA ANDERSON MEGAN OH	TERRY BOLAND PAUL VINCI	JILL NORTON MAISIE CINANNI
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ALICE BATY	LILI ORIFICI JUDY PHILLIPS	COLLEEN MORRIS DONNA ARTINGTALL
ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS ANGELA NANKIVELL, MRS COLLEEN & MISS FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: MARIBEL & HENRY VILLEGAS	
COUNTERS: MARGARET ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	