

# WELCOME



ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 31 MARCH 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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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, YEAR B

### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 4, 11 & 18 APRIL — ALPHA @6.30PM-@8.30PM
- ◆ 5 APRIL — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 13 APRIL — YOUTH MASS @6PM
- ◆ 14 APRIL — PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 7.30AM MASS
- ◆ 20-21 APRIL — LAUNCH OF ADSUMUS INITIATIVE
- ◆ 21 APRIL — COOKIES, CUPPA & CHAT AFTER 9.30AM MASS

EASTER MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

The risen Jesus first appeared to his disciples with the greetings: "Peace be with you"!

Throughout our lives we have tried to make our yearly celebration a little different from the previous year. Once again, we are particularly grateful that we are able to gather and celebrate Easter as a community of faith. As I have always said, what matters most is the meaning and significance of the great events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday that we hold strongly and dearly in our hearts. Just as Jesus has passed over death and darkness on Good Friday into his new life and resurrection at Easter, so we, too, will be set free from our individual place of darkness into God's saving light and freedom. The power of Jesus' resurrection will prevail in the end.

May the consolation and joy of Easter be with you all!  
Fr Nelson

Have a Blessed Easter!

May this joyous day bring hope and blessings to you and your family.

And may the love of Christ that surpasses all understanding warm your home.

*Thank you to everyone who helped out in our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Your contributions had made our liturgies more meaningful for our parish community.*

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 April @6pm

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME (PREP) – CATECHISTS/ ASSISTANTS/HELPERS

We are currently looking for **catechists and/or assistants/helpers** for this year.

Commitment would be on a Wednesday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm and if you feel this is for you please contact Maureen Bright on 0413 831 357 or the parish office on 08 9364 1120.

Please give some thought to this very rewarding service to the parish and our children.



FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

The next First Friday Friends function on **5 April** will be a normal gathering @11am in the Fr Albert Lynch room. All are welcome to attend and if you are staying for lunch please bring along a savoury plate to share.

Any queries just give Maureen a ring on 0413 831 357.

Applecross conference of Vinnies is in urgent need of funds.

Can you help with a few dollars? Or more than a few ... or indeed much more? Whatever you might be able to give will go to a good cause: helping local people who have fallen on very difficult times.

High on our list is a local family struck by two massive blows that have heavily impacted their lives. With the support of our parish, we have already been able to make a real difference in their lives. However, there is still much more to be done for which we urgently need cash.

Yes, there is much more that needs to be done – not just for that family, but for others who are suffering and need our help as well. **If you can help with a donation, please donate in the poor box. Or if you would like to make a donation and get a receipt for tax purposes,** please ring Vinnies head office on [6323 7500](tel:63237500) so that you can give your credit card details over the phone and organise a receipt – BUT please make sure to indicate that the donation should be applied to the **Applecross conference**.

Thank you for all your help!



Easter Sunday of Lent — 30 & 31 March

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations*.

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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, Sue Miguel, Carol-Jean Wilson and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lou Giglia, Gerald Logan, Rosemary Seanson, Nick Mansour, Yvonne O'Leary, Michael Gardner, Pauline Belviso, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

Wednesday 3 April @7pm - Online  
 Monday 8 April @10am - Online  
 Wednesday 10 April @7pm - Pater Noster, 460 Marmion St, Myaree  
 Thursday 18 April @10am - Online  
 Tuesday 23 April @7pm - Online  
 Tuesday 30 April @2pm - 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.

### 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 Weekends:  
 20/21 April - Live-out. Tuart Hill  
 9/10 November - Live-in. Currabine  
 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](mailto:WAbookings@wwme.org.au) Visit [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### Chaplets of the Divine Mercy.

As Sunday 7 April is Divine Mercy Sunday, there will be a special Divine Mercy Mass on that day, commencing at 10.00am at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman. It will be followed by the Chaplets of the Divine Mercy and refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.  
 The next devotion after that will be held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm. Enquiries to George Lopez on 041 991 0039.

### Days for Girls Perth are holding their next sewing day 13 April, at St Benedict's Church, 115 Ardross St., Ardross, 10am-3pm.

Hope you can come along and help us make our beautiful life changing kits for girls who have no access to menstrual products. More hands means more girls and women will receive these beautiful life changing kits.  
**Bring your sewing machine or overlocker.** Plenty of work for non sewers.  
 Coloured thread only - no black or white.  
 Come for the day or an hour - it all helps.  
 If staying for lunch, please bring a share plate. Tea n Coffee provided.  
 For more information call Veronica 0409 292 371.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

### Presence

May my heart rejoice in Your love, o Lord.  
 Let me live each day anew.

### Freedom

Dear Lord, instil in my heart the desire to know and love You more. May I respond to Your will for my life.

### Consciousness

Jesus, You are always there waiting for me.  
 Grant that I may be still more often, that I may always desire to spend time in your Presence, to know Your peace, Your love.

### Inspiration

There were so many emotions experienced by Mary Magdalene in such a short time. She must have initially despaired, on finding the tomb empty and believing that Jesus' body had been stolen. This was like the ultimate insult after all that had happened. But we know that very soon Jesus himself appeared to Mary Magdalene, and her despair and heartbreak turned to sheer joy. May this help us to remember that God is always one step ahead of us, and that sometimes when he feels out of reach, or when everything feels hopeless, he is indeed at work and very close. There is a saying that "it is always darkest before the dawn", and we would do well to remember this in relation to our spiritual lives.

The two disciples ran to the tomb to find it empty, with the linen wrappings lying there. Its meaning was not clear. Then the more intuitive of the two, the beloved disciple, 'saw and believed'. On this Easter Sunday, we pray for the dawning of understanding in our own hearts and minds, with regard to how Jesus may be bringing light into the dark places of our own lives, and how he is bringing about resurrection, restoration and new life.

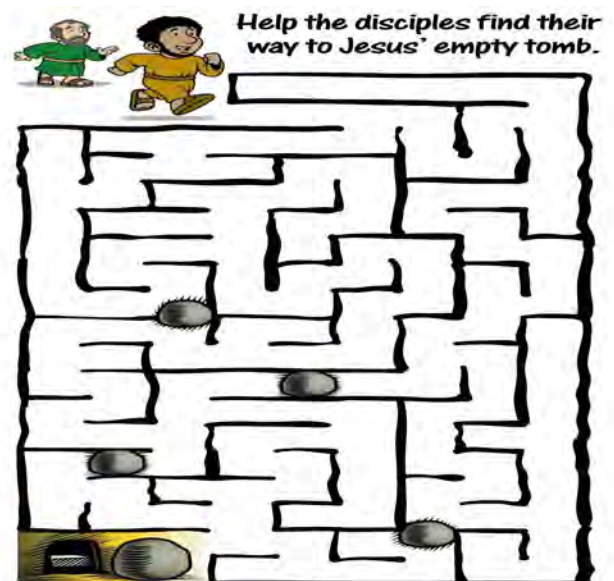
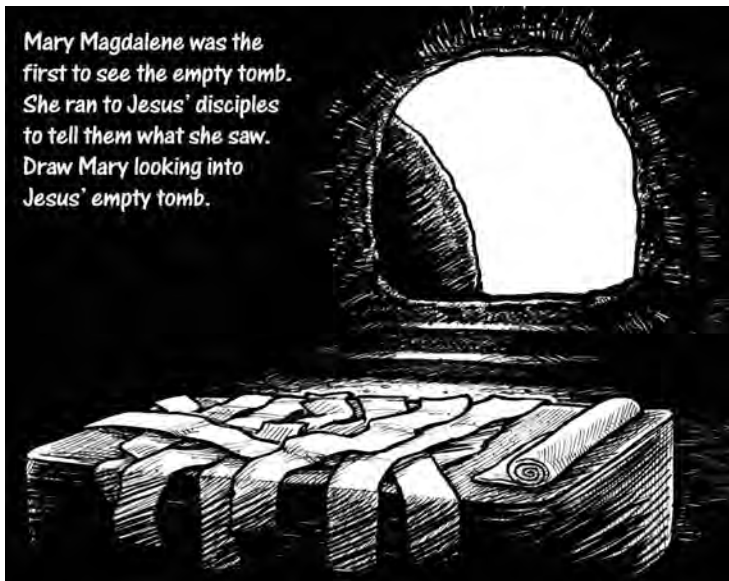
### Conversation

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 and I turn and share my feelings with Him.

### Conclusion

Filled with the loving presence of God,  
 I ask Him to bless me and guide my steps  
 as I go to do His work in my daily life. **Amen**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### 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.**

Please  
Do Not  
Drive  
Or Park  
On  
Grass

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

1st: Acts 4:32-35

Ps: 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24

2nd: 1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31



READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Psalm 138:18,5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
 alleluia, alleluia.

**First Reading** Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
 for his love has no end.  
 Let the sons of Israel say:  
 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
 his right hand raised me up.  
 I shall not die, I shall live  
 and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
 and Christ, the undefiled,  
 hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
 Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
 The tomb the Living did enclose;  
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
 The angels there attesting;  
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
 Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
 Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
 let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Communion Antiphon** 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
 therefore let us keep the feast  
 with the unleavened bread  
 of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 6 & 7 APRIL 2024

|   | SAT 6PM                               | SUN 7.30AM                       | SUN 9.30AM   | SUN 6PM                                      |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| ACOLYTE   | DENIS RIGG                            | MIKE KILROE                      | LUKE HANDCOCK  | ROB PAUL                                     |
| ALTAR SERVERS   | JAKE & JOSHUA GOLDING<br>TYLER MORRIS | GRACE STEWART                    | JACKSON HANDCOCK<br>CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS<br>JOEY VILLEGAS | JERARD & JONAH VINCENT<br>SOFIE GABRIEL      |
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| COUNTERS: BARRY FARRELL, KEVIN WRINGE, PAM KODITUWAKKU & HELEN VESTER |                                       |                                  | CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —                                    |  |