

WELCOME



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 7 APRIL 2024

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 for school holiday)

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

'In reality,' Pope Francis points out, 'Thomas is not the only one who struggles to believe. In fact,' the Pope adds, 'he represents all of us a little bit.'

But Thomas does not only represent us with his explicitly articulated doubt. Rather, Thomas highlights our tendency to walk away.

Thomas had absented himself from the community. Returning, he seems a touch transactional: Show me the proof, then I'll commit!

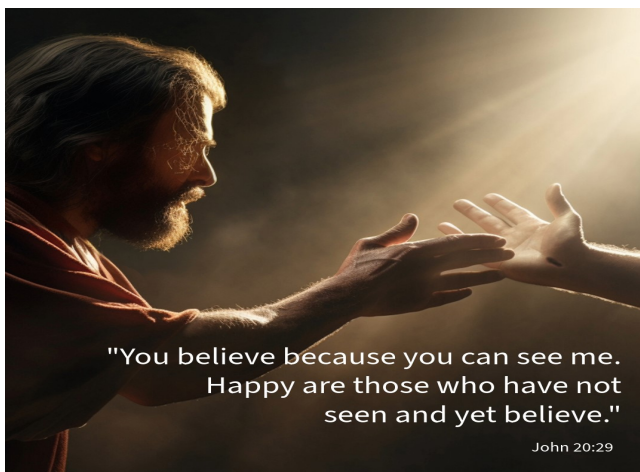
As Pope Francis highlights, Jesus answers Thomas' doubt 'in front of everyone, in the community.' It was, the Pope suggests, as if Jesus was telling Thomas that 'if you want to meet me, do not search far away; remain in our community, with the others, and don't go away. Pray with them. Break bread with them.' Be open to encounter, not closed to possibilities.

This, evidently, is a lesson for us too. Every Christian generation is called to find the Risen Christ together. We belong with each other, with Christ forming a mystical unity out of our diversity.

In this, the story of Thomas has another lesson for the Church. We Christians are called to be a welcoming people. 'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope suggests, 'if in the name of Jesus' wounds, we are willing to open our arms to those who are wounded by life, excluding no one from God's mercy but welcoming everyone.'

After all, despite his attitude Thomas was still included and welcomed by the community whose testimony he doubted. Even more pointedly, Our Lord opens his exchange with the doubter with some clearly welcoming words: 'Peace be with you.'

@ Nick Brodie



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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 8 APRIL — THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MASS @7AM (NOT COMMUNION SERVICE)
- ◆ 11 & 18 APRIL — ALPHA @6.30PM-@8.30PM
- ◆ 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

APPLECROSS VINNIES QUARTERLY REPORT is at the rear of the church next to the newsletter. Please feel free to collect one and see what Vinnies has been doing in our region.

CALLING ON ALL BAKERS!! We are holding a cake stall after the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses on Sunday 21 April 2024. If any of you outstanding bakers would like to donate a cake, slices and so forth, please contact Clare on 0406 973 595.

Ecumenical Dinner supporting local chaplains – Friday 3 May

Following a five year hiatus due to Covid, the Ecumenical Dinner at St David's is back on! This dinner is in aid of the chaplains at Applecross and Melville Senior High Schools and is supported by five churches in the area, St Benedict's being the only Catholic one. This is a very worthwhile cause and we only have twenty tickets for our parish at a cost of \$40 each.

Please contact Maureen Bright on 0413 832 357 to secure your tickets. Let's make it a fun night while having a delicious roast dinner. I can assure you the dinner will be good!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Synodality – Walking Together

This is the joint submission from the five parishes of Applecross, Attadale, East Fremantle, Myaree, and Palmyra in response to the "*Synthesis Report: A Synodal Church in Mission*" that summarised the deliberations from the meeting of Bishops in Rome in October 2023 and heading towards the final meeting of Bishops in Rome this October - and in Western Australia the formation of a Diocesan Pastoral Council in July.

For those who wish to have a copy of our response, please email Kevin Wringe at kwringe@inet.net.au.

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 13 April @6pm

PARISH MORNING TEA INVITATION



**SUNDAY,
14 APRIL 2024
AFTER 7.30AM MASS**

**ROSTER:
ANNE BANKS &
VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

ADSUMUS Initiative for Parishes Launch Date: 20-21 April 2024

The Parish Renewal Office of the Archdiocese under the guidance of Bishop Don Sproston has started organising a trial run of the new ADSUMUS initiative for parishes. This initiative hopes to revitalise, renew and develop our parishes so that they can operate more effectively as the communities our God needs them to be in today's world.

ADSUMUS is taken from the prayer recited before every session of the Second Vatican Council held from 1962-1965. The opening line of the prayer '**Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**', put simply, means "**Here We Are O Holy Spirit.**"

This initiative will assist each of us in coming to a truer understanding of our role and identity as parishioners so that we may discern the unique contribution each of us can make to the life of the parish. The hope is that by working together – sharing our gifts and talents - we will become a stronger faith community.

Our parish of St Benedict's has been chosen as one of four parishes to trial this initiative. As we launch ADSUMUS on the weekend of the 21st April, we ask the Holy Spirit that this journey we begin soon will bind us all in a stronger, loving community.



Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. **Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.**

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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ANNIVERSARIES:

Jacob Low, Alison Macchiusi, Babs Fialho, Thomas Lyons, Gregory O'Neill, Ronald Pereira, Elizabeth Mavros, Joan Gummer, Kathleen Hossen, Armando Ligovich, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING – LEVEL 1

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
 Tuesday 7 May @7pm - Online
 To register <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction>.
Further info: 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 Visit www.wwme.org.au

Chaplets of the Divine Mercy at St Thomas Moore Catholic Church, Bateman
 The next devotion will be held on **Wednesday 10 April 2024** commencing **@7.30 pm**. Enquiries to George Lopez on 0419 910 039.

Healing Mass in honour of St Peregrine patron saint of cancer sufferers and all in need will be held on Thursday 18 April at 7pm in Sts John & Paul, Willetton Catholic church. There will be blessing with the Relic of St Peregrine and Anointing of the Sick.

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

Lord, God, my Creator,
 Be close to me now.
 My soul yearns for Your presence.

Freedom

Lord, grant me the grace to be free from the excesses of this life. Let me not get caught up with the desire for wealth. Keep my heart and mind free to love and serve You.

Consciousness

Grant, O Lord, that I may be conscious and grateful for all the good things you have given to me. May I share my blessings with others always.

Inspiration

Locked doors were not enough to prevent Jesus joining his disciples, who were held bound by their fears. His message of peace, combined with his showing them his hands and side helped them to accept him as real. Help us to open our minds and hearts to the wonder of new life that you offer and to the peace you alone can give.

Thomas was always one to question. He had been caught out before so he wanted physical proof. When given the evidence he responded. We pray that the response of Thomas, saying, 'My Lord and my God', may be true for us, too.

Conversation

May Your Holy Spirit guide me in all my dealings with others.
 May I use the gift of speech with kindness.

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given concerning the text.

Amen



CHILDREN'S CORNER

 A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples. They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life.
 Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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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 Easter, Year B

1st: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 **Ps:** 4:2, 4, 5, 9
2nd: 1 Jn 2:1-5 **Gospel:** Lk 24:35-48



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon 1 Peter 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord 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.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf John 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 13 & 14 APRIL 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	ROD DOWLING	DENIS RIGG	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR DANYCKA FERNANDES	OLIVIA & JOEL DOWLING	HAILEY CORREIA GRACE STEWART LETICIA AVERY	ALEX & OLAF RIJKS OLIVER & JACOB WONG
COMMENTATORS	YOUTH MASS	JACQUIE HERON	VERONICA AVERY	MAUREEN BRIGHT
COLLECTORS	YOUTH MASS	JAMES GALVIN	ELIZABETH FEW	RONNIE ELHAJ PAUL BELVISO GRAHAM KNIGHT
READERS	YOUTH MASS	ANGELA SCOTT FRANK GERICEVICH	PAUL VINCI GIULIA HARRIS	KELVIN GRACE JACKIE WONG
EMOHC	YOUTH MASS	ALICE BATY	MELISSA TROLIO TERET BROCKWAY	JOE CINANNI MAISIE CINANNI
ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS ANGELA NANKIVELL, MRS COLLEEN & MISS FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: BRYAN & FRANCES MEYERKORT	
COUNTERS: MEGAN DOWLING, LYNLEY BIANCUZZO, ANTONELLA HENDERSON & CHRISTIE STIPINOVIC			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	