A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!

"WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA."

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive. To be a community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

"Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it."

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Phelan and Maria & Giacomo "Jack" Gianfrancesco.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Neil Young, whose funeral will be held at William Barrett & Sons Bunbury Chapel on Friday, 25th September at 11am.

General Intentions: Let us pray for peace in our world. Let us pray for the homeless, the underprivileged, those suffering in silence due to domestic violence, for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Let us pray for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates.

Prayer Requests: Max McGee, Val Nanut, Lynette Amonini, Fr Roy Pereira, Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Freya Dealino, Wade Godsell and Adrian Seale.

Diocese: Let us pray that the fruits of the Diocesan General Assembly be well-received by parish communities across the Diocese of Bunbury.

We invite you to request prayers from our parish community for any of your family members, relations and friends and we will include them on our prayer list. Their consent, however, is required for publication.

"MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS"

Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
   and praise your name for ever.
   The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
   his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
   slow to anger, abounding in love.
   How good is the Lord to all,
   compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
   and loving in all his deeds.
   He is close to all who call him,
   who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24,27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Divine Equity

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard by Johann Christian Brand, 1769

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:1–2

As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labor concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat" (Matthew 20:12).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labour performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours.

His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. Isaiah 55:8–9).

At the heart of this parable is God's abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of labourers. Among those who have laboured in Christ's vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term "equity" is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Reflect today on your own place among the labourers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity. Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

ST. FRANCIS, PRAY FOR US.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: God's generosity and mercy is beyond human measure. Trusting in God, we bring our needs today:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George, our priests, and all leaders of the Church. May they continue to proclaim God's generosity and mercy. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for all leaders in our world, especially those concerned with employees. May they provide just salaries and working conditions. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for the Church throughout the world. May Christians rejoice in God's blessings and continue to serve each other. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for those who are unemployed, struggling financially, or anxious about the future. May they find work and support. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of mercy and generosity, your love knows no bounds. Hear the prayers we offer today through Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Note: ***Please find someone else to replace you if you are unable to do your roster. Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.***

THIS WEEKEND 19th & 20th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Kim H John L	Melvin S	Mark J Ryan M
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y *Greeter Needed*	Wally C	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Daria S	Deric D	Joan T
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Malena C	Liz L	Gobi M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Lesley S Janelle N *EMHC Needed*	Elaine T, Sophie L Norrie P, Liz L	Stephen H Terri P, Nan M
Children's Liturgy			Ralou M Ollen M	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Shelby C, Leonce L, Alfonsa Maria J	
Music	Recorded Music	J&M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Max & Margaret M	Readers	Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 26th & 27th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	John L	*Acolyte Needed*	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Kath F	Verna L H	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Cathy Y	Peter L	Jean G
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Sr Pauline	Elaine T	Terri P
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Daria S, Cheryl N *EMHC Needed (x2)*	Cathy R, Helen B Marilou C, Rosina I	Pauline H
Children's Liturgy			Carla K Tricia W	
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R, Alfonsa Maria J	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Couples for Christ	Mark J
Morning Tea		Connie B	Couples for Christ	

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Volunteer	Readers	Chris L, Ethen N

CLEANERS	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Toilets	A Parishioner	A Parishioner	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
Cathedral	**Group 1:** 1st week, Fri 5pm **Leaders:** Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B.		**Group 2:** 3rd week, Thu 6pm **Leaders:** John J.		**Thank you!**

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people. Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, legal and ethical standards in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated.

The Eucharistic sacrifice "is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life...."
Lumen gentium 11

21 September Monday St Matthew	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
22 September Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
23 September Wednesday St Pius of Pietrelcina	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery **3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 7), Parish Hall**
24 September Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Grandparent Day Mass, St. Mary's Catholic PS 10am: McAuley Feast Day Mass, St. Joseph's Catholic PS 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027 - Break
25 September Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:45am: Mass, Opal Bunbury Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
26 September Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary Sts Cosmas & Damian	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
27 September Sunday 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME ***World Refugees & Migration Day***	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 12:30pm: Syro Malabar Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2:30pm: Memorial Wall Plaque Placement, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. All welcome to attend. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm.

PARISH NEWS

RCIA 2027. We pray for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catechumens and Candidates who will be received into the Catechumenate and Candidacy on Sunday, the 20th of September 2026, during the 10am Mass. Catechumens seek the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation) while Candidates are already validly baptised from another Christian denomination and now seeking reception into the Catholic Faith.

BAPTISM. We pray for Marc Ian Mabborang who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Welcome to St. Patrick's! Please fill out a 'New Parishioner' card found in the Cathedral cloister and hand it back to our Mass greeters, to a Parish Pastoral Councilor or to one of our Cathedral priests. We'll definitely contact you soon.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE PARISH 'FLOCKNOTE'? Flocknote helps our parish to easily keep in contact with parishioners. *For example*: the parish news is sent out each Friday to parishioners via a Flocknote email. We can also let you know of the latest parish happenings as they come to hand. To join simply go to: www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com or our parish website www.bunburyparish.org.

WE HAVE AN ELECTRONIC 'TAP' DEVICE FOR YOUR DONATION! St. Patrick's Cathedral has a "Donation Point Tap" located near the statue of St. Patrick in the Cathedral cloister. This electronic device allows you to donate to our parish by simply tapping your contactless enabled card, mobile or wearable to donate. Any parishioner may also conveniently use the device to fulfill their weekly financial contribution, most especially when you have left your wallets or purses at home.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & ITEMS. Christmas cards and a selection of Christmas items are now available at the Piety Store in the Parish Office. Please check the Piety Store early for Christmas items and gifts, and plan ahead for your Christmas gift buying. There are a variety of items available for the Christmas season.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE

Dear All,

Over six weeks have passed since our parishes joined together for our Diocesan Assembly. The three days were filled with prayer, discernment, friendship, and positive and challenging conversations.

Since the Assembly the Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) has gathered the responses from the Conversations in the

Spirit and we have taken time to carefully read and discern over the responses. The DST is now working through each Pathway to ensure that we are listening deeply to the voice of the Diocese; represented by members of your parish.
As we now step into our next stage of discernment, please be assured that we will continue to move forward on this synodal journey.

Over the next few months, the DST will endeavour to keep you updated. On behalf of the Diocesan Synodal Team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of your parish who were able to participate in the Parish Conversations and attend the Diocesan Assembly for your openness, honesty and obvious commitment to our Diocese.

It is in this spirit that the words of Pope Francis, continue to guide our journey. Through listening, dialogue and faithful reflection, we seek to recognise where God is leading our Diocese and how we are being called to serve Christ more fully in our parishes, our communities and one another.
With thanks and appreciation,
Kerrie Merritt, Chancellor
Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

BUNBURY CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR BISHOP OF BUNBURY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2027–28. The Bunbury Diocesan Liturgical Choir is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir Bishop of Bunbury Scholarship for 2027–28. One scholarship of $1500 over a two year period is offered to students year 7—12 from within the Diocese who wish to join the choir and further their musical and choral talents. Applications close Friday 16th October 2026. Interviews and auditions will take place on Wednesday October 28th 2026. For further information please contact: The Director, Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir - 85 Pearce Road, Australind WA 6233 - Email: millsmusic@bigpond.com

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN FOR THE WORLD APPEAL. Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help give women a safer chance to bring new life into the world.
Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.
Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

'CATHEDRAL CAR PARK FULL.' Providing ample parking for Church attendees has been our perennial concern most especially during big occasions such us Easter, Christmas, funerals, etc. This bike owned by a homeless individual caught my attention as it leaned against the wall where we have the signage which says, 'Cathedral Car Park Full.' While parking may be a concern, there is a far greater concern that our parish mission states. Our Mission is to continue growing as a community **where people can meet Jesus Christ** and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith."

St. Patrick's Cathedral stands in the heart of the City of Bunbury as a symbol of Christ's compassionate welcome to all persons without exception. The Cathedral precinct could never be full so as to turn away people from ever meeting Christ in our parish. We can never be certain of who is entering through our Cathedral gates and doors. But this we can be certain that **if we truly know Christ, we will see Christ in people, let alone those experiencing homelessness**. We have not really met Christ if we cannot see Christ in the homeless. We should welcome the homeless in the same spirit as Christ said the following words: "I was a stranger and you welcome me" (Matthew 25:35).

Every homeless person is unique. It is pretentious and presumptuous to say that one has already worked it out as to who they are. Christ never pre-judged people. He accorded them the benefit of the doubt because every human person is capable of love. Homelessness does not deprive the homeless the capacity to love. If ever, they are full of love, so unique that one needs to open one's heart to understand that their heart speaks of the love of Christ. If only we try to see them through Christ's eyes….

CLERGY ANNUAL RETREAT

We are deeply grateful to everyone for your prayers whilst we were away for our Clergy Annual Retreat at Safety Bay this past week. Our Retreat Director this year was Fr. Adalbert Imperial OCD (Discalced Carmelite Friar). The theme of the retreat was: “Silence: The Way to Foster Holiness – The Art of Listening in a Synodal Church.” Fr. Adalbert was born in the Philippines and grew up in Brisbane when his family moved to Australia when he was only six years old. Prior to being ordained to the priesthood, he was a practicing medical doctor. He is currently parish priest of Morley Parish in the Archdiocese of Perth. (Photo: Fr Joel Villanueva OSJ)

Apart from the spiritual nourishment one receives during spiritual retreat, the opportunity to catch up with brother priests is something we look forward to. I caught up with Fr. Jayan who celebrated his birthday last Monday, 14th of September. Clergy celebrated his birthday and Bishop George offered his gratitude to Fr. Jay for his ministry to the diocese.

THANK YOU, FR. GEOFF. We are truly grateful to Fr Geoff Aldous for the locum whilst we were on our clergy annual retreat. Fr Geoff's commitment to the priestly ministry is inspirational and humbling. Beyond retirement, he continues to accept invitations to do locum across our diocese. I hope he had a wonderful and fulfilling time being in the Bunbury Parish.

THANK YOU to **John Juat** for looking after the locking up of the Cathedral and Brendtor gates when we were on retreat. He is the president of the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc. The association contributes to our parish life by their morning tea roster and the monthly Cathedral cleaning. John didn't think twice in agreeing to help. Thank you too to **Churchill Abrio** for getting the bins out last Tuesday evening and bringing it back after the collection on Wednesday. Despite his work schedule, he agreed to assist to help our parish community without hesitation. Thank you to **Brian Castieau** for looking after the morning Mass and ensuring that Fr Geoff is well assisted. Thank you to our **Parish Office Staff – Maria, Kim and Ollen** for their amazing efforts in preparation our parish for our retreat.

25TH EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY. Congratulations once again to Bishop Gerry for the anniversary of his ordination to the episcopacy. We are grateful to our church ministers for their parish ministry and to Fr Joel for concelebrating. We give thanks to those involved with the organisation for the morning tea which was had after the Mass: our Parish Hospitality team and the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc. who were rostered for the event.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR THE HOLY ORDERS. Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD has accepted Seminarian Chris De Freitas' application to be admitted to the Holy Orders. Formally, Bishop George will admit him during the Sunday 6pm Mass on the 4th of October. Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is a formal liturgical rite in the Catholic Church where a seminarian or aspirant publicly states their intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders and embrace the clerical state. The Rite of Admission is a required by Church Law prior to sacred ordination: **Canon. 1034 §1. A person aspiring to the diaconate or presbyterate is not to be ordained unless he has first been enrolled among the candidates through the liturgical rite of admission by the authority mentioned in cann. 1016 and 1019; his petition is previously to have been written in his own hand, signed, and accepted in writing by the same authority.** Let us pray for Chris that he may remain steadfast in his commitment to the vocation the Lord calls him to live and undertake.

PARISH OUTREACH TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

On its third year, the Parish Outreach will now be serving free hot lunches **every Saturday** from 10.30am – 12.30am, starting September 5.

IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

MONETARY DONATION IS WELCOME BY USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS: **BSB: 086 006, Account #: 155314936, Account Name: Roman Catholic Bishop – Bunbury Parish, Narration: OUTREACH**

DONATIONS for the **Care Packs** (toiletries. etc.) can be placed in the St. Pat's Outreach basket in the Cathedral cloister.

For more information, please contact Anne and Ryan Mallaby 0455 570 623.

ST. PATRICK'S CARE

St. Patrick's Care offers the following emergency help: home visitation, emergency meals, lawn mowing, transportation and grief accompaniment.

Please call 08 97212141 for emergency assistance.

St. Patrick's Care brochures are available in the Cathedral cloister.

FR. JOEL VILLANUEVA OSJ

During our five day retreat we reflected on the way of holiness through practice and experience of silence.

For St Teresa of Avila, silence is more than the absence of noise. It is a way of creating space for God. In the stillness of the heart, we become more attentive to His presence, His voice, and His loving invitation to grow in holiness.

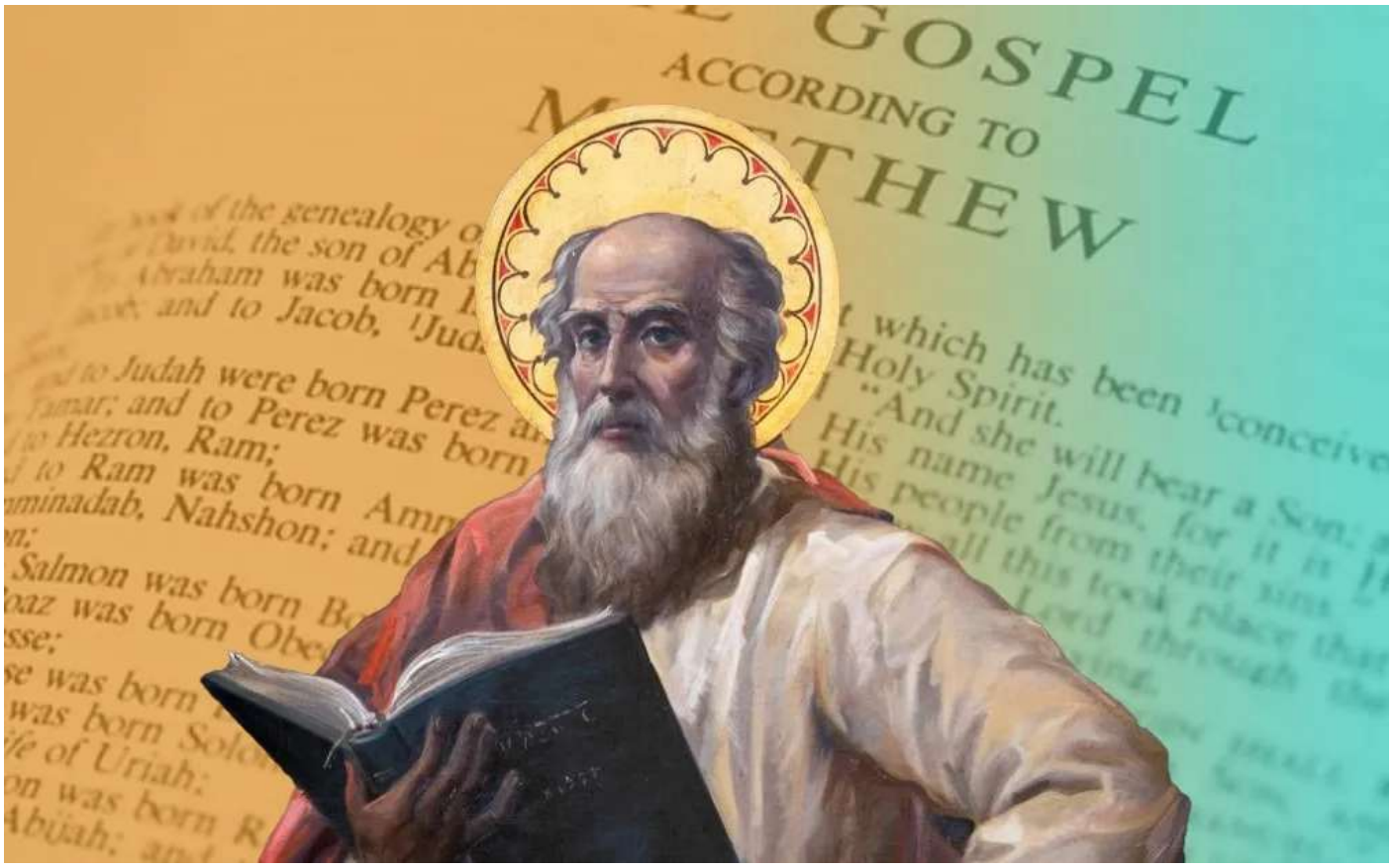
St Teresa understood prayer as a friendship with Christ. It is a time to be with the One who loves us. Silence allows this friendship to deepen. When we step away from distractions, we begin to recognise what is happening within us: our fears, desires, wounds, and hopes. Such self-knowledge helps us surrender more completely to God. Silence also teaches humility. We do not always need to speak, explain, defend ourselves, or have the final word. Sometimes holiness grows precisely when we learn simply to listen.

This wisdom is especially meaningful for a synodal Church. Synodality calls us to listen to God, to one another, and particularly to those whose voices may often go unheard. Let us therefore rediscover the gift of holy silence. For when we become silent before God, we may discover that He has been speaking to us all along.

STEPS OF *LECTIO DIVINA*

1. **Prepare (Silencio)**: Take a few moments to quiet yourself, get in a comfortable position, and become aware of God's presence.
2. **Read (Lectio)**: Read the Scripture passage slowly, out loud if possible. Listen for a nudge: What words or images is the Spirit drawing you toward today?
3. **Meditate (Meditatio)**: Re-read the Scripture passage, lingering over the person/word/phrase that captured your attention. Let your imagination engage the story/text. Reflect on how it might intersect with your life today.
4. **Pray (Oratio)**: Read through the Scripture passage another time, allowing the Scripture to lead you into a prayer/response to God. Talk to God about what has come to mind, and how He might be inviting you to respond.
5. **Contemplate (Contemplatio)**: Rest in the awareness of God's presence, remaining open to anything else the Holy Spirit might stir in your heart. If your mind wanders, gently redirect your thoughts toward God. Simply be still. Expect nothing. Enjoy a moment of fellowship with God that goes deeper than words. God loves you.

21 September Monday	St Matthew, apostle, evangelist	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 18:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
22 September Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 25	Prov 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 118:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44 Lk 8:19-21
23 September Wednesday	St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	Prov 30:5-9 Ps 118:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 Lk 9:1-6
24 September Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 25	Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:7-9
25 September Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 25	Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 143:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
26 September Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 25 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Cosmas and Damian, martyrs	Eccl 11:9 – 12:8 Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43-45
27 September Sunday	26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *World Refugees & Migration Day*	Ezek 18:25-28 Ps 24:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32



YEAR A: THE YEAR OF MATTHEW'S GOSPEL

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

In this year of hearing the gospel of Matthew, we are coming to the last section. The writer was most likely a Jewish Christian, providing consolation to those wrestling with the problem of reconciling their Jewish heritage with their belief in Jesus as the Messiah.

In the six-part structure of the gospel, the first section contained the stories of Jesus' birth. The **pattern** of the **five main parts** has a **long speech by Jesus** followed by a description of **actions that he performed**. These sections were the **Sermon on the Mount** (**ch 5 – 7**), the **disciples being prepared for their missionary journeys** (**ch 10**), **parables** (**ch 13**), and **church matters** (**ch 18**). The final section concerns the **end times** (**ch 24 and 25**).

Today's gospel comes in between these last two sections. It is another parable, with the theme of **God's justice** being **gracious and full of mercy**.

Just before the passage used for today's gospel, and immediately after (but also not included in the reading today) are the words – 'But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first' (19:30) and 'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' (20:16). Matthew seems to be suggesting that with God everything is gift – nothing is really earned. Without God's gift, salvation is not only beyond the reach of the rich – it is beyond the reach of everyone.

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	AOV1 074	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 031	AOV1 188
8am Sunday	AOV1 031	AOV1 074	AOV1 049	BB 58	BB 159
10am Sunday	AOV2 020	AOV1 006	AOV1 187	AOV1 166	AOV2 004
6pm Sunday	BB 449	BB 067	CHANT	BB 283	BB 45
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