

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C1

17th of August 2025

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

BUNBURY, W.A.



WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.*

READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

☐ The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **R.**

3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**

4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay. **R.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders past, present and emerging.



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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 Bunbury 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 Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5.00pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment

Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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POPE LEO XIV'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR 2025

AUGUST: FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.



✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS: "OREMUS" ✠

Personal Intentions: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato & Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Jackie Reid, Noah Forster & Jake Palandri, and Sophie Phelan.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Julie George, whose funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 18th of August at 10:30am, and Lesley Amadio, whose funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday 22nd August at 11am. May their souls rest in peace. A Rosary Vigil will be held for Lesley Amadio at the William Barretts Chapel on Thursday 21st August at 6pm.

Mass Intention: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Salvatore Tassone.

General Intentions: Let us pray for the homeless, the lonely, the underprivileged in our community, and those suffering in silence. Let us pray for peace in our world.



2025 JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

As Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



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.



MASS ROSTERS

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

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



THIS WEEKEND Sat 16th; Sun 17th August	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Shirley D Ester L	Pat G					Sim R	
8am	Kim H	Kath F Robin W	Daria S	Cathy Y	Peter C Lesley S			Joseline K	
10am	Joel G	Joe DEs Lynette A Verna H	Nilda C	Deric D	Marilou C Rosina I	Ralou M Ollen M	Sophie D R Elijah D Abel R Abigail R	Trinity Choir	
6pm	Mark J	David M	Joanie T					Mark J	

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers:	Max & Margaret M	Readers:	Volunteer
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NEXT WEEKEND Sat 23rd; Sun 24th August	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Shirley D	Pat G					Laudate Choir	
8am	Mick D	Cathy Y	Malena C	Sr Pauline	Daria S Peter C			Joseline K	Margaret C & Connie B
10am	Acolyte Required	Irene R Wally C	Liz L	Helen B	Joe DEs Cathy R	Melissa M Jean G	Sophie D R Shelby C Dionne L Declan K	Couples for Christ	Couples for Christ
6pm	Joel G	David M	Gobi M				Matthew G Dean S	Mark J	

OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers:	Pauline H	Readers:	Chris L, Ethel N
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Lectio Divina

18 August Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 20	Judges 2:11-19: Ps 105:34-37, 39-40, 43-44: Mt 19:16-22:
19 August Tuesday	St John Eudes, priest	Judges 6:11-24: Ps 84:9, 11-14: Mt 19:23-30:
20 August Wednesday	St Bernard, abbot, doctor	Judges 9:6-15: Ps 20:2-7: Mt 20:1-16:
21 August Thursday	St Pius X, pope	Judges 11:29-39: Ps 39:5, 7-10: Mt 22:1-14:
22 August Friday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22: Ps 145:5-10: Mt 22: 34-40:
23 August Saturday	St Rose of Lima, virgin Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary Anniversary of the death of Most Rev. Peter Quinn, 2008, third Bishop of Bunbury	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17: Ps 127:1-5: Mt 23:1-12:
24 August Sunday	21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Is 66: 18-21: Ps 116: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13: Lk 13:22-30:

"God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7
MASS COLLECTIONS
10th August 2025 - Week 6
First Collection: \$ 2,245.20 Sacrificial Giving: \$ 4,078.52

our parish life this coming week

18 August Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10:30am: Funeral, St. Patrick's Cathedral
19 August Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Cathedral Cleaning 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
20 August Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Dardanup 11:30am: Mandurah Catholic College Retreat Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
21 August Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital Chapel 11:30am: Mandurah Catholic College Retreat Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 4:10pm: ASSP First Holy Communion - Lesson 4 5pm: RCIA 2026
22 August Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10:45am: Mass, Opal Bunbury Gardens 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
23 August Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Dardanup
24 August Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception Dardanup 10am: St. Mary's CPS First Holy Communion Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, SJOGH Bunbury 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

HOLY HOUR: All are invited to join us to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Cathedral every Tuesday at 6pm. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678 or Barbara 0409 585 889

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM: We pray for Giovanna Grace Ranieri who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST EUCHARIST: Please pray for our students as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The ASSP First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 21st September at the 10am Mass.

FIRST EUCHARIST: We continue to pray for the preparation of the students from St Mary's and St Joseph's Primary School who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time on the 24th and 31st of August respectively during Sunday 10 am Mass.

CATHEDRAL CLEANERS: Please consider offering your time to help clean our beautiful Cathedral. Volunteers are certainly needed every Tuesday fortnightly. However, if this cleaning schedule doesn't suit you and you still wish to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office and we will assist in you in the allocation of a cleaning roster that suits your

availability. Thank you in anticipation.

CATHEDRAL RESTROOMS: We are seeking volunteers to spend 30-60 minutes once a month keeping the Cathedral toilets fresh and functional. If you would like to go on the roster, please contact the Parish Office.

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE: We are now accepting applications for Year 7 in 2028. Start your child's secondary school journey in a welcoming, and faith-based community at Bunbury Catholic College. Early applications are encouraged. Contact the school on 9721 0000 or visit www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au

DIOCESAN NEWS

BUNBURY CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR: We are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the *Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir Bishop of Bunbury Scholarship* for 2026 – 2027. Two scholarships of \$1500 over a two year period are offered to students in year 7 to 12 from within the Diocese who wish to join the choir and further their musical and choral talents. Applications close Friday 17th October 2025. Auditions will take place on Wednesday October 29th 2025. For further information please contact: The Director Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir, 85 Pearce Road, Australind WA 6233 or Email: millsmusic@bigpond.com

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY: Pregnancy Assistance supports pregnant and new mums. We offer free, confidential support and assistance including: information, emotional and material support, and assistance to access other services. Thank you to everyone who has supported Pregnancy Assistance by placing donations of small new items into the bassinet in the Ca-

thedral foyer. Please contact Janet Mazza, Co-Ordinator, 151 Spencer Street, Bunbury. (Telephone 9792 4759)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE ACYF 2025: Join the Official Diocesan Pilgrimage to ACYF 2025! 28 November – 3 December 2025, Melbourne, VIC. The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office - Catholic Diocese of Bunbury invites all young people (Aged 9–25 years) to be part of the Official Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025! Cost: Approx. \$2,200—Deposit Due: 15 August 2025. Pre-register now and secure your place: Scan the QR Code on the poster in cloister or visit <https://brushfire.com/catholicdioceseofbunbury/events/605208>

48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUTIQUE: In September we'll come together in prayer in preparation for Our Lady's birthday gift. The 48 HOURS will commence on Friday 5th September at 6pm concluding Sunday 7th September at 6pm with the Rosary being said continuously throughout the State during these hours. All are invited to take part in this event for Our Lady. Please see the notice board for more information.

KSC WA GALA DINNER 2025: The 2025 Gala Dinner sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross (WA) is on Friday 29th August at 6.30 pm. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall, with guest speaker, Fr. Roberto Archie Carampatan, S.J., giving a post-dinner address on "Spirituality in the Modern World". His Lordship, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, will be the guest of honour. Flyers for this event are located in the Cathedral foyer. Register online at <https://go.kscwa.au/bunbury-gala-dinner-2025> or for more information contact Laurie Sutherland. Ph: 0488 966 400

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

WORSHIP PILLAR

- **MINISTRY OF PROCLAIMING THE WORD AND COMMENTATING WORKSHOPS.** The Worship Pillar will be conducting a workshop for those wishing to be trained as Proclaimers of the Word and Commentator on Saturday 16th August from 9.30am—11.30am. Morning Tea will be provided.
- **MUSIC MINISTRY GATHERING.** Calling all our parish musicians and choristers — please join us in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd August at 9.30am—12.30pm for a gathering.
- **CENTRALITY OF THE EUCHARIST.** The Worship Pillar Committee will be attending to the following: [1] the Cathedral sound system, [2] the proposal to install audio-visual devise.
- **WELCOMING AND JOYFUL LITURGY.** The worship committee will facilitate the introduction of a Mass Commentator who will [1] greet, welcome and introduce the Mass to the congregation, and [2] will take on the reading of the Prayer of the Faithful.

FORMATION PILLAR

- **EXPANDING FORMATION AND OUTREACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT.** The formation committee will work with the parish in upgrading our parish website which will be the primary platform to undertake the delivery of formation to parishioners and those beyond our church pews.
- **CREATIVE AND COMPASSIONATE EVANGELIZATION THROUGH LEADERSHIP FORMATION.** The formation committee will engage with our Bishop, Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD, in considering a parish renewal, with the view and hope of training church leaders and the general congregation to be evangelisers.

OUTREACH PILLAR

- **FREE HOT LUNCH FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.** The free hot lunch for people who are experiencing homelessness will now take place twice a month starting in September: 1st and 3rd Saturday. If you feel called to this ministry, please call the Parish Office. **Thank you to all those who have inquired and have volunteered last weekend after the announcement for parish involvement.**
- **ENHANCING COMMUNICATION AND PARISH-WIDE INVOLVEMENT IN OUTREACH.** The outreach committee will produce flyers to inform the people about the parish outreach and how they are able to help and will also endeavour to place information items regarding parish outreach in the parish bulletin. **If you are able to assist by handing out invite flyers to people in Bunbury who are experiencing homelessness, please contact the Parish Office.**

HOSPITALITY PILLAR

- **IDENTIFYING AND EMPOWERING THE SPIRITUAL CHARACTER OF HOSPITALITY.** The hospitality committee is intending to form a hospitality committee. If you feel you are being called to be a 'Greeter,' please call the Parish Office.
- **EXPANDING AND STRUCTURING HOSPITALITY INITIATIVES.** If you are able to assist with the following hospitality ministries, we encourage you to make contact with the Parish Office: transportation to Cathedral, emergency meals, gardening, home visitation (in conjunction with the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy, and grief accompaniment. These ministries are all part of the formation of St. Patrick's Care.



STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYTHING I DO AFTER I SAY, 'I BELIEVE.'

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION 2025

Luke in the Gospel for this Sunday declares that Christ has come to bring fire to the earth (cf. Lk 12:49). And he intensifies this by stating that Christ "wishes that it was blazing already." Christ is God's gift to each human person, a gift that is certain to fire up our desire to follow God wherever He calls us. This was the same fire that engulfed the hearts of the apostles and early disciples to follow the Son of God even to the point of offering their own lives for the noble cause of giving people opportunities to hear the Gospel and be saved.

We believe in the 'fire' that is within us. We should not have any doubts as this fire is indeed already blazing. We have already received this fire at our Baptism and at our Confirmation. When we received the light of Christ at our baptism, we received initially the divine light which opens our eyes to the love of God inviting us to become active members of his Church. At our Confirmation, we received the fire of the Holy Spirit giving us spiritual gifts and enabling us to serve our Church in the manner that we are able to do so due to our gifts. We cannot allow this fire to fade. We need to keep this fire alive by giving ourselves to our community and our spiritual gifts to our Church. We have been fired up for this specific reason. We are called to be the 'fire' in our Church, believing after saying 'I do' to Christ.

Every parishioner has this wonderful opportunity now to offer the 'fire' within them by coming forward to become members of our Parish Pastoral Council. This is stewardship in action. This is truly keeping the 'fire' in your hearts alive. This is saying without doubt, 'I believe.' We call upon every parishioner to consider joining some of our stewards already on the Parish Pastoral Council and together help the parish grow in its mission.

Are you...

- a believer in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as proclaimed by the Catholic Church
- a fully initiated Catholic
- a participant in parish worship
- at least sixteen years of age
- respectful of the views of others
- committed to working through different viewpoints to-

wards making group decisions

- committed to accepting and working towards the implementation of Council final decisions that have been accepted by the Parish Priest or Parish Administrator. Then serving on the Parish Pastoral Council could be for you.

In the next four (4) weeks, we invite parishioners to pray and discern. Pray for others to share their gifts to our community. Discern if you are being called to be part of our Parish Pastoral Council.

Elections will be held during the weekend of 13-14 September. The parish is looking for two (2) new members. Nomination forms will be available in the Cathedral cloister. You may drop your nomination form in the drop box located in the Cathedral cloister. The nomination period will end on Sunday, 7 September. An election will be called should there be more than two nominees. Please ensure that if you are nominating other than yourself, the consent of your nominee is given.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to know more about serving our parish via the Parish Pastoral Council. We could link you with current members.

Together as a community, let us pray:

O God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide our parish in the selection of members for our Parish Pastoral Council.

We are a parish that wants to do your will and carry out the mission Jesus entrusted to us.

Help us find the women and men who will work with our pastors and guide us in our mission.

We need women and men who will listen to the wisdom of the spirit and the needs of the people.

We need women and men who are open to the ideas of others and who will work to bring us all together in unity as sisters and brothers in Christ.

We need women and men who have great love for you and for our parish. Continue to bless our parish so we can be a people filled with joy and faith as we live out our call to follow your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace
to engage fully in our lives and in our communities.
Help us to embrace each moment
with open hearts and willing spirits.
May we find strength in our participation,
and may our actions reflect Your love and light.
Guide us to be present,
to listen,
and to contribute meaningfully,
so that we may grow closer to You
and to one another.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER MASS

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Separated from you, let me never be.
From evil one, protect me.
At the hour of my death, call me
And close to you, bid me
That with your saints, I may be
Praising you forever and ever. Amen.

PPC POST

by Helen Brown, Chairperson - Parish Pastoral Council

On the weekend of 23/24 August the Parish Pastoral Council will launch the new Commentary and Proclaiming of the Word format. We are excited to bring this to our parish in response to your feedback. As mentioned in a previous PPC Post, we will trial a commentary for 12 months. To aid a smooth transition to the new process we would like to ensure that parishioners are aware of the following;

Reader 1 will be responsible for the commentary before the commencement of the Sacred Liturgy and the Prayer of the Faithful.

Reader 2 will be responsible for the first and second readings, the responsorial psalm, if not sung, and the Gospel acclamation.

The introduction of the commentary before the Liturgy will complement what is to follow in the Sacred Liturgy providing an opportunity to gather as one body and one Church.

Please support us in this endeavour to create a joyful and inclusive celebration of the Eucharist.

"WHY WE DO THE THINGS WE DO"

Source: teresapirola.net

Why do we say 'alleluia'?

Alleluia comes from the Hebrew word which means 'Praise God'. It appears as a prayer in the Old Testament psalms and as the chant of the saints in heaven in the Book of Revelation.

It was adopted by the Christian liturgy as the response of those redeemed through Christ. In the Mass, the alleluia verse is our way of responding to the second reading and preparing for the proclamation of the Gospel. For Christians, 'alleluia' is a bit like a cheer leader's whoop! It reeks of celebration, life, strength, freedom and all those wonderfully liberating qualities offered us through the resurrection of Jesus. To mutter it is to contradict its meaning!

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you for financially supporting our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish by committing to donate a certain amount of money to the parish on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis. If you would like to be part of the program, please fill out a registration form available at the Cathedral cloister. Please check out this web link to register or to know more about our parish sacrificial planned giving programme: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>

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FAITH EDUCATION CORNER

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

The doctrine of Mary's Assumption into heaven, celebrated on 15 August, reflects the long insistence on the importance of Mary in the Catholic Church

The Catholic belief that Mary was taken into heaven has a long history. Though not mentioned in the Scriptures it appears in other early Christian writings. It became widespread in the fifth century when a fierce debate about how to account for Christ's divinity and humanity arose. The description of **Mary as the mother of God** affirmed both his divinity and the earthly reality of his human life. It also deepened **devotion to Mary as mother**, as one who was **without sin**, as someone to whom we could pray, and as **example of the Christian life**.

Although Mary was often represented in popular art as unshakeable in her faith and as totally self-possessed, as a model of conduct and self-control, and so a reliable companion in prayer, she could also be prayed to as a sister who shared our hardships.

The doctrine of Mary's Assumption reflected the long insistence on the importance of Mary. For many Catholics, too, the definition of doctrines concerning Mary were also a statement of Catholic identity.

The Feast of the Assumption enlivens our hope that we shall be with Christ as Mary now is. It promises that after the struggles and losses of this life that we shall find happiness and companionship with God.

<https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/feast-of-the-assumption-of-mary>

QUOTES FROM THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

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Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:

The fire of the Gospel and being baptized in the Holy Spirit, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)

"We affirm that the fire that Christ sent out is for humanity's salvation and profit. May God grant that all our hearts be full of this. The fire is the saving message of the Gospel and the power of its commandments. We were cold and dead because of sin and in ignorance of him who by nature is truly God. The gospel ignites all of us on earth to a life of piety and makes us fervent in spirit, according to the expression of blessed Paul (Romans 12:11). Besides this, we are also made partakers of the Holy Spirit, who is like fire within us. We have been baptized with fire and the Holy Spirit. We have learned the way from what Christ says to us. Listen to his words: 'Truly I say to you, that except a man be born of water and spirit, he cannot see the kingdom of God' (John 3:5). It is the divinely inspired Scripture's custom to give the name of fire sometimes to the divine and sacred words and to the efficacy and power which is by the Holy Spirit by which we are made fervent in spirit."

(excerpt from COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 94)

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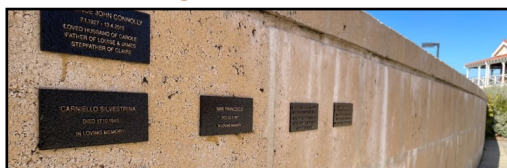


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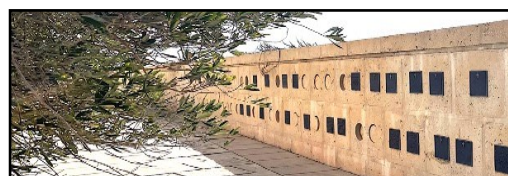
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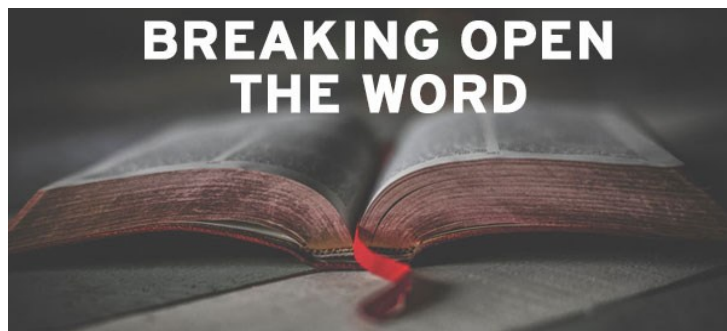
three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



"Spiritual Unity"

"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law." Luke 12:51–53

Jesus introduces this passage by saying, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" The "fire" of which He speaks is His purifying fire of mercy that He poured forth from the Cross as He offered His life for the salvation of the world. His mercy is given to free us from our sins and to cleanse our souls so that God Himself can come to dwell within us. This is why we exist. God wants to dwell within us, and He wants us to be in perfect union with Him.

One of the glorious effects of uniting yourself to God is that this union also brings about a spiritual bond with

others who are united to God. We are made for communion with God, but also for communion with each other. God especially invites family members to share in this unity. Though there are many levels of friendship and unity we can have with each other, the deepest bonds come from two souls each being united to God. For example, two people may both like the same sports team or have the same interests, resulting in a bond or form of friendship. This is good. But when each of those friends also is deeply united to God, the unity comes from God and not from something more superficial.

The challenging Gospel passage above reveals to us what happens when one or more members of a household fail to open themselves to the cleansing fire of God's love and, therefore, fail to live in union with God. The result is disunity, at least on the deepest and truest level. God is not the cause of disunity; sin is. When one person is united to God and another is immersed in a life of sin, true spiritual unity is not possible. Of course the two might still share some common interests and might even superficially get along each day, but there will never be an experience of authentic spiritual friendship and communion if God is absent from one or both hearts.

When Jesus says that He has come to establish division within a household, He is simply pointing out that there will indeed be a division within a household when all are not united to God. Additionally, Jesus is warning us that if someone within our household tries to draw us into a life of sin with them, that person's invitation must be rejected. And when that happens, that rejection is often experienced as a rejection of the person and results in even greater disunity. The bottom line is that it is not possible to be authentically united in sin or any form of lie.

Reflect, today, upon the deepest spiritual desire you have. If you are honest with yourself, you will discover that this deepest desire in your heart is the desire for love. We are made to give and receive love. First, this desire is fulfilled by opening ourselves to the love of God. When that happens, we will be able to share God's love with others and receive God's love from them. Nothing in life could be more fulfilling than this.

Most merciful Lord, You came to unite all people in Your love, but when Your love is rejected we live in disunity. Please come to me and dwell more fully within me so that Your presence in my life will not only bring about a spiritual communion with You, but also with those who share this same love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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10AM SUN	AOV1 16	AOV1 185	BB 556	AOV1 81	AOV1 182
6PM SUN	AOV1 90	AOV2 155	AOV1 114	AOV1 29	AOV1 76