

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
(Safeguarding Sunday)
13th September 2026

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
Catholic Diocese of Bunbury
Bunbury, Western Australia



“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 soul of Gildo Di-Giuseppe.

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.



“HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?”

There is much truth in the proverb, ‘to err is human, to forgive divine.’ We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:33-28:9

A reading from the book of Sirach

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia.



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.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Exponential Mercy

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant by Claude Vignon, 1629

“That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.” Matthew 18:23–25

Jesus tells this parable in response to Peter, who asked, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Peter likely thought he was being generous. But Jesus invited him to go far beyond what he imagined, responding, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

The context is helpful. Not long before this dialogue, Jesus had changed Simon’s name to Peter—Petros—meaning “rock,” the foundation upon which He would build His Church. He further promised Peter that the gates of hell would not prevail against it and said, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:19).

Soon after that, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where they were privileged to witness His Transfiguration—a glimpse of His divine glory. Peter had also witnessed many other miracles, some quite personal. For example, when asked by tax collectors whether Jesus paid the Temple tax, Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, cast a hook, and open the mouth of the first fish he caught. Inside, he found a coin worth twice the Temple tax—enough for both Jesus and Peter (Matthew 17:27).

Perhaps these recent events in which Peter played a privileged role left him feeling quite favoured. He may have begun to think well of himself, sensing a special place in Jesus' mission. Wanting to demonstrate his spiritual maturity, Peter made what he thought was a generous offer: to forgive his brother up to seven times.

In Jewish tradition, to forgive seven times was seen as more than sufficient. The rabbinic teaching often suggested forgiving up to three times, based loosely on interpretations of the Prophet Amos (cf. Amos 1:3). So when Peter offered seven, he was doubling that and adding one for good measure—a symbolic act of exceeding piety.

But Jesus' response radically shifted the paradigm. Seventy-seven times—or, in some manuscripts, seventy times seven—is not a precise numerical limit. It's a symbolic expression that conveys the idea of limitless forgiveness, echoing God's own mercy toward sinners. Jesus was not simply raising the bar; He was inviting Peter—and all of us—into the boundless love of the Father.

The parable Jesus then taught illustrates this clearly: Because God has shown us immeasurable mercy, we must extend mercy to others. But it also begins with a shocking image. When the king began the accounting and the servant who owed a "huge amount" was brought before him—an amount so large he had no way of repaying—the master ordered that the servant, his wife, his children, and all his property be sold. This illustrates the incalculable debt we owe to God for our sins. Not only are we incapable of repaying it, but even everything we hold dear cannot cover the cost. At the heart of the parable is this truth: Unless we extend limitless mercy to others, we will be held accountable for our own unpayable debt before God. But if we imitate God's mercy and forgive from the heart, that enormous debt will be entirely wiped away.

Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does that person's offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in you.

Most generous Lord, You forgive more than seventy-seven times—more than seventy times seven. Your mercy is unconditional in its origin and limitless in its reach, yet it bears one condition: that I, too, show mercy to others. Grant me, dear Lord, a heart that is merciful like Yours, one that participates in and reflects Your Divine Mercy. May I forgive as I have been forgiven, so that the full debt of my sin may be wiped away and that others may be drawn to You through the witness of mercy in my life. Jesus, I trust in You.

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 mercy toward us is without limit. Trusting in God's compassion and forgiveness, we bring our needs as we pray:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders of the Church: may they faithfully guide the Church in the ways of reconciliation and peace. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the political and economic leaders of all nations: may they promote peace and harmony between peoples, especially in places of war and injustice. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray, on this Safeguarding Sunday, for child protection workers: may they be given prayerful and practical support in their challenging work. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for the community gathered here today: may this be a place of healing and reconciliation, and a truly safe place for all. 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 compassion, hear the prayers we offer today, in the name of Jesus 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 12 th & 13 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C John L	John I Mark J	Joel G	
Greeters	Ester L	Jenny S Kath F	Verna L H	David M	
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Pat G	Malena C	Nilda C	Terri P	
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Pat G	Sr Pauline	Norrie P	Terri P	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cora C, Cheryl N <i>EMHC Needed (x2)</i>	Cathy R, Marilou C Nilda C, Norrie P	Pauline H Gobi M	
Children's Liturgy			<i>Cancelled</i>		
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R, Alfonsa Maria J, Dionne L	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T	
Music	Laudate Choir	Recorded Music	Voices of Hope	Melanie N	
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Southwest Filipino Australian Assoc. Inc		
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 19 th & 20 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Alfred L	Kim H John L	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Mark J Ryan M	
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Wally C	David M	
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Daria S	Deric D	Joan T	
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Malena C	<i>Reader Needed</i>	Gobi M	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Lesley S Robin W, Janelle N	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, Jean Rose B, Josh Jacob B		
Music	<i>Music Needed</i>	J&M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir	
Morning Tea					
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers		Max & Margaret M	Readers	Volunteer

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

14 September Monday The Exaltation of the Holy Cross -Priest Annual Retreat-	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
15 September Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows -Priest Annual Retreat-	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
16 September Wednesday Sts Cornelius & Cyprian -Priest Annual Retreat-	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC (Home Study)
17 September Thursday St Hildegard of Bingen St Robert Bellarmine -Priest Annual Retreat-	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027
18 September Friday -Priest Annual Retreat-	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College (<i>Cancelled</i>) 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:30am: Mass, Wattle Hills (<i>Cancelled</i>) 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap' (<i>Cancelled</i>)
19 September Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Januarius	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
20 September Sunday 25 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS COLLECTIONS
6th September 2026 – Week 10

First Collection: \$ 2,600.10
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 3,489.55



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.



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

PARISH NEWS

PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION "FATHER'S DAY" APPEAL - All priests of the Diocese wish to thank those who contributed most generously to the annual Priests' Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal. Your donation is gratefully appreciated. Donations can be made at any time using the Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church and placing these in the collection basket or sending them directly to the Foundation. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

RITE OF INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. We warmly thank our Parish community for your prayers and support for our RCIC candidates who recently celebrated their **Rite of Acceptance**. Please continue to keep our young people and their families in your prayers as they continue their catechetical lessons and preparation to receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on 11 October**. Thank you and God Bless.



BAPTISM. We pray for Inigo Rara who received the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism on Thursday and George Grant who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

PARISH MORNING TEA. There will be Morning Tea in the Parish Hall after the 8am and 10am Masses this Sunday. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN NEWS



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 INFORMATION SESSION! 6th of October 2026. 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Pastoral Life and Mission Centre (or via Teams) 5 Brendon Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct. Are you interested in making the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027? We would like to invite you to a General WYD Information Session! This session will go over some general information about WYD, general information about plans for the Diocesan Pilgrimage and include a chance for you to ask any questions you may have. Please ensure you register for the session here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?i d=bko85L8x3keTWv4Yg_QIRVc-K8f89KJJj6VeKWwNNFhUM0hQV0pSRIJNNTVERVQxVUZaNjUxM0IDNi4u&route=shorturl

NATIONAL SURVEY OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES OVER SEPTEMBER. Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

CATHEDRAL BELL RINGING. This Saturday 12th Sept. 10am -12nn. Visiting Bell Ringers will be ringing our Cathedral Bells. Parishioners are welcome to enjoy the sounds of our bells from these talented ringers.

KIRUP CAMINO. Registrations are open for this year's Kirup Camino – on Wednesday 1 October 2025 – a key Jubilee Year pilgrimage event to be held in the Diocese of Bunbury to launch World Mission Month. We are very fortunate to have Bishop George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, joining us to preside at the pilgrims' mass. The Kirup Camino covers 16km of walking through farmland and alongside forest, starting at 8.30am at the Church of St Therese, in Balingup, and ending after the 4pm pilgrims' mass at the Spirituality Hub at the Holy Family Church, in Capel St, Kirup. To register go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DDPSE> or contact Shendelle Mullane, Catholic Mission Diocesan Director, on Bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Quiet Day continuing our Contemplative Practices programme next Tuesday 15th September 9.30 to midday and beyond if desired. Spring in Kirup, beautiful. Contact Deborah 0419939864 for more info

BUNBURY CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR BISHOP OF BUNBURY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2027–28. The BUNBURY CATHOLIC 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

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.



Invites you to our **Engaging Your Faith online presentations in October 2026.** From \$25 per session. For more information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

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.



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



250TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY – PRESENTATION SISTERS. We convey our congratulations to the Presentation Sisters on the celebration of their 250th Founding Anniversary. The Parish welcomed the Presentation Sisters who came all the way from Perth and a number of people from parishes where the Presentation Sisters served. It was lovely to have the company of Fr. Albin Oddippattil OCD, Parish Administrator of the Mandurah Parish, and Fr Pat Rooney. We give thanks to God particularly to Sr. Christine Clarke PBVM for the ministry which she offers to the diocese and to our parish. Thank you to those who help with the morning tea, specifically the Syro-Malabar community, the Parish Office Staff and Cathy Rechichi.

25TH EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY. Let us congratulate Bishop Gerry Holohan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Bunbury, for his 25th ordination anniversary to the episcopacy. Some of you may still remember his episcopal ordination on the 4th of September at Bunbury Catholic College. The late Pope Francis accepted his resignation after 22 years of leading the Diocese of Bunbury. As a thanksgiving to the People of God, he intends to celebrate this Sunday's 10am Mass in the Cathedral. There will be a celebratory morning tea after the Mass. All welcome!



CLERGY RETREAT. Clergy of the Diocese of Bunbury will be having their annual retreat from the 13th until the 18th of September at the St. John of God Retreat Centre at Safety Bay. Fr. Geoff Aldous, who has helped our Cathedral Parish a number of times now, will be again assisting us with the Masses during our weeklong retreat. Fr. Geoff is a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Perth. Please call the Parish Office at 97212141 for any pastoral assistance.





PARISH OUTREACH – LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS. The parish outreach of offering free hot lunches to those who are experiencing homelessness in our community was held once again last Saturday. This time, however, it will now be held every Saturday from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Previously it was only held every 1st and 3rd Saturday on the month. During its first year, it was held only during the 1st Saturday of the month. A little over 40 people came to enjoy the lunch. The sight of bicycles and trolleys around the Cathedral grounds will now become a common sight for all of us. We are truly grateful for your prayers and monetary support. Your donation is definitely bringing joy and hope to people in our community in homelessness situations.





'MISSIONARIES OF LIGHT' FUNDRAISING FOR THE HOMELESS. A fundraising for St. Pat's Lunch for the Homeless was undertaken by our parish's 'Missionaries of Light' last Sunday after the 12 noon Filipino Mass. Dubbed as 'Lugaw for a Cause' (hot rice porridge for a cause), the fundraising generated the amount of \$562.95. The food for sale was sold out in a matter of minutes. We thank everyone for supporting the fundraising. The casseroles of 'lugaw' were kindly donated by the Dimayuga Family, Angie Roan, Martin Mendoza, Rolando Juat, Ferliza Valeriano, Dr Herbert and Jimmielyn Caluban. The 'Missionaries of Light' is led by Bruddie Paypon. The 'Missionaries of Life' are now planning for the next fundraising.





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**

Every priest needs a retreat. I need a retreat. There are times in my priestly ministry when life becomes so busy that I can easily become more focused on doing things for God than on simply being with God. There are Masses to celebrate, people to meet, projects to finish, decisions to make, and many other responsibilities that come with being a priest. These are all important, but sometimes I need to step back and ask myself: Where is Jesus in all of this? How is my relationship with Him?

This week, all the clergy of our diocese shall enter our Spiritual Retreat. Please include us in your prayers. For me, retreat is a time to pause, to become quiet, and to listen again to the voice of the Lord. It is a time to put aside my usual responsibilities and allow God to speak to my heart. Retreat also gives me the opportunity to look honestly at my priesthood. I am reminded that I am not a perfect priest, but I am a priest who continues to be loved, called, forgiven, and sent by Christ. Most importantly, retreat reminds me why I became a priest in the first place: because Christ called me to Himself and entrusted me with His people. Retreat is my time to come home. Not to a place, but to Christ. And when I return to Him, I am once again ready to ***return to His mission with a renewed heart.***





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.

14 September Monday	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Num 21:4-9 or Phil 2:6-11 Ps 77:1-2, 34-38 Jn 3:13-17
15 September Tuesday	Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9 Ps 30:2-6, 15-16, 20 Jn 19:25-27
16 September Wednesday	Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr	1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 Ps 32:2-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35
17 September Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24 St Hildegard of Bingen, virgin, doctor St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor	1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 117:1-2, 15-17, 28 Lk 7:36-50
18 September Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24	1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 16:1, 6-8, 15 Lk 8:1-3
19 September Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 24 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Januarius, bishop, martyr	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Ps 55:1-14 Lk 8:4-15
20 September Sunday	25 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Is 55:6-9 Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was built on the site where it was said Jesus had been buried. During the excavation, workers found three crosses.

One of the crosses became an object of veneration. An eyewitness told of a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem where the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table for veneration: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription and, after kissing the cross, they move on." This celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in September came into the liturgical calendar in the seventh century.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. To the first Christians, it was seen as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods.

Today, the cruelty of the Cross is not what is exalted, but the **Love that God manifested to humanity** by accepting death on the Cross: "Who, though in the form of God, emptied himself, taking the form of a slave. This is the glory of the Cross of Jesus!" (Pope Francis)

On the following day we celebrate the feast of **Our Lady of Sorrows** – remembering the pain Mary endured seeing the suffering of her son.

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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	BB 449	BB 320	CHANT	BB 283	BB 45
8am Sunday	AOV1 074	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 031	AOV1 188
10am Sunday	AOV1 016	AOV1 164	AOV1 081	AOV1 112	AOV1 124
6pm Sunday	AOV1 016	BB 039	BB 338	BB 175	BB 347
SJOGH	AOV1 029	AOV1 115	AOV2 126	-	AOV1 158