

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
(World Refugees & Migration Day)
27th 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 Judith Zwickl.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Neil Young, whose funeral was held at William Barrett & Sons Bunbury Chapel on Friday.

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, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Amie & Joy 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.



“PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY”

We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, ‘I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.’ Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
 you have done with true judgement,
 for we have sinned against you
 and not obeyed your commandments.
 But give glory to your name
 and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld,



should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

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 the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.



Action over Words

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard, from *The Story of Christ* by Georg Pencz, 1534–35

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?” Matthew 21:28–31

This parable must have been difficult for the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second parable, not included in today’s Gospel, we read, “although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet” (Matthew 21:46). It seems they dismissed Jesus’ words and His rebuke, but fear of public backlash, rather than fear of God’s judgment, kept them silent for a time.

In today’s Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God’s law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.”

Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes.

Consider more carefully the reactions of the two sons. We might imagine that the second son, who said, "Yes, sir," represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance - "I will not"—his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn't include a third son, one who says "Yes, sir," and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories He presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God's will. From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to live.

Reflect today on the first son, and humbly see yourself in him. In what ways do you find it difficult to say "Yes" to God's will right away? It is not a sin to struggle with obedience. This struggle is part of our fallen human nature. Like the first son, we must allow grace to work within us, forming our conscience and compelling us to act in accordance with God's will, especially in the areas where we resist. When we allow grace to move us beyond our initial hesitation, we grow in virtue and become more like our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, who both said "Yes" to the Father and followed through completely.

My obedient Lord, You and Your Blessed Mother always responded with wholehearted fidelity to the Father's will, both in word and in deed. Grant me the grace to imitate Your example and to share in the very obedience You lived in union with Your Mother. Root out my fallen tendencies toward selfishness, and make me generous in charity, living in full accord with and in obedience to the Father's glorious will. 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: We trust in the One who wills good things for us, and so we offer our needs in prayer:

1. We pray for Pope Leo and all leaders of the Church: may they faithfully lead the Church in both word and example. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for the Church throughout the world: may Christians profess their faith with their lips, and live it through loving service. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for national and world leaders: may they recognise their responsibility to create just societies for all to enjoy. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for those forced to flee their homes through war, poverty, persecution, or disaster. may they find protection and peace. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for the community gathered here today: may we cherish nature in this season of Creation. We pray to the Lord.

6. 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 truth, you call us to follow Jesus with sincere hearts and faithful lives. Hear the prayers we offer in the name of 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 26 th & 27 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	John L	Alfred L	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 Christine	Nilda C	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cheryl N, Lesley S Cora C, Robin W	Cathy R, Helen B Marilou C, Norrie P	Nan M
Children's Liturgy			Carla K Tricia W	
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R,	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T
Music	Sim R	Recorded Music	Couples for Christ	Mark J
Morning Tea		Connie B	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Jan B	Readers	Anne M

NEXT WEEKEND 3 rd & 4 th October	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L Peta T	Kath F <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Wally C	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Pat G	Sr Christine	Liz L	Gobi M
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Pat G	Greg D	Nilda C	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Daria S Lesley S, Robin W	Cathy R, Helen B Sophie L, Marilou C	Stephen H, Terri P Nan M
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W <i>Assistant Needed</i>	
Altar Servers				Abel R, Abigail R, Matthew G, Caleb S, Godwin J, Shelby C, Dean S, Lion & Tiger, Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>	<i>Music Needed</i>	Diocesan Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	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

28 September Monday Sts Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz and companions	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
29 September Tuesday Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
30 September Wednesday St Jerome	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC - Break (School Holidays)
1 October Thursday St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027 - Break
2 October Friday The Holy Guardian Angels	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens 3pm: Wedding Rehearsal
3 October Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3pm: Wedding, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
4 October Sunday 27 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 12nn: Filipino Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Seminarian Chris De Freitas' Admission to Candidacy for the Holy Orders - 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
20th September 2026 – Week 12

First Collection: \$ 2,678.85
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,841.60



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.



OUR PARISH OBSERVES THIS OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. Join us in praying the Holy Rosary every Tuesday. Please feel free to visit the Cathedral and pray the Holy Rosary at Mary's Chapel.



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

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM. We pray for Mila Melbourne who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

HEALING MASS. We warmly invite all to our Healing Mass held every 1st Tuesday of every month at 10.30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This is a special time for anointing, prayer and worship dedicated to seeking God's physical, emotional and spiritual healing. The next Healing Mass will be on the 6th of October.

HEALING MINISTRY. The *Sons and Daughters of God* have embraced a healing ministry in our parish. They have committed to help the parish celebrate and promote Christ's healing through prayer and action. Under the leadership of Pauline Harling, the *Sons and Daughters of God* will assist the parish in our once-a-month Healing Mass. They are also keen on reaching out to others in

the parish who are in need of Christ's healing. Their Ministry to the Sick is a welcome experience in our parish.

Who are the Sons and Daughters of God? They are known internationally as CFD - 'Comunita dei figli di Dio' (Community of the Sons and Daughters of God). The Community of the Sons and Daughters of God was founded in 1947 by an Italian priest, Fr. Divo Barsotti (1914-2006). It was established first in Italy and recognised as a Public Association of the Faithful by the Catholic Church in 1984. It has now spread to Australia, Benin, Colombia, Croatia, England and Wales, New Zealand and Sri Lanka. The heart of the Community is the Mother House located in Settignano in the outskirts of Florence. St. Augustine of Canterbury Monastic House is located in Dookie, Victoria, Australia.

The Community consists mainly of laypeople, who through Fr. Barsotti, have discovered a contemplative vocation and have inspired to live the monastic spirit in the world. The Community also comprises of men and women who live a traditional monastic life, as well as diocesan priests.

Source: <https://www.cfdaustralia.org/a/CFD-Australia-Home>.



Fr Divo Barsotti: "We are a community of the sons and daughters of God not because we live a life that takes us away from human interaction and relationships, from giving ourselves to them. No, it is

just the opposite. We live in the Community because we want the Community to be a school of love for us, a school of prayers, a school of service.” (Please contact the Parish Office for more information.)

DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD MISSION MONTH. This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God’s mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY. From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying.

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 IS CALLING. Thinking about WYD Seoul 2027? Come to our Info Night! We’re gathering young adults from across the Diocese of Bunbury to unpack general things you need to know about World Youth Days! Tuesday 6th October 2026, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, Pastoral Life and Mission Centre 5 Brend-tor Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct or join via Microsoft Teams. Hosted by

Diocesan Youth Ministry Office – Catholic Diocese of Bunbury. It’s 30 seconds to register

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7ezx2cX4ap>

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING.



Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service. “Preparing an Advanced Care Plan & Enduring Power of Attorney”. Guest Speakers: Martin Hynes (Martin Hynes Lawyers) and Heather Wade (Southwest Compassionate Communities). **Place:** Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money St, Bunbury. **Date:** 7 October, **Time:** 9.30am for a 9.45am start. Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal. Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day. H. Brown 0478 783 990 or helenbrown.hb@gmail.com

LAUDATO SI, SEASON OF CREATION, FOSSIL FUEL TREATY. As we approach the end of the Season of Creation, which finishes on the Feast of St Francis 4th October, we call on members of our Catholic communities to support the call of *Laudato Si* and sign the Treaty, copies of which are available in the foyer. The purpose of the Treaty is to: support a global call from people of faith for an end to fossil fuel expansion, a fair and planned transition away from fossil fuels, support for workers and communities through a just transition, and solidarity with communities already experiencing climate impacts. <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/why-ending-fossil-fuels-matters-for-the-laudato-si-movement/>. Bunbury Diocesan Social Justice Committee.

POPE LEO: ‘IT IS NOT YET TOO LATE’ TO TURN DESTRUCTION INTO LIFE. Pope Leo XIV encourages Christians to embrace ecological conversion, transform destruction into life, and renew their commitment to caring for creation and the poor. See flyer at the community news folder at the cloister for details, an opportunity to follow the advice given by our Holy Father. Ray Lowe for the Diocese of Bunbury Social Justice Committee

A photograph of a bicycle parked against a red brick wall. The bicycle is dark-colored with a black seat. On the rear carrier, there is a tin of Campbell's soup, secured with a red strap. The ground is paved with light-colored tiles. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

“A Christian is:
a mind through which Christ thinks,
a heart through which Christ loves,
a voice through which Christ speaks,
and a hand through which Christ helps.”
St. Augustine

A friend of ours heeded our invitation to have lunch with us last Saturday in the Parish Hall. He came on his bike, probably walked his bike up the hill along Money Street. Perhaps exhausted from wandering around Bunbury the night before in search of a place to crash for the night. This is his life for now, hopefully not forever. We can try to imagine how it is like to be ‘unhoused’ but perhaps we’ve got no experience to base it on. The thought of being homeless is maybe foreign to our thinking and experience.

He arrived at the Cathedral grounds quite early for our Parish Outreach free hot lunch. He wasn’t alone. There were already others waiting. They had to wait for a while since hot lunches are served by 10.30am and finish by 12.30pm.

He parked his bike close to the Cathedral front doors. Noticeably placed at the back of his bike’s rear carrier is a Campbell’s tin soup, tightly secured by a resistance strap. This could be his meal today, or perhaps last night but was unable to eat it after becoming listless looking for a warm place to rest for the evening. But he’s found an alternative to his tin soup – a hot meal cooked and served by people he doesn’t even know. They are our parish volunteers who cooked and served homemade meals every Saturday now. They are welcoming people who are *thinking, loving, speaking* and *helping* others with Christ.

A single tin soup on his bike’s rear carrier. It made me think: we’ve got bags of groceries we place in the boot of our car. I bet he’d be willing to share his tin soup to anyone. Being homeless doesn’t take away human kindness. If I had asked, he wouldn’t think twice in giving it to me. After having their hot meals, they leave not without saying, ‘Thank you.’ We thank them for coming. We’ve just served a hot meal to Christ through them. Let us remember them in our blessings.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: A 'Gift of Love' to the Homeless



Year Six students at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bunbury have always considered helping the homeless in our community. Last Thursday, they donated the amount of \$700 towards our parish outreach program's free hot lunches for the homeless. Steve Lineham, Year 6 Teacher, revealed that the Year 6 students themselves have chosen our parish outreach to the homeless for their monetary donation. During the presentation, students were eager to know more about how our parish go about reaching out to the homeless. Paul Cronin, Principal at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, said that by next week, students will be baking and donating muffins for the homeless. On behalf of the parish, I thank them for their generous hearts. I also assured them that their donation will certainly be appreciated by our friends who come to have lunch with us every Saturday. More importantly, I encourage them to continue to do what Christ would do to people in our community who are in need. (Photo: Paul Cronin)



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION. This Sunday, Danny Byrne (pictured) and Sean Foxslater will be commissioned as EMHC during the Sunday 8.30 Eucharist at the Carmelite Monastery in Gelorup. As EMHC, they will be mainly serving during the monastery Masses providing ease to the Sisters who are looking after the monastery liturgies. Let us pray for Danny and Sean that they may serve well in humility and charity.

Even Just One of These Children (cf. Mt 18:10)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Each year the World Day of Migrants and Refugees invites us to turn our attention to different aspects of the complex phenomenon of migration. For this 112th World Day, the theme, “Even just one of these children,” draws our attention to the minors directly involved in the experience of migration and flight, to the care owed to them, and to the Lord’s promise that “whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mk 9:37).

Displaced minors: a complex reality of vulnerability

Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration. They are concrete faces, who have unique stories, and call on our conscience. Every year, millions of children and adolescents are forced to leave their homeland because of war, poverty, violence, environmental disasters and other tragedies. Sadly, their number continues to grow. The economic, political and military consequences of this disaster are immense. The suffering of migrant children does not end with their relocation. There are very young children who have lost parents, brothers, sisters and friends, and who have witnessed unspeakable acts of violence. Others, separated from their families for long periods, try to reunite with them while enduring the anguish of separation. There are also minors who make the journey together with their parents, yet are exposed to extreme and traumatic conditions. Finally, we cannot forget the tragic situation of those separated from their parents because of repatriation.

To this already appalling situation are added further tragedies: deaths along migration routes, trafficking and exploitation, the recruitment of minors for use in armed conflicts, sexual violence, forced marriages, and the atrocities they have suffered or witnessed during their travels. Their dignity is trampled upon in countless ways.

In his Message for the 2017 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, dedicated to the theme “Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless”, Pope Francis recalled that migrant children “in a threefold way are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families.”

Yet, amid so much darkness, the light of solidarity is not lacking. Individuals, families, civil institutions and ecclesial communities choose not to pass by on the other side (cf. Lk 10:29-37). We think of the families who open the doors of their homes in order to restore to these children the warmth of a family hearth; the educators who serve in reception centres; the volunteers and aid workers who each day devote themselves to healing the invisible wounds of these little ones along migration routes and in our cities. They bear witness through their commitment that love can overcome indifference.

Even just one of these children

Before this tragic reality, my thoughts turn to the words of Jesus that profoundly challenge our consciences: “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me” (Mt 18:5). It is not a question of numbers or statistics. The Gospel invites us not to calculate: *even one*. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord’s affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” (Mt 25:35).

Sadly, migrant children are more easily ignored, because they lack adults capable of protecting and supporting them. It is necessary, then, to intervene in their countries of origin in order to remove the causes that compel them to flee, while at the same time offering protection and welcome in the countries of transit and destination. The cry of displaced

children rises to God today, just as did the cry heard in the Book of Exodus: “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them” (*Ex* 3:7–8). God hears their cry and, in order to bring about liberation, he forcefully appeals to the conscience and action of each one of us, just as he did with Moses. We cannot remain indifferent, nor can we become accustomed to such suffering.

An appeal to the responsibility of all

Even just one of these children calls each one of us, *in our personal lives*, to open our eyes and heart to a profound listening to his or her story, fears and dreams, overcoming that detachment which reduces the human person to a statistic that does not directly concern us. It is an invitation to recognize the dignity of each child, even before considering the condition of being a “migrant,” and to safeguard his or her fundamental rights: the right to life, education and a standard of living that enables full physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

Even just one of these children calls us, *in the life of the Church*, to transform welcoming from an abstract concept into a stable pastoral practice. We cannot simply delegate this task to institutes or associations endowed with a particular charism. Before the concrete faces that confront us in daily life, the entire Christian community is called to regard these children as its own sons and daughters, and to engage with the concrete story of each one of them. Christian communities should be encouraged to promote the integration of refugees and migrants and to value them as full members of the ecclesial family, fostering new educational and spiritual paths, including personalized ones, which go beyond the mentality of mere assistance. In particular, it is essential to prevent the solitude, isolation and rejection that not infrequently also affect the children of migrants; and to promote opportunities for encounter and integration in which local young people and young migrants can support each other along a path of mutual respect, solidarity and friendship.

Even just one of these children, *within the horizon of the different religions*, reminds us that the vulnerability of the young knows no religious boundaries and unites us in a shared humanitarian and spiritual responsibility. This becomes fertile ground for a concrete interreligious dialogue, in which believers, drawing upon their own sense of transcendence, cooperate in weaving networks of protection. Faith communities are called to create spaces in which every boy and every girl is respected and valued in his or her own cultural identity, thereby preventing the risk of radicalization by extremist groups. Ultimately, to protect a child is to safeguard the divine image imprinted within him or her.

Even just one of these children, *in the context of civil institutions*, calls us to reaffirm the principle of the best interests of the child. Public and private institutions are bound to prioritise the protection and dignity of every single child and adolescent. This requires the adoption of effective legal instruments of protection, the promotion of family reunification, and the prevention of the trauma caused by separation. An urgent change of perspective is needed: the focus of the debate must shift from the mere management of migration to the full and immediate protection of human rights, adopting “a coordinated, supportive and effective response, capable of guaranteeing protection, welcome and genuine opportunities for integration to those who migrate” (*Address to the Spanish Parliament*, Madrid, 8 June 2026). Let us entrust migrant and refugee children to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary who, together with Saint Joseph and the child Jesus experienced the cruelty of Herod’s violence and the tragedy of exile in Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-15). May she accompany their steps and help our communities to become living and credible signs of the Gospel.

From the Vatican, 11 August 2026, Memorial of Saint Clare of Assisi

LEO PP. XIV



LECTIO DIVINA

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.

28 September Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 26 Sts Wenceslaus, martyr St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs	Job 1:6-22 Ps 16:1-3, 6-7 Lk 9:46-50
29 September Tuesday	Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 137:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
30 September Wednesday	St Jerome, priest, doctor	Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Ps 87:10-15 Lk 9:57-62
1 October Thursday	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor	Job 19:21-27 Ps 26:7-9, 13-14 Lk 10:1-12
2 October Friday	The Holy Guardian Angels	Ex 23:20-23 Ps 90:1-6, 10-11 Mt 18:1-5, 10
3 October Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 26 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Ps 118:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 Lk 10:17-24
4 October Sunday	27 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Is 5:1-7 Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

PPC Post by Helen Brown, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council extends a warm and heartfelt welcome to our priests as they return from their retreat. We hope this time of prayer, reflection and renewal has been a source of grace, refreshment and spiritual nourishment as they continue their ministry among us. We are grateful for their presence, pastoral care and generous service to our parish community.

We also warmly congratulate the candidates who have recently been welcomed into the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. This is a significant step in their journey of faith as they explore, discern and deepen their relationship with God and the Catholic community.

To our candidates, their sponsors, spiritual advisers and families: please know that you do not walk this journey alone. As a faith community, we hold you in our prayers and accompany you with love, encouragement and hope. May this time of discernment and growth open your hearts to recognise God's presence and call in your lives.

We look forward to walking alongside you throughout this journey and celebrating the many blessings and discoveries that lie ahead.

Please keep coordinators, volunteers and recipients of St Patrick's outreach initiatives in your prayers. I encourage you to reflect on this verse from Matthew '*Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these sisters and brothers of mine, you did it to me.*' And ask how you can be the words, hands, feet and heart of Christ in our parish and community today.

Of Angels and Saints by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

This coming week we have a number of feast days of angels and saints!

We celebrate the first Filipino martyr, **St Lorenzo Ruiz**, on Mon 28 Sept. He was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1987, along with 10 others: Asians and Europeans, men and women, who spread the faith in the Philippines, Formosa, and Japan. They were arrested and tortured, suffering greatly for their efforts to spread the faith.

Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only **Michael, Gabriel and Raphael** are named. Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: **Michael protects** (in Daniel's vision in the OT, and leads God's armies - Revelation in the NT); **Gabriel announces** (appears in Daniel's vision, and most known for announcing the message to Mary in NT); and **Raphael guides** (OT story of guiding Tobias in the Book of Tobit).

St Jerome (30 Sept) was above all a **Scripture scholar**, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which were a great source of scriptural inspiration. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope.

St Therese of the Child Jesus (1 Oct) was a Carmelite Sister in France in the late 1800s. When writing about her life, she made it a song of gratitude to Jesus Christ, who she saw present with her in every experience. She helped people understand that sanctity/holiness was not for a limited few, but for all the baptised.

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ST. PAT'S OUTREACH

offers some practical support and accompaniment to members of our wider community particularly to those who are experiencing homelessness. We commit to following the example of Jesus Christ who reminds us that: "Whatever you did to one of the least sisters and brothers of mine, you did it also to be" (Matthew 25:40).

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR OUR CARE PACKS WE GIVE TO THE HOMELESS. Kindly leave your donations in the basket found in the Cathedral cloister: e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information, please contact **Anne & Ryan Mallaby – 0455 570 623.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We invite you to support our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish financially 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 program: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>.



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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 031	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 090	AOV1 029
8am Sunday	AOV1 029	AOV1 129	AOV2 154	AOV1 081	AOV2 003
10am Sunday	AOV1 057	AOV1 115	AOV2 003	AOV1 029	AOV1 158
6pm Sunday	AOV1 090	AOV1 129	AOV2 155	AOV1 029	AOV2 164
SJOGH	AOV1 090	AOV1 129	AOV2 155	AOV1 029	AOV2 164