

A BLESSED EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Sunday of the Resurrection, A2
5th April 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 APRIL

“Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.”



Mass Intention: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of all our faithfully departed loved ones.

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

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our RCIA 2026 Catechumens and Candidates; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, 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, Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez, Monica Alcock and Freya Dealino.

Diocese: Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan General Assemblies in 2026 and 2027.

*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.*

'CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA'

The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:34,37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Or

R. Alleluia

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 for his love has no end.
 Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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.

After the sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen,

as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread
of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Understanding the Resurrection

Easter Sunday (Reflection I)



Woven in the workshop of Pieter van Aelst (d. Brussels 1532); design from the school of Raphael Sanzio (Urbino 1483 - Rome 1520), The Resurrection, tapestry, (1525 – 1531)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” John 20:1–2

Have you ever misunderstood something, even when your intentions were good? We all experience moments when we act with love but still get things wrong. Even our good actions are rarely perfect.

On that first Easter morning, before the sun rose, Mary Magdalene offers an example of this. She got some things right—her love and devotion to Jesus were sincere—but she did not yet understand the full reality of what she witnessed. Though the other Gospels mention other women at the tomb, John highlights Mary. Saint Augustine suggests that this is because she was “undoubtedly the most fervent in love” with Christ.

When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away, her love compelled her to act immediately. Saint John Chrysostom says she “ran to the disciples with all the speed of love.” Her fervour drove her to tell Simon Peter and John what she had seen, showing us how love urges us to seek God without delay.

Despite her deep love, Mary misunderstood the meaning of the empty tomb. Her emotional response—“They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him”—reveals her struggle to grasp the mystery unfolding before her. Like many of us, she was driven by emotion rather than a deeper trust in God.

Jesus was certainly not displeased with her misunderstanding, as Scripture identifies her in John 20:11–17 as the first to whom He appeared. When she encountered the risen Christ, she initially mistook Him for the gardener, indicating that her understanding of the Resurrection was still unfolding. Despite that, Jesus met her where she was and guided her toward deeper faith. This reminds us that our emotions, though good, must be purified by faith, allowing love to mature into greater trust and understanding.

Reflect today on Mary Magdalene’s experience on Easter morning. Like her, we are called to seek our Lord with fervour, even when our understanding is incomplete. And like her, we can trust that Jesus will meet us where we are, gently leading us into deeper faith. As we celebrate the Resurrection, pray that your love, with all its emotions, may be more fully purified by grace, so that you, too, will encounter Christ with renewed understanding and joy.

My resurrected Lord, I love You deeply but acknowledge that my love must be further purified by faith so that I will understand You and Your will more clearly. As I grow in understanding of the many divine mysteries You reveal to me, help my love to grow so that I may more perfectly imitate the pure love You desire of me. 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.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



Sunday of the Resurrection

Celebrant: We proclaim today that Christ is risen. Through the power of the Resurrection, we place our prayers before our loving God:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George, and all who serve the people of God: may the risen Christ strengthen them in hope and love. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the nations of the world, and for those in authority, especially in places of conflict and injustice: may the light of Christ's victory over sin and death inspire them to bring hope, reconciliation and peace. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who are unable to be with loved ones during this Easter time, and for those who feel isolated or alone: may they find comfort in Christ who was present to the disciples in a new, more powerful way. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who are persecuted for their Christian faith: may they be strengthened in their belief in Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for all of us gathered here on this Easter day: may we bear witness to the risen Lord in our words and deeds. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of life and glory, you raised your Son from the dead and opened for us the way to the fullness of life. We bring these prayers in the name of the Risen Christ.

People: Amen.



**ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 12 APRIL, 3PM, ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.
INCLUDES PRAYING OF THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

*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 4 th & 5 th April Easter Sunday	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Wally C	David M
Reader	1 st & 2 nd Reader: Helen B 3 rd Reader: Liz L	Malena C	Nilda C	<i>Reader Needed</i>
Reader	New Testament Reading: Sr Christine Prayer of the Faithful: Liz L	Charlotte S	Helen B	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Cathy R Helen B Liz L Linda L	Carmel F Cheryl N Margaret C Cora C	Cathy R Norrie P Nilda C Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays	
Altar Servers	Caleb S, Sophia R, Gabriel R, Lion		Matthew G, Caleb S, Godwin G, Sophia R, Gabriel R, Shelby C, Lion, Dean S	Abigail R, Abel R
Music	Voices of Hope	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers	Volunteer
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NEXT WEEKEND 11 th & 12 th April	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Peter C	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Joel G
Greeters	Shirley D	Cherylynne F Robin W	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentator	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Daria S	Norrie P	Terri P
Reader	Brad S	Sr Christine	Liz D	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Lesley S Margaret C	Nilda C Marilou C Helen B	Terri P
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays	
Altar Servers			Sophie D R, Caleb S, Shelby C, Dionne L	Matthew G Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	Alma W	Voices of Hope	Melanie N
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Syro Malabar	

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N
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CLEANERS	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Toilets	Seminarian Chris Fr Pierre	<i>Needed</i>	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./Veronica O.		Thank you!

The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”

Lumen gentium 11

6 April	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
7 April	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10:30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
8 April Parish Office Re-opens	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 9, Parish Hall 6.00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Hall
9 April	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 5.00pm: RCIA 2026 “Mystagogia” 6.00pm: RCIA 2027 – On Recess
10 April	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Ocean Star 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Elanora Villas
11 April	8.00am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6.00pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
12 April DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	8.00am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.00am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 10.00am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 11:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 2.00pm: Mass, Ocean Star 3.00pm: Holy Hour at St Patrick’s Cathedral, includes praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy 6.00pm: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS COLLECTIONS 29th March 2026 – Week 39

First Collection: \$ 2,903.05

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 3,129.05

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6pm on Tuesdays 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 10pm**. We are currently seeking someone to commit to one hour at 11am – 12noon each fortnight. An invitation is also extended to Parishioners to join our Relief Roster. Or you may want to join someone at a specific time either weekly, fortnightly or monthly spending time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Eucharist. For more information please contact Barbara 0409 585 889.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR. 12 April. Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Patrick's Cathedral starting at 3pm. Includes praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Please be advised that the parish office will be closed over the Easter break from Friday 3rd April. The office will re-open on Wednesday, 8th April.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: There is no Children's Liturgy during the 10am Mass.

SWIECONKA (BLESSING) FOR POLISH COMMUNITY: This is a Polish tradition of having food baskets blessed before Easter. The Polish Community will be gathering this Holy Saturday at 11am in the Cathedral as Bishop George blesses the food baskets.

SACRAMENTS

CONFIRMATION. St. Joseph's CPS will be having their Confirmation on Saturday, 23 May 6pm at the Vigil Mass while St. Mary's CPS and the ASSP will be on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates continue their formal instruction. The last topic was: "The Great Commandment." Next topic: "Responding to God's Love". Please pray for all our fifteen (15) candidates. Our candidates will be baptised during the 10am Mass on 26 April. Seminarian Chris de Freitas has been providing the catechesis to these 15 candidates.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

EASTER CELEBRATIONS. Together let us open our hearts to the Easter blessing which we have received during our Easter. We pray that through it, may find a reason to believe, a life to live and a heart to love. May we truly experience the healing power of Christ.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU. We are sincerely grateful to all our parishioners for your dedication, service and support of our parish throughout the season of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. To all our volunteers, serving in their chosen ministries, your help is overwhelmingly inspirational and our parish would not have been able to celebrate this time of hope without your selfless generosity. We also take this time, in a special way, to thank Fr Pierre and all the Cathedral priests for their preparations and ministry throughout this time. May God bless you all and may the joy of the risen Lord be

with you always. Wishing everyone a safe, joyous and blessed Easter!

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS. We would like to say a special thank you to Helen Brown and Liz Lomax who organised the Good Friday Stations of the Cross this year, as well as all the children who participated in the re-enactment play at the solemnity. We are truly grateful as well to their parents for their support and encouragement.

REINSTATING DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST. Masses across the parish will offer Communion under both kinds, that is, Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. At the Cathedral, we will have two communion distribution points at the base of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the Blood of Christ. The liturgical way is by drinking from the cup or chalice. Intinction or the act of dipping the Body of the Christ into the chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is not permitted. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be stationed in-between the middle aisle communion distribution point and the side aisle communion distribution point. We have decided to start first with two distribution communion points. We will monitor the number of those receiving the Precious Blood and if there is a need to increase the communion distribution points, we will do so. To refresh your memory of the procedures in receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, please read the Dean's List.

DIOCESAN NEWS

2026 BUSSELTON MAY ROSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY. Sunday, 3 May 2026, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Rosary Procession followed by Benediction

commences at 1pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Bishop George Kolodziej commences at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow - bring a plate to share. All welcome.

CALLED TO SERVE: Formation for Liturgical Ministers. 18th of April 2026, 9:00am – 3:30pm, Our Lady of the Bay Parish Hall, Busselton. The Diocese of Bunbury will be facilitating a formation day for new and continuing Liturgical Ministers. Those who serve or wish to serve (after approval by their parish priest) as Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors are welcomed to attend. Lunch and morning tea provided but you are welcomed to bring plate to share as well. RSVP essential – please RSVP using the following link <https://forms.gle/6i6oieL742QrEomU6> or email aaronf@bunbury.catholic.org.au or call 9721 0508. (Please RSVP with any special dietary information and which Ministry you are serving in or want to serve in.) Please RSVP by the 13th of April 2026. (Please check Dean's List for more additional information.)



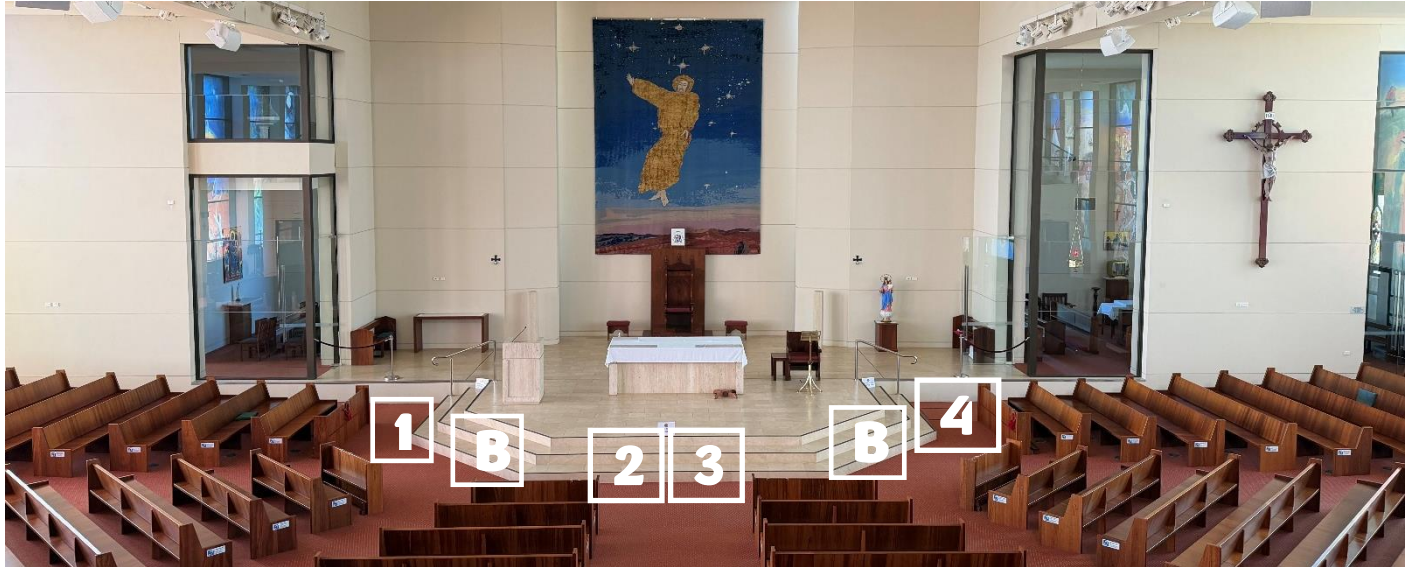
JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING: Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service. *Unpacking the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred*

Heart Chapter 2025 and implications for Josephite Companions. **Place:** Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money St, Bunbury. **Date:** 15 April. **Time:** 9.30am. Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal. Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day. D Savage 97914008 H. Brown 0478 783 990 or helenbrown.hb@gmail.com

The Body of Christ...Amen.

The Blood of Christ...Amen.

Reintroducing Communion under both kinds in the Cathedral



For the purpose of our Easter celebrations when we welcome visitors from different parishes and towns, we are retaining the guidelines below. The re-introduction of the Communion from the Cup last weekend was well-received and a good number of people did receive from the cup. The re-introduction is being implemented across the parish.

- All things considered, there will be 4 communion distribution points for the **Body of Christ** situated at the base or foot of the Cathedral sanctuary. See diagram above – 1, 2, 3, 4.
- There will be 2 communion distribution points for the **Blood of Christ**. It will be at the base or foot of the Cathedral sanctuary, in-between the middle aisle communion distribution point and the side aisle distribution points. See diagram above – B, in-between 1 and 2, 3 and 4. There will not be a communion distribution point for the Precious Blood at the choir loft. Drinking from the cup or chalice is the preferred manner of receiving the Blood of Christ. Intinction is disallowed.
- When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the ministers.
- One may receive the **Body of Christ** either in one's hand or one's tongue. The choice is yours. You can either have the host fed to you or handed to you. If receiving on the tongue, open your mouth and extend your tongue so that the host does not fall. The host will be placed on your tongue. If you wish to have the host handed to you, hold out your hands, left on top of right. Do not take the host from the priest but rather allow them to place it in your hand.
- If you wish to receive the **Blood of Christ** - the choice is yours; bow your head and shoulders slightly as the person before you is receiving from the chalice. Approach the Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte and he will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ", to which you respond, "Amen". The Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips, taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood within. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and hand the chalice back to the minister who will wipe its rim to prepare it for the next communicant. Do not carry the Host with the intention of dipping it into the Precious Blood. Communicants may not dip the Sacred Host.

A BLESSED EASTER TO ALL. We are truly grateful to all parishioners who have helped us prepare and organise for our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. I invite you to thank them. It wouldn't be hard to know who they are as they are quite visible ministering to us during our parish celebrations. While others remain behind the scenes, please say a prayer for them as they are no less dedicated than those we see around us.

DIOCESAN SYNODAL ASSEMBLIES. Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD has decreed for the convocation of a diocesan assembly in August 2026 and a subsequent assembly on Pentecost 2027. It is the hope that after the two assemblies in 2026 and 2027, a Diocesan Pastoral Plan will be drafted to guide our diocese in the next 5 years. We invite you to pray the Diocesan Assembly Prayer fund on page 18 of this parish bulletin.

NEW CATHOLICS: 'Welcome to the Family'. We welcome to the Catholic Church and to our Cathedral Parish the following who have journeyed through our RCIA since December 2024: **Verna-Lee Hansen, Kate Victoria Back, Rebeca Berry, Peter Anthony Lomax and Dylan Eli Wilson.**

APPOINTMENTS. Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS, DD, Bishop of Bunbury, has announced the following parish appointments: **Fr. Mathew Moolamthuruthil HGN** (currently in Margaret River-Augusta Parish) – Parish Priest of the Lake Grace Parish; **Fr Joeffrey Arceta OSJ** (currently in Mt. Barker-Denmark Parish) – Parish Priest of Margaret River-Augusta Parish; **Fr Edcel Silva OSJ** (currently in the Cathedral Parish) – Parish Administrator of Mt. Barker-Denmark Parish; **Fr Abraham Chukwu** – Parish Administrator of the Waroona Parish; **Fr**

Jayan Johnson HGN (currently in the Cathedral Parish) – Associate Priest in the Busselton Parish; **Fr. Nathan Barrie** (currently in the Busselton parish) – Associate Priest in the Cathedral Parish. Bishop George is expecting the above priests to be in their new parish assignments by 22 May. Please offer a prayer for newly appointed priests that they may always be faithful to their God-given call.

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The Formation Day includes the following topics: 'The Mass' presented by Sr. Christine Clarke PBVM; 'The Church; Theology of Ministry and Spirituality' presented by Fr Pierre Repuyan VG; and 'Two Tables: The Scripture and The Eucharist' by Fr Tony Chiera EV.

Please feel free to speak with one of our Cathedral priests or parishioners in ministry if you have a desire to be part of our parish ministry team.



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.

6 April Monday	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
7 April Tuesday	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
8 April Wednesday	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 104:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
9 April Thursday	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
10 April Friday	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 117:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
11 April Saturday	Saturday within the Octave of Easter	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 117:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
12 April Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER or DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24; 1 Pet: 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

As we enter into the holiest days of our Church year, the Bunbury Parish Pastoral Council thanks all parishioners for journeying together toward the joy of Easter. This week began with the beautiful Chrism Mass on Tuesday, where our Diocesan priests gathered with Bishop George to bless the holy oils that will be used across our Diocese in the coming year. It was a joy to see a large number of students from across the Diocese participate in the Mass. During this solemn celebration, our priests also renewed their commitment to the vocation God has entrusted to them—an inspiring reminder of their faithful service and of God's continued blessing upon those chosen to shepherd His people.

On Holy Thursday, we entered the sacred Triduum with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The washing of feet called each of us to live as disciples who serve others with humility and love, just as Jesus has shown us. After the liturgy, many spent time in quiet prayer at the Altar of Repose—an intimate opportunity to sit in the presence of our Lord and keep watch with Him in His hour of need.

Good Friday moved our hearts deeply. The Stations of the Cross—prayerfully led by our Worship Pillar leaders and a diverse group of young people from our parish—allowed us to walk with Jesus on His path of suffering and love. At 3pm, the solemn Passion of Our Lord gathered us in reflection and reverence as we remembered His sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

On Saturday night, at the great Easter Vigil, we rejoiced as new members were welcomed into the family of God, a powerful sign of the ongoing life and growth of our parish community. And now, with Easter Sunday upon us, we celebrate with overflowing joy the glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ. His victory over sin and death fills our hearts with hope and renews our calling to be people of light, compassion, and faith.

May this Easter bring each of your families peace, renewal, and the deep assurance that Christ is truly risen—Alleluia!

The reception of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ at Mass last weekend was welcomed by May. This return to receiving from the chalice invited us more deeply into the fullness of the Eucharistic celebration and reminded us of Christ's total self giving love. May this restored practice continue to strengthen our unity as the one Body of Christ. (Helen Brown, PPC Chair)

Easter Sunday

Our Easter celebrations form the **heart of our Christian living**. Our faith is deeply rooted and finds its real meaning in **the resurrection of Jesus**. St Paul says that, if Christ is not risen, then all our believing is in vain. While we acknowledge the sadness of the suffering and death of Jesus, we cannot make Good Friday the climax of Holy Week. The cross was the high point of Jesus' gift of himself to the Father for our sake, but he is no longer there, and it was his **entry into glory** with the Father which gives the cross its validity. Otherwise, it would have been a journey into nothingness.

Because of the Resurrection, the disciples, initially paralysed with fear of being arrested as accomplices of Jesus, suddenly made a complete turnaround and began **boldly to proclaim that Jesus, who died on the Cross, was alive and with them**. When they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, they rejoiced that they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord, **sharing in his sufferings** that they might **share in his glory**.

Easter is also concerned with the **meaning of this event for our own lives and for our faith**. The celebration of Easter is a call for us to change—and perhaps change radically—as Jesus' own disciples changed, and to bring **freedom, justice and peace into our world**.

Read more detail at Living Space site
<https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/eabc011/#note>

(Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM)

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
25 March, Wednesday	Parish Lenten Reconciliation (1 st Rite)	6pm
28 March, Saturday	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	6pm
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Masses	8am, 10am, 6pm
30 March, Holy Monday	Mass	7am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Mass	7am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Chrim Mass	11am
1 April, Holy Wednesday	Mass	7am
2 April, Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)	7pm
3 April, Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	10am
3 April, Good Friday	The Passion of the Lord	3pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Reconciliation (1 st Rite)	5pm-5.40pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	7pm
5 April, Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday Masses	8am, 10am, 6pm

CARMELITE MONASTERY, GELORUP

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass	8.30am
30 March, Holy Monday	Mass	9am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Mass	9am
1 April, Holy Wednesday	Mass	9am
2 April, Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)	7pm
3 April, Good Friday	Passion of the Lord	3pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	7pm
5 April, Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	8.30am

DALYELLYUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel)

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass	10 am
5 April, Sunday	Easter Sunday (nb: limited seating)	10 am

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In the blessing and breaking of the bread and of our lives together, help us to recognise you and know that you are near.

Fill us with your Spirit and joy, so we may go and share your Good News.

Send your blessing on all the people of our Diocese
as we prepare for our Assembly in August.

May your Spirit of wisdom inspire and guide all our conversations and gatherings.

May your Spirit of living communion unite us more closely in our parishes and diocese.

May our walking together be fruitful and be a sign of your presence in our world.

Amen.

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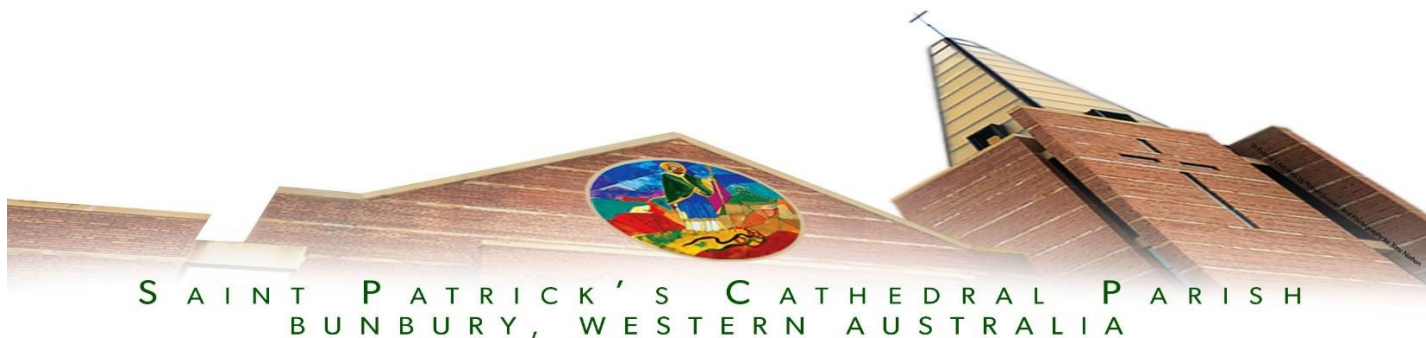
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Luke 1:37



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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
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