

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FEAST DAY TO ALL!

4th Sunday of Lent, A2
15th March 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 MARCH

“Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.”

Mass Intention: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Rocco Grasso and Matuzalm Asumen-Bobiles.

General Intentions: Let us pray peace in our world, particularly in the Middle east. 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 Assembly to be held on the 1st of August 2026.

*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.*

'NOW I CAN SEE'

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

cf. Jn 9:11, 38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Spiritual Sight Restored

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Healing of the Man Born Blind by Orazio de Ferrari (1606-1657)

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” John 9:1–3

Imagine being blind throughout your life and then suddenly being healed. All of the sounds you had heard from childhood, all that you had touched, tasted, or smelled suddenly took on new form within your imagination as these images registered with sight for the first time. Colours suddenly made sense. Large items, such as trees that you had only heard in the wind and touched with your hands, could be seen from a distance, glimmering in the sunlight. Your mind suddenly perceived in a new way the utensils, clothing, and other items you used daily. Just as the blind man was filled with awe at receiving his sight, so too is the soul overwhelmed when freed from the blindness of sin and brought into the light of God’s grace.

The healed blind man was given a gift that those who can see from birth are not. Perceiving and understanding the physical world only through four of his senses, and then adding the powerful fifth sense of sight later in life, provided immediate wonder and awe, filling him with profound gratitude for something most of us take for granted.

Think of a person who lives a sinful life for many years and understands life only through the distortions of sin and selfishness. Once set free from sin, the person's spiritual eyes are opened. Those who experience such a conversion are given a blessing that those who have been faithful throughout their lives do not receive in the same way. They understand the contrast between spiritual blindness and sight, and the newfound freedom they receive after conversion provides a greater understanding of the gift of God's grace and its transforming effects. They will never forget the weight of bondage once caused by their sin.

One reason God permitted this man to be born blind and live that way into adulthood was to illustrate the contrast between spiritual darkness and light. This is part of what Jesus means when He says this man was born blind "so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The miracle not only illustrated Jesus' divine power but also symbolized the much deeper spiritual healing He offers to all. Just as the blind man received physical sight, we are offered the gift of spiritual sight through grace.

We are born with poor spiritual sight. Our fallen human nature, which suffers from concupiscence, tends toward selfishness and sin. Although capable of love and affection, a child is prone to selfishness, anger, emotional outbursts, and other "childish" behaviour. Over time, with the guidance of good mentors, children begin to understand the value of greater patience and selfless acts of love, kindness, and generosity. Those who are not well-formed as adolescents or who choose to rebel selfishly in their later years never gain a clearer spiritual sight. The world around them remains blurry, and divine wisdom never penetrates their eyes of faith.

The story of the man born blind is an opportunity for each of us to examine how clearly we perceive our lives and the world around us. Just as the man was healed, we need healing from the blindness caused by our fallen nature. God's grace restores our spiritual sight, allowing His light to illuminate all we encounter in life.

Reflect today on your own need to see more clearly. We need our spiritual sight restored and sharpened if we are to perceive ourselves and our world with divine Wisdom. It takes humility to admit we have poor spiritual sight, and profound humility to admit if we are spiritually blinded by sin. Learn from the wonder and awe that this healed blind man experienced, and know that our Lord wants us to have clearer spiritual vision.

My healing Lord, because of my fallen human nature and my sin, I often fail to see the light of truth with clarity. Please heal me, as You healed this blind man, so that I will understand my life and Your will more clearly and be filled with wonder and awe at the reception of that gift. 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.

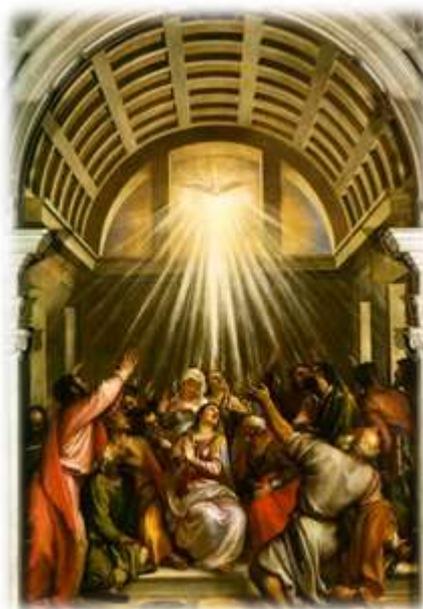
THE NICENE CREED

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.



Pentecost, c.1545, Titian

4th Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: As we move through our Lenten journey, we become ever more aware of our needs and the needs of our world.

Petitions

1. We pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, Bishop George, and all the other clergy, religious and lay leaders: may they respond to the synodal call and guide the Church in the light of Christ. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for all Christian communities: may we hear the call to become children of the light, and produce fruitful works in our world. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for leaders all around the world: may they come together to work for peace, and stop the suffering that comes with war. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who suffer, especially those who are blind: may they experience the blessings of God through those who help on their journey. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for our community gathered here today: may this week's feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph be occasions of joy on the Lenten journey. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who grieve: may they deepen their trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of mercy, you hear the cry of the afflicted. We bring these needs in the name of Christ Jesus 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 14 th & 15 th March | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Acolyte | Alfred L Terance O | Kim H | John I | Mark J |
| Greeters | Shirley D Ester L | Cherylynne F Robin W | Lynette A Verna H | David M |
| Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful | | Daria S | Norrie P | |
| Reader | Brad S | Malena C | Helen B | Joanie T |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | <i>EMHC Needed</i> | Carmel F Lesley S Peter C | Nilda C Liz L Cathy R | <i>EMHC Needed</i> |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Ralou M Ollen M | |
| Altar Servers | | | Sophie D R, Elijah D, Abel & Abigail R | Dean S |
| Music | Sim R | J & M Group | Trinity Choir | Laudate Choir |
| Morning Tea | | | | |
| OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM | Pastoral Care Volunteers | Margaret & Max M | Readers | Volunteer |

| NEXT WEEKEND 21 st & 22 nd March | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Acolyte | Alfred L Terance O | Mick D | <i>Acolyte Needed</i> | Joel G |
| Greeters | Shirley D Ester L | Jenny S Robin W | Wally C | David M |
| Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful | | Cathy Y | Nilda C | |
| Reader | Pat G | Daria S | Liz L | Gobi M |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | <i>EMHC Needed</i> | Daria S Robin W | Elaine T Marilou C Helen B | <i>EMHC Needed</i> |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Melissa M Jean G | |
| Altar Servers | | | Sophie D R, Shelby C, Dionne L | Matthew G Evan B |
| Music | Laudate Choir | Craig F | Couples for Christ | Mark J |
| Morning Tea | | Margaret C | Couples for Christ | |
| OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM | Pastoral Care Volunteers | Pauline H | Readers | Chris L, Ethel N |

| CLEANERS | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week | 5 th week |
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| Toilets | <i>Needed</i> | Sally B | 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

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| 16 March Monday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery |
| 17 March Tuesday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Thanksgiving Morning Tea Gathering for Past Cathedral Cleaners and for Fr Victor 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 18 March Wednesday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 6, Parish Hall |
| 19 March Thursday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9:30am: Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD's Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Feast Day Mass, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 4.15pm: ASSP Group 1, 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 6, Parish Hall 4.15pm: ASSP Group 2, 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 3, Parish Office 4.15pm: ASSP Confirmation Class, Lesson 2, Upstairs Room 5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall |
| 20 March Friday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Wattle Hill 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College – ‘Chat with the Chap’ 6pm: Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 21 March Saturday | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 4:30pm: 1 st Reconciliation for ASSP, SMCPS & SJCPS Students 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 22 March Sunday | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel 12:30pm: Syro Malabar Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |

“God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

8th March 2026 – Week 36

First Collection: \$ 3,383.60

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 3,653.15

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. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every **Friday** from **9am to 10pm**. If you wish to be rostered, please contact Barbara 0409 585 889.

LENTEN PROGRAM. *Connected in Christ, Walking Together as One.* The 2026 Diocesan Lenten Program is now available in the Cathedral cloister. Please email the parish office if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the booklet.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP. All are warmly invited to join facilitator Helen Brown for prayer and reflection during this Season of Lent. Commencing Saturday, 21st February, the group will meet each Saturday at 2pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at St Patrick's Cathedral.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Will be held in the Cathedral at 6pm every Friday during Lent, starting on 27th February until 27th March. All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

PALM PREPARATION (CUTTING): In preparation for Palm Sunday on 29th March, we are seeking 6 volunteers who can help with cutting the palms on Friday, 27th March at 11am in the parish office. If you are able to help, kindly contact the parish office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION. The Enrolment Mass, which took place last Sunday, saw a large gathering of students from St Joseph's CPS, St. Mary's CPS and the After School

Sacramental Program. Their First Reconciliation will be on Saturday, 21st March, 4.30pm. The confessors will be Fr. Jijo Rockey OCD, Fr. Bony Rebera OCD, Fr. Victor Lobo, Mons. John Finlayson and Fr Pierre Repuyan. On the other hand, 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 on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY. Our parish feast day will be celebrated on Sunday, 15 March after the 10am Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council have decided to celebrate our feast day on the Sunday closest to 17 March, the actual feast day of St. Patrick. **Please bring a plate to share for the morning tea.**

BISHOP GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY. You are all invited to Bishop George's first episcopal ordination anniversary on Thursday, 19 March at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Mass will start at 9.30am followed by morning tea in the parish hall.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION. We invite and encourage parishioners to approach the Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday, 25 March, commencing at 6pm, for our parish communal reconciliation. Please mark your calendar for this important event.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates continue their formal instruction. Last Thursday learning theme was, "The Gift of God's Life" Next Thursday will begin classes on Reconciliation Please pray for all our fifteen (15) candidates. Our candidates will be baptised during the 10am Mass on 26 April.

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH.

On Sunday, 22 March, Bishop George Kolodziej will be officiating the Mass elevating St. Joseph's Church in Albany to a diocesan shrine. The triduum celebration commences on Friday, 20 March with a Holy Hour at 4.30pm followed by a Eucharist at 5.30pm. A pilgrimage walk is planned the following day, Saturday, 21 March, at 9am, culminating with a Eucharist at 11am. A church is elevated to a shrine when there is a sign of deep devotion in the community. Bishop George has discerned that there is this a widespread devotion to St. Joseph in the Albany Parish.

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.



TOURS | **PARENT**
9:30AM – 6PM | INFORMATION EVENING
5:30 – 6:30PM



REGISTER NOW



PRAYER & PETITIONS



SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year of St. Francis to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. This Jubilee Year, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, aims to renew the message of peace and holiness of life. The decree, issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary, includes plenary indulgences for those who participate in pilgrimages to Franciscan conventual churches or places of worship dedicated to St. Francis. The Jubilee also encourages the faithful to live authentically as peacemakers, reflecting St. Francis' teachings on peace, care for creation, poverty, and humility. You are invited to offer the **Prayer of St. Francis**, which is a **Prayer for Peace**. You may wish to offer daily this prayer and pray for peace in the different parts of the world where there are conflicts:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

CLERGY ONGOING FORMATION



Clergy from across the Diocese of Bunbury gathered in the Cathedral Parish for their professional development days from 10-11 May 2026. The topic, ran by Dr. Paul Russell, a deacon from the Perth Archdiocese and a clinical and educational and developmental psychologist, upskilled the priest on how to engage with challenging situations and people in the parish. He stressed the importance of knowing that one can only control oneself and not the other.

Priests, who are made in the likeness of Christ the Priest by the Sacrament of Orders, need to commit to a life-long process of formation in order to configure their lives and ministry to Christ. Formation is not an elective for priests to choose either to undergo ongoing formation or not. If there is no ongoing formation happening in the life of a priest, there is a serious question regarding a priest's relationship with Christ and his commitment to grow in the grace of the sacrament that was conferred during ordination to the sacred orders. Paul VI's decree on the ministry and life priests, *Presbyterorum ordinis* (1965), continues to stand today as a reminder of the role and duties of priests in the modern era and how it should be centred on Christ. When priests reflect on their vocation to the life of perfection (cf. no. 13), they should become aware of the gravity and seriousness of the priestly life and ministry. This is not based on any form of accolade or praise one obtains from people. Priestly commitment essentially includes upholding to the highest order and standard everything about the priestly life and ministry after the priesthood of Christ. The decree states the following:

"Priests who perform their duties sincerely and indefatigably in the Spirit of Christ arrive at holiness by this very fact. Since they are ministers of God's word, each day they read and hear the word of God, which it is their task to teach others. If at the same time they are ready to receive the word themselves they will grow daily into more perfect followers of the Lord. As St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Let this be thy study, these thy employments, so that all may see how well thou doest. Two things claim thy attention, thyself and the teaching of the faith, spend thy care on them; so wilt thou and those who listen to thee achieve salvation" (1 Tim 4:15-16). If they keep in mind that it is God who opens hearts, and that power comes not from themselves but from the might of God, in the very fact of teaching God's word they will be brought closer to Christ the Teacher and led by his Spirit. Thus those who commune with Christ share in God's love, the mystery of which, kept hidden from the beginning of time, is revealed in Christ."

Please for our bishops, priests and deacons that they will always be faithful to the vocation they been called upon to give authentic witness to Christ in our world today.

"...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32 (NRSVCE)



Join our
**PARISH LENTEN
RECONCILIATION**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 6PM
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**



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.

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| 16 March Monday | Monday of the 4th week of Lent | Is 65:17-21; Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54 |
| 17 March Tuesday | ST PATRICK, bishop <i>Anniversary of dedication of Cathedral, 2011</i> | Jer 1:4-9; Ps 116; Acts 13:46-49; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 |
| 18 March Wednesday | Wednesday of the 4th week of Lent | Is 49:8-15; Ps 144:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 |
| 19 March Thursday | ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Episcopal ordination of Most Rev. George Kolodziej, 2025</i> | 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 |
| 20 March Friday | Friday of the 4th week of Lent | Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 33:16, 18, 19-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| 21 March Saturday | Saturday of the 4th week of Lent | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-52 |
| 22 March Sunday | FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT | Ezek 37:12-14; Ps 129; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 |

Welcome to this week's PPC Post

- Another successful PPC Meeting was held this week with focus placed on the upcoming Patron, Anniversary, Holy Week and Easter celebrations and the reintroduction of reception of Holy Communion under both species.
- A reminder to all Acolytes and EMHC's that there is a Ministry Renewal workshop this Saturday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 in the Parish Hall. It is vital that those who are called to minister in our parish in this way receive formation and have the opportunity to share their gifts with others.

Pope Leo: The Church's humanity and divinity are in harmony

During his weekly General Audience, Pope Leo XIV continued reflecting on '**Lumen gentium**,' the document on the Church from Vatican II.

The Church is a community of men and women who share the joy and struggle of being Christians, with their strengths and weaknesses, who **proclaim the Gospel** and become **a sign of the presence of Christ** who **accompanies us** on our journey through life.

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven.

Those who met Jesus along the road experienced his humanity, his eyes, hands, the sound of his voice. Those who decided to follow Him were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing.

What is the Church in the light of the reality of Jesus? It is made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else.

Pope Leo emphasized that there is no ideal and pure Church; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history. "This is the holiness of the Church - the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of Her members."

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-03/pope-leo-xiv-general-audience-4-march-2026-lumen-gentium-vatican.html>

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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 |



The Diocese of Bunbury will be hosting the migrant jubilee cross from 4-17 May 2026. Aaron Faure, Diocesan Evangelisation Coordinator, and Fr. Pierre Repuyan, Vicar General, have been planning for the arrival of the pilgrimage of the migrant jubilee cross. It will be travelling to parishes and schools around the diocese. This is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) to continue acknowledging and celebrating the faith, gifts, contributions and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church and the wider world. More information coming soon.

- **ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** Welcome to St. Patrick's! Please fill out a 'New Parishioner' card found in the Cathedral cloister and hand it back to our Mass greeters, to a Parish Pastoral Councilor or to one of our Cathedral priests. We'll definitely contact you soon.
- **SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM.** Thank you for financially supporting our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish by committing to donate a certain amount of money to the parish on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis. If you would like to be part of the program, please fill out a registration form available at the Cathedral cloister. Please check out this web link to register or to know more about our parish sacrificial planned giving program: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>.
- **WE HAVE AN ELECTRONIC 'TAP' DEVICE FOR YOUR DONATION!** St. Patrick's Cathedral has a "Donation Point Tap" located near the statue of St. Patrick in the Cathedral cloister. This electronic device allows you to donate to our parish by simply tapping your contactless enabled card, mobile or wearable to donate. Any parishioner may also conveniently use the device to fulfill their weekly financial contribution, most especially when you have left your wallets or purses at home. 
- **HAVE YOU JOINED THE PARISH 'FLOCKNOTE'?** Flocknote helps our parish to easily keep in contact with parishioners. *For example:* the parish news is sent out each Friday to parishioners via a Flocknote email. We can also let you know of the latest parish happenings as they come to hand. To join simply go to: www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com or our parish website www.bunburyparish.org.
- **STEWARDSHIP CALLING.** "Give and gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38) Are you being called to any of our parish ministries? Please have a chat with one of our ministers or to our Cathedral Priests. We'd love to have you on board. We offer training and updating to our ministries.
- **ST. PATRICK'S CARE.** Scriptures tell us that we are our sisters and brothers keepers. Our parish community is calling you to reach out to fellow parishioners in times of their emergency needs or crisis. Are you able to share your time and talents in offering the following pastoral care to members of our parish community: home visitation, transportation, lawn mowing, emergency meals, and grief accompaniment. Help us grow this parish program by growing the love that comes from your heart. If you are able to help, please phone the Parish Office to speak with the Dean of the Cathedral – 08 97212141.
- **CARING FOR THE HOMELESS.** Our Parish Outreach Team offers free hot lunch every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month to members of our wider community who are experiencing homelessness. You can help by either becoming a volunteer or a donor. You may volunteer by either helping cook a dish, handing out flyers around the city, assisting serve the meals, helping with the setting up and the cleaning up, etc. You can also help by donating money towards the groceries. The approximate cost of running a free lunch event is \$350.00 We do hope you can help us in some ways. Thank you.

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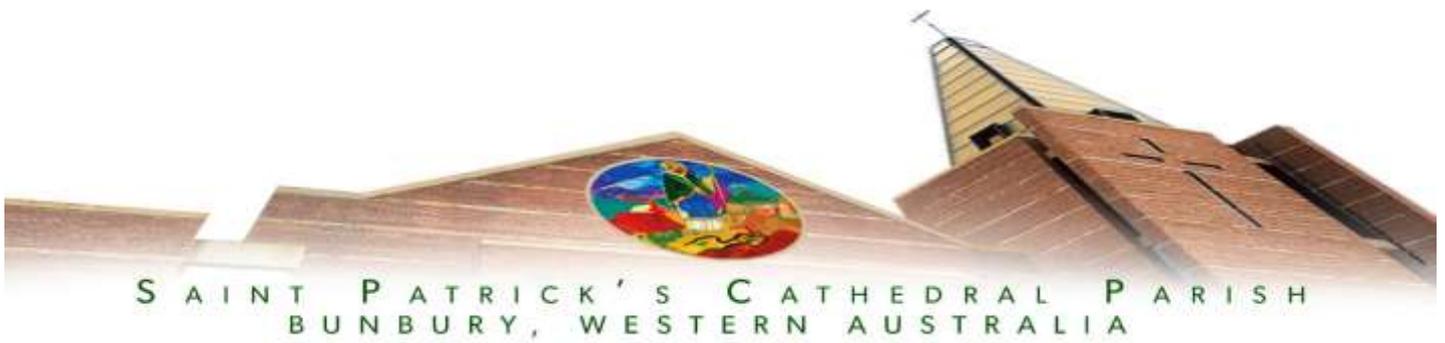
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St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the traditional owners of the land, the Noongar Wardandi people and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their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

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 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 30 | AOV2 155 | AOV1 129 | AOV1 31 | AOV1 190 |
| 8am Sunday | BB 87 | BB 533 | AOV1 133 | AOV2 3 | BB 569 |
| 10am Sunday | AOV1 57 | AOV1 29 | AOV2 3 | AOV1 166 | AOV1 26 |
| 6pm Sunday | BB 156 | BB 61 | Chant | BB 176 | BB 610 |
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