

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
4th October 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 pray for the repose of the soul of Domenico Della-Donne. Let us pray for Seminarian Chris De Freitas on his Admission to Candidacy for the Sacred Orders.

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.



“THE FRUITS OF THE KINGDOM”

The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,

he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice,
but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt.
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its
walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
4. And we shall never forsake you
again;
give us life that we may call upon your
name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us
and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

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 the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

The New Vineyard of Grace

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Parable of the Wicked Tenant, by Abel Grimmer, 1 b. ca. 1570, Antwerpen, d. ca. 1619, Antwerpen

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” Matthew 21:42–43

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 5:1–7) and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God’s providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively.

The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach.

The parable ends in tragedy with the son’s murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people

that will produce its fruit” (Matthew 21:43). Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today.

We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labour diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption.

Sometimes, when we speak of “the Church,” we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way.

To use the image from today’s parable, the vineyard and the fruit it is meant to bear are not equated exclusively with the tenants, the servants, the son, or even the landowner. The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a labourer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth.

Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labour for the salvation of souls—“people that will produce its fruit.” The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labour with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you.

My glorious King, You have called us to Yourself and made us members of Your Kingdom. You have also sent us forth to labour in the vineyard of Your Church and help draw many souls to Your Sacred Heart. Please reveal to me the role and mission You have entrusted to me. May I listen attentively to Your gentle commands and respond with a heart full of generosity and faith. May Your Church—of which I am a living member—continue to bear abundant fruit through the grace You pour forth. 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: As we nurture the vineyard of the Lord, we ask our loving God for the needs of the world and our community:

1. We pray Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders of the Church: may they nurture all in the vineyard, and work towards peace. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for those who lead nations and governing bodies: may they look to deliver justice and peace for their people. We pray to the Lord.

3. We for those who are homeless and alone: may the community take the time and effort to build resources to help them. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for couples for whom the promises of marriage have not been fulfilled. May they find solace in the compassion of God. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for those who are affected by climate events that have damaged their homes and livelihoods. May they receive help from other nations. 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 all, help us to turn to you in hope. We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

THIS WEEKEND 3 rd & 4 th October	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Kath F <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Wally C	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Sr Christine	Liz L	Gobi M
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Greg D	Nilda C	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, <i>EMHC Needed</i> Lesley S, Robin W	Cathy R, Helen B Marilou C, Sophie L	Nan M Terri P
Children's Liturgy			<i>School Holidays</i>	
Altar Servers				Abel R, Abigail R, Caleb S, Dean S, Lion & Tiger, Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	<i>Recorded Music</i>	<i>Recorded Music</i>	Diocesan Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers	Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 10 th & 11 th October	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Robin W <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Verna L H	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Daria S	Helen B	Jean G
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Kerry H	Norrie P	Terri P
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cheryl N, Janelle N <i>EMHC Needed x2</i>	Elaine T, Nilda C, Norrie P & Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			<i>School Holidays</i>	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Shelby C, Dionne L, Jean Rose & Josh Jacob B, Abel & Abigail R	
Music	Laudate Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>	Voices of Hope	Melanie N
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Southwest Filipino Australian Assoc. Inc	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

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

5 October Monday St Faustina Kowalska	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
6 October Tuesday St Bruno	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7 October Wednesday Our Lady of the Rosary	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC – Practicum and Reconciliation 5pm: PPC Executive Meeting
8 October Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027 - Break
9 October Friday Sts Denis and John Leonardi	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9am: Mass, Ocean Star 11am: Mass, Elanora Villas
10 October Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11am: Columbarium Interment, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
11 October Sunday 28 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 3.30pm: Wedding, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, RCIC First Holy Communion, 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: \$ 2,560.90
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,719.50



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 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

CARMELITE SISTERS INVITATION. The Carmelite Sisters cordially invite you to join them in celebrating the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila and a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of Carmel of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gelorup, WA 1976-2026. On the 15th of October 2026, 9am. All welcome.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Sharing your gifts. Our parish is currently in need of people who can help lead and support our music ministry at our Masses.

We are looking for interested parties who are willing to be rostered on one of the following Sundays:

1st Sunday, 6pm
2nd Sunday, 8am
5th Sunday, 10am

We don't have anyone rostered on these days and we would be grateful if you could consider sharing your gift in music.

If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please come forward and speak with one of the staff members at the parish office. You may wish to have a chat with our choristers to gain more information about the Cathedral music ministry.

We are truly grateful to everyone who has already given their time and talent to our Cathedral music ministry. Your voice, your gift and your willingness to serve do make a difference.

BAPTISM. We pray for Gabriella Elise Schrafft 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.

Just before Mass, we invite people to write the names of those who are needing help in the book of intentions and we will pray for them during the Mass.

ST. PAT'S FREE LUNCH. The introduction of every Saturday's offer of free lunch to the homeless has attracted generous people in our parish to take up a leadership role in being an outreach coordinator of the week. Being coordinators, they have the responsibility of overseeing the running of events during their Saturday roster. We are grateful to the following for stepping up to this role:

1st Sat: Anne and Ryan Mallaby
2nd Sat: Kate Black and Anne Mallaby
3rd Sat: Churchill Abrio
4th Sat: Tricia Ward
5th Sat: Churchill Abrio.

Together with the coordinators, we would

like to express our gratitude to all our wonderful cooks, servers, set up and post-event cleaners. We are continually witnessing the humility and friendship of all our volunteers. We are deeply indebted to parishioners and donors for their wonderful support. But most importantly, in the service that we offer, we do it for the greater glory of God. (Anne and Ryan Mallaby, for Parish Outreach).

HUGE THANK YOU. To Mick Dixon for the donation of a brand-new lawn mower for St. Patrick's Care. To an anonymous donor who donated two freezers for the St. Pat's Outreach – Lunch.

RCIC. Our 15 Rite of Christian Initiation of Catechetical Age Children are almost set to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, the 11th of October, during the 6pm Mass. Please pray for each one of them that their Holy Communion will nourish further their desire to follow Christ in their lives.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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



2026 KIRUP CAMINO. Registrations for

the 2026 Kirup Camino are now open. Held on the 1st of October each year to launch World Mission Month. For more information, contact Shendelle Mullane, Catholic Mission Province Director for WA and Diocesan Director for Bunbury, on 0423 219 665. To register, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKPE>



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 IS CALLING.

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 Brendtor 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>

WORLD MISSION MONTH. This year we mark 100 years of World Mission Sunday, on Sunday 18 October. Throughout World Mission Month, we gather and reflect on Pope Leo XIV's 2026 theme for World Mission Sunday: '*One in Christ, united in mission*'. Catholic Mission invites communities across Australia to join in with open hearts, united in faith and mission, as we journey together towards World Mission Sunday on 18 October 2026. www.catholicmission.org

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: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying





A guest of ours arrived on his bike for the Saturday free lunch. He was feeling buoyed by the prospect of a first-ever premiership. Years have they been waiting for another shot at the flag. 2013 was a year to forget. Perhaps the years that went only made them hungrier. They were all hoping 2026 will be their year. Sadly, it wasn't meant to be. They had their chances. Like many others, he was gutted. Yet he didn't feel alone. He was in good company enjoying homecooked lunch. It would appear that it didn't really matter so much for him. It was perhaps just a game. He had other things in mind...better things in mind. He lives for another day, wondering what life has to offer next. He is grateful though even in disappointments. He might already be feeling numbed by life's challenges and trials. He is used to it. From our point of view, glad that we could share in his life and in the lives of others who have already found a refuge in our company. We didn't just welcome them, they welcome us into their lives.

Pope Leo XIV: "In Christ, therefore, we are called to become poor and to be a refuge for the poor. The Christian community cannot remain indifferent to the many who today stand at the door but remain invisible to those who are shut within their own walls. The Church, by its very nature, is called to be poor and a refuge for the poor. Let us not forget Saint Augustine's commentary on the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus: "He has kept the name of the rich man to himself and told us the name of the poor man. The name of the rich man was on everyone's lips, but God kept it to himself; the name of the poor man was passed over in silence, but God revealed it to us. ... What would you choose? To be poor like Lazarus or rich like the other man? Do not be deceived! Listen to how it ended and take note of which is the wrong choice" (Sermon 33A, 4). (Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 10th World Day of the Poor, 15.11.2026)

NEWLY COMMISSIONED EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Danny and Sean



Danny Byrne and Sean Foxslater were commissioned as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) during the Sunday 8.30 Eucharist at the Carmelite Monastery in Gelorup. Danny and Sean regular attend Mass at the Carmelite Monastery. As EMHC, they will be mainly serving during the monastery Masses providing ease to the Carmelite Sisters who are looking after the monastery liturgies. Congratulations to Danny and Sean.

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY



Seminarian Chris De Freitas and I attended and laid a wreath at the National Police Remembrance Day – South West District, held last Tuesday, 29 September, at the Police Station Complex in Bunbury. The Remembrance Day is a way of remembering officers who gave their lives serving their local communities. I represented Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD to the annual event. May they rest in peace.



OUR PARISH IS SEEKING NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Our Cathedral Parish is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults experiencing vulnerabilities and seek to increase the number of Safeguarding Officers within the Parish. This role involves being a point of contact for our parish community on Safeguarding requirements, support for the Parish Priest, the Cathedral Dean and the parish to raise awareness of our collective responsibility around safeguarding, and to help ensure the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are implemented. This position will work closely with the Dean of the Cathedral. Our Cathedral Parish Safeguarding will be administered in cooperation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Training and ongoing support will be provided. If you would like to be part of a vibrant team or like more information, please contact the Parish Admin office on 9721 2141 / parishadmin1@bunburycatholic.org.au. You may also seek information through the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: 9721 0517 or safeguarding@bunburycatholic.org.au.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR THE HOLY ORDERS



Congratulations to **Seminarian Chris De Freitas** for being admitted to the candidacy for the holy orders. It is a significant step in Chris's journey towards ordination. The admission allows him to publicly express his intention to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders as a deacon and later as a priest. During the Rite of Admission, the bishop asks candidates two questions about their resolve to complete preparations for the priesthood. The church receives the declaration with joy, marking the beginning of a final period of preparation for the priesthood.



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

It is good to be back after some annual leave and our Diocesan Priests' Retreat. I was grateful for the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends, including some of my brother priests. It was a good time to rest, enjoy their company, and return refreshed for the time ahead.

The time away also reminded me how important it is to have periods of rest and renewal in our lives. Even when our ordinary responsibilities are good and worthwhile, we benefit from taking time to pause, to be with those we love, and to renew our relationship with the Lord.

Returning to prison ministry after my time away was also a particularly touching experience. Some of the prisoners warmly welcomed me back and were genuinely pleased to see me. Their warm welcome was a reminder of how important these encounters can be. Behind the walls of the prison are people who, like all of us, are searching for hope, mercy, and the presence of Christ.

As the school holidays are now upon us, I ask that we keep our prayers especially for all those travelling on our roads. May God keep children, families, and all travellers safe, and may everyone enjoy a happy and restful holiday.

God bless us.



When I first came to Australia from the Philippines, I quickly discovered that footy is more than a sport—it is part of Australian culture. Coming from a basketball-loving nation, I had much to learn! As I watched people gather around their teams, celebrate victories and endure defeats together, I began to see something deeper: footy is about belongingness.

This reminded me of the Church. Like a footy team, the Church is made up of people with different gifts, backgrounds and roles. Everyone has a place, and everyone contributes to the life of the community. A team also teaches us that we cannot win every game. There are victories and disappointments, but true supporters remain faithful. In ministry and in life, we also experience moments of joy, struggle and uncertainty. Faithfulness means continuing to walk with Christ through them all.

For four years, Australia has taught me that embracing another culture does not mean losing my own. I remain Filipino while learning to appreciate the traditions of the people I serve. Perhaps footy has taught me one important lesson: ministry begins by listening, understanding, and walking with people where they are.





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.

5 October Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27 St Faustina Kowalska, virgin	Gal 1:6-12 Ps 110:1-2, 7-10 Lk 10:25-37
6 October Tuesday	St Bruno, priest	Gal 1:13-24 Ps 138:1-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42
7 October Wednesday	Our Lady of the Rosary	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 116 Lk 11:1-4
8 October Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27	Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
9 October Friday	St Denis, bishop, martyr and companions St John Leonardi, priest	Gal 3:7-14 Ps 110:1-6 Lk 11:15-26
10 October Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 27 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	Gal 3:22-29 Ps 104:2-7 Lk 11:27-28
11 October Sunday	28 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Is 25:6-10 Ps 22 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

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

As September comes to a close, so too does the Season of Creation. This year, the Season of Creation invited us to reflect on the theme "**Living Water**" reminding us of the precious gift of life that God provides through creation. We recognise that creation is an ongoing gift from God, calling us to care for and protect the world around us. As Christians around the world, we share the responsibility to care for creation. We give thanks for the opportunity to care for our common home and all living things that share it with us.

We encourage all parishioners to reflect on their personal care for our common home and make a commitment to changing at least one aspect of their daily lives to supporting initiatives that will care for creation. The Earth is God's gift to us. The way we care for it today helps shape the world we lead for tomorrow. Be the change you wish to see in our world. If nothing changes... nothing changes.

Members of Parish Pastoral Councils from across the Bunbury Diocese gathered online for a workshop, "*Synodality for Parish Pastoral Councils*," led by Father Tony Chiera and Aaron Faure. The workshop offered a valuable opportunity to learn more about synodality and our call, as the People of God, to walk together, listen to one another, and respond to the needs of our world through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Participants also took part in a *Conversation in the Spirit* centred on the question: "*What has the Holy Spirit moved in you this evening?*" Through prayerful reflection, deep listening, and respectful sharing, we were able to discern the movement of the Spirit within ourselves, among one another, and throughout our community.

Year of Saint Francis of Assisi

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Early this year **Pope Leo proclaimed a special Jubilee year of St Francis** on the occasion of the eighth centenary of the saint's death. The life of this **Poor Man of Assisi** carries an invitation to **simplify prayer by deepening it**, rather than multiplying it; to **live the Gospel** rather than merely talking about it.

Spending time in prayer led Francis to a self-emptying like that of Christ. On seeing the cross in the neglected chapel of San Damiano, Francis heard Jesus tell him, "Go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down." He saw a deeper meaning to "build up my house" and took up preaching the gospel. Francis was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He did preach but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. Two years before his death he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side.

Pope Leo said **St Francis' message of peace** was needed now more than ever, and his life points to the authentic source of peace. '**Peace with God, peace among human beings, and with creation** are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.' In 1979 Saint Francis of Assisi was named **patron of ecology** – he recognised creation as another **manifestation of the beauty of God**. Read more at <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-of-assisi/>

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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.**

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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	BB 107	BB 5	CHANT	BB 498	BB 468
8am Sunday	AOV1 124	AOV1 129	AOV1 160	AOV1 135	AOV1 188
10am Sunday	AOV1 124	AOV1 129	AOV1 160	AOV1 135	AOV1 188
6pm Sunday	Please Refer to Hymn sheet				
SJOGH	AOV1 090	AOV1 129	AOV2 155	AOV1 029	AOV2 164