

WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

2nd Sunday of Lent, A2
1st 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 all the faithful departed.

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

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 & Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster & 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.*

'OASES ON THE JOURNEY'

As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way - moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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 took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Good and Bad Days

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Carl Bloch

“Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Matthew 17:4

The Apostle Peter’s reaction to the Transfiguration reveals that he was overwhelmed by his firsthand experience of a glimpse of Jesus’ true glory. Not long before this moment, our Lord took His disciples north to Caesarea Philippi and asked them privately who they thought He was. Peter boldly proclaimed, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). In response, Jesus promised Peter that He would build His Church upon Peter’s profession of faith and that Peter himself would be entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. It was a good day for Peter.

Shortly after this, however, Jesus began to reveal to His disciples that He “must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Matthew 16:21). In response, Peter pulled Jesus aside and said, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you” (Matthew 16:22). Jesus replied harshly to Peter’s rebuke: “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Matthew 16:23). It was a bad day for Peter.

Jesus then taught His disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 16:24–25). Not only was Jesus

soon to suffer greatly, but His followers, including the Twelve, were called to follow Him on this difficult path. This was hard news for them to accept.

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. Interestingly, Jesus allowed the disciples to reflect on His prediction of suffering for six days before taking Peter, James, and John up a mountain for prayer and solitude. Jesus, aware of their confusion and struggles, was transfigured before their eyes. "[H]is face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him" (Matthew 17:2–3). Peter exclaimed in this moment of glory, "Lord, it is good that we are here." It was another good day for Peter.

We all have good days and bad days. But what defines a good day versus a bad day? Was the day of Jesus' Crucifixion a bad one for Him? Certainly not. Though filled with intense suffering, it was the most glorious day in history because His perfect obedience to the Father's will was fulfilled. Similarly, Peter's good and bad days can be understood in terms of his willingness to obey Christ, especially when the demands were great.

In our lives, we must also define our good and bad days through the lens of obedience to God's will, especially when His will calls us to bear the Cross and practice sacrificial love. It's easy to love God when we are consoled, but it becomes much more difficult when we face trials. Peter's declaration, "Lord, it is good that we are here," is the perfect prayer for us to echo in every circumstance. When we are consoled, as Peter was at the Transfiguration, we must pray this prayer. But unlike Peter's earlier missteps, we must also say, "It is good," when we encounter opportunities for sacrificial love, even when difficult.

Reflect today on your own good and bad days. Use the lens of holy obedience and your call to live a life of sacrificial love. Do not hesitate to cry out to the Lord, "It is good!" Consider whether you view every cross and every invitation to love sacrificially as something good. This is what God desires for you; embrace His desire with determination and joy.

My sacrificial Lord, You embraced the Cross and saw it as truly good. You looked beyond the suffering and saw the fruits of Your sacrifice. Help me to imitate You by seeing every act of sacrificial love as the good I desire. I love You, Lord. Help me to love You and others with all my heart. 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.

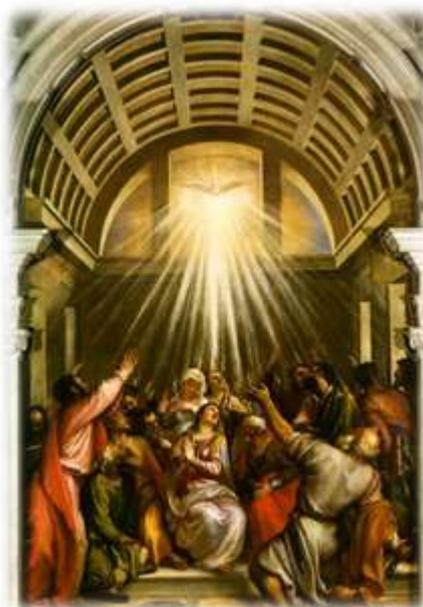
THE NICENE CREED

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: The apostles see the glory of Jesus and hear the voice of God. We open our eyes and hearts to the needs of the world.

Petitions

1. We pray for the Church: may the glory of God shine through her teaching, works and the life of the members. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, Bishop George and our priests: may they respond to God's call to listen to Jesus, and serve the Church faithfully. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for world leaders, especially those with influence in troubled places: may they listen to the Spirit, and bring God's love and justice to all nations. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all those who suffer in darkness, unable to experience the goodness that God desires for all people: may they come to experience the glory of God. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for all those accompanying people in the RCIA program: may they find encouragement in experiencing the wonder of apostles at the Transfiguration. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for all who are gathered here: may we listen to the words of the Beloved Son, and live the Gospel each day. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of light, you transfigured your Son and allow us to experience that glory. We offer 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 28 th Feb & 1 st March	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	Joel G/John I	Mark J	
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Cathy Y Kerry H	Lynette A Verna H	David M	
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful		Kerry H	Liz L		
Reader	Brad S	Daria S	Elaine T	Jean G	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		Cheryl C Cora C	Cathy R Marilou C Nilda C		
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W & Virge R		
Altar Servers			Shelby C, Matthew G, Caleb S, Dean S, Elijah D, Godwin G, Sophia R, Jayden S, Evan B, Tiger J, Lion J		
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	<i>Music Required</i>	
Morning Tea					
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers	Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 7 th & 8 th March	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Peter C	Melvin S	Joel G	
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Margaret C Kath F	Wally C	David M	
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	<i>Required</i>	Greg D	Liz D	<i>Required</i>	
Reader	Pat G	Sr Christine	Nilda C	Nan M	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		Cheryl C Cora C	Cathy R Marilou C Nilda C	<i>Required</i>	
Children's Liturgy			Ronelle L & Kendall L		
Altar Servers					
Music	Laudate Choir	Alma W	Voices of Hope	Melanie N	
Morning Tea					
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Volunteer

CLEANERS	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Toilets	<i>Required</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

2 March Monday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
3 March Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
4 March Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 4, Parish Hall
5 March Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: 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 4, Parish Hall 4.15pm: ASSP Group 2, 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 1, Parish Office 5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall
6 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, Regis Gardens 12:41: Bunbury Catholic College – ‘Chat with the Chap’ 6pm: Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
7 March Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30: Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
8 March Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral - Enrolment Mass for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2pm: Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

22nd February 2026 – Week 34

First Collection: **\$2,552.90**

Sacrificial Giving: **\$2,570.40**

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. All are welcome to join the weekly praying of the holy rosary 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

BAPTISM. We pray for Jace Downs, Finn Michael & Grace Joy Cherubino & who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

BISHOP'S MASS AT THE 10AM MASS. This 10am Sunday Mass will only be the second Bishop's Mass this year. This expresses Bishop George Kolodziej's wish to be closer with people entrusted to his episcopal care. The Bishop's Mass is celebrated as a Pontifical Mass which involves what they traditionally call as 'smells and bells' enhancing the sacredness of the event.

SEMINARIAN CHRIS DE FREITAS. You may have seen him around once more serving our parish. Seminarian Chris will be having his pastoral placement in our parish for a year while at the same time finishing his formation and studies under St. Charles' Seminary. Please remember Chris in your prayers.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASS. Students from St Joseph's CPS, St. Mary's CPS and the After School Sacramental Program will be gathering at the Cathedral on Sunday, 8 March, for their Enrolment Mass. Their 1st Reconciliation will be on Saturday, 21 March, 4.30pm. 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.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY. Our parish feast day will be celebrated on Sunday, 15 March during the 10am Mass. The Parish Pastoral Council have decided to celebrate our feast day on the Sunday closest to 17 March which is 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. Going to confession is what Christ seeks from our hearts this Lenten Season. We heed this invitation

since, "A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn" (Ps 51:7).

PALM SUNDAY. This is merely to alert parishioners of the fast-approaching celebration of Palm or Passion Sunday on 25 March. This Sunday ushers in the Holy Week culminating with the Paschal Triduum and Easter. Keep your lamps burning as we look forward to Easter.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates continue their formal instruction last Thursday learning the theme, "Cooperating with One Another" Next Thursday's theme on Baptism: "We Belong to God's Family, the Church." The catechetical classes start at 3.45pm and go on until 4.30pm. Please pray for all our fifteen (15) candidates.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026. World Day of Prayer will be held at Christ the Living Vine in Australind on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm. The host country is Nigeria. This is an inter-denominational service, and several Christian churches will be taking part. All are welcome and afternoon tea will be served. Contact Margaret for more info on 9795 7878.

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



TWILIGHT LENTEN RETREAT. It was an evening twilight which nourished the heart, the mind and the soul while reflecting on the life and suffering of St. Francis of Assisi. This was the theme of our parish twilight Lenten retreat which took place last Friday, 20 February, 5.30-8.30pm in the Parish Hall. Fr Pierre led parishioners in prayer and reflection on how an orderly life could bring about and experience of joyful peace. The order in our universe reveals the order in God's place for human existence. Interiorly, God also sowed order in human lives through the gift of conscience in the human soul. St. Francis Assisi committed to all these while embracing and living a life of total surrender to God since he heard God's voice through the San Damiano Cross in Assisi saying, "Rebuild my church." Thank you to all participants and to the Parish Pastoral Council for committing to this sacred event. St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us.



RITE OF ELECTION. Nearly 40 catechumens and candidates from different parishes across the Diocese of Bunbury gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday, 22 February, during the 10am Mass for the annual Rite of Election. The Rite of Election is the moment in the RCIA journey when catechumens, accompanied by their sponsors, become an 'Elect' signifying readiness towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil liturgy. The candidates, on the other hand, presented themselves with their sponsors to be named among those who will be received into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil liturgy. Catechumens and candidates signed their names onto the Book of the Elect as part of the ritual. Bishop George Kolodziej presided over the Rite of Election Mass. **Verna-Lee Hansen** is our lone catechumen this year. She is joined by candidates: **Kate Victoria Back, Rebecca Berry, Peter Anthony Lomax** and **Dylan Eli Wilson**. Please pray for all of them.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Each year, the Church gives us these forty days not as a burden, but as a gift, a holy invitation to renewal. Through the words of St Paul, we hear again the urgent and loving call of God:

“Now is the favourable time; now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Not tomorrow. Not when life becomes less busy. Not when we feel more prepared. Now. Lent brings us back to what is essential. On Ash Wednesday, ashes are placed upon our foreheads, a humble sign that we are fragile, that we are dependent on God, and that we are loved beyond measure. Through the prophet Joel, God speaks tenderly to His people:

“Return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

Notice that God does not demand explanations. He simply invites us to return. From the beginning of salvation history, the Lord has always been calling His people home; calling Adam in the garden, guiding Israel through the desert, and welcoming the prodigal son with open arms. **Lent is our time to return.**

My dear friends, we often live distracted lives, pulled between regrets about the past and anxieties about the future. Lent brings us back to the present moment. God is always present tense. He meets us here and now.

“Now is the day of salvation.”

This season is an opportunity for each of us, in our families, our parishes, our schools and our communities to take concrete steps:

- To set aside time each day for quiet prayer.
- To return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- To practise generosity toward those in need.
- To seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness.

These are not merely religious practices; they are pathways to love. They shape us into a people who are attentive to God and compassionate toward others.

Small and faithful steps open the door to great grace.

Let us not be afraid to begin again. God is never tired of our beginnings. He does not grow weary of forgiving. He does not withdraw His mercy. His love remains constant.

As your bishop, I invite every member of our diocesan family to walk this Lenten journey together. Let our parishes become places of welcome and reconciliation. Let our homes become schools of prayer. Let our communities reflect the compassion of Christ.

May this Lent be a season not of heaviness, but of hope, a journey that leads us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's Cross and the joy of Easter.

Entrusting you and your families to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I assure you of my prayers throughout these forty days.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

**(SGD) Most Rev George Kolodziej SDS DD
Bishop of Bunbury**

18 February 2026



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.

2 March Monday	Monday of the 2nd week of Lent	Dan 9:4-10; Ps 78:8-9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38
3 March Tuesday	Tuesday of the 2nd week of Lent	Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 49:8-9,16-17,21,23; Lk 6:36-38
4 March Wednesday	Wednesday of the 2nd week of Lent	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 30:5-6,14-16; Mt 20:17-28
5 March Thursday	Thursday of the 2nd week of Lent	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
6 March Friday	Friday of the 2nd week of Lent	Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 104:16-21; Mt 21:33-43,45-46
7 March Saturday	Saturday of the 2nd week of Lent	Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 102:1-4,9-12; Luke 15:1-3,11-32
8 March Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 94:1-12,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Thoughts on Lent

Many people are writing about Lent and there are numerous Lent programs. **Bishop George** has written a **Pastoral Letter for Lent**. Look for it on the Bunbury Diocese Facebook page and on page 14 of this bulletin.

The Brisbane Archdiocese also has a Pastoral Letter for Lent, noting that is a time when we seek to **open ourselves to conversion**: acknowledging our failures and mistakes, so that we can **turn again to God** and renew our relationships with those around us. The journey of conversion always begins with **listening**.
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/lent-pastoral-letter-2026/>

Pope Leo's Message for Lent picks out **Listening, Fasting and Community**. He says: 'Every path towards conversion begins by **allowing the Word of God to touch our hearts**.' That can only happen if we make space, stepping back from the noise around us, and from all that we want to say and convince others about, so that there is space to hear and to listen.

He proposes that the best model we have for listening is **God's relationship with his people**. Again and again, God's first response in the scriptures is to assure us: 'I have heard my people's cry.' And **Jesus' own ministry is shaped by listening to the needs and hopes of those he encounters**.

He suggests that **fasting** is a particular way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. It needs to include other forms of self-denial.

And we are called to make it **a shared journey**: to see that 'conversion refers not only to one's conscience, but to the quality of our relationships and dialogue.'

Read the full Message at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/lent/documents/20260205-messaggio-quaresima.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 Sunday 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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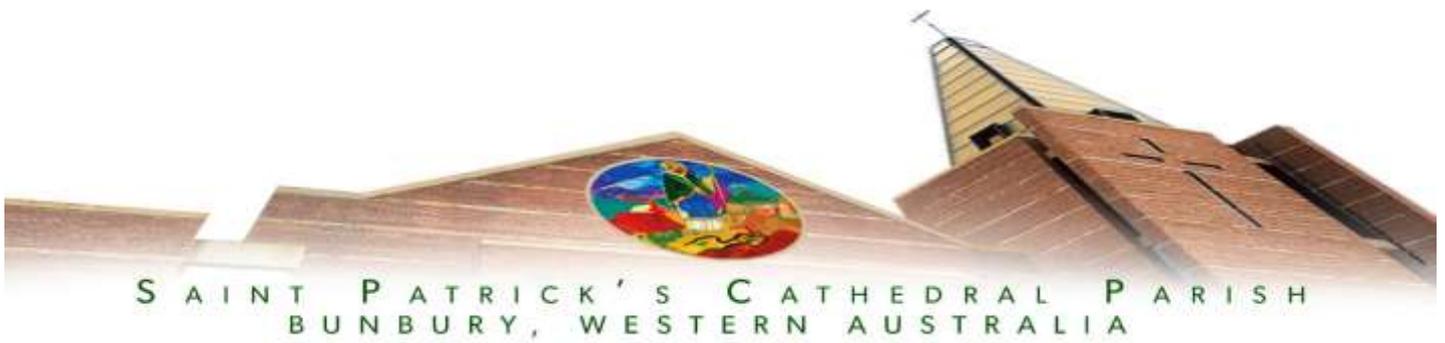
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“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37



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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	BB 156	BB 4	Chant	BB 300	Ave Regina Caelorum
8am Sunday	AOV1 16	BB 67	AOV1 133	AOV1 81	AOV1 188
10am Sunday	<i>Hymn Sheet</i>				
6pm Sunday	AOV1 30	AOV1 115	AOV1 133	AOV1 81	AOV1 188
SJOGH	AOV1 57	AOV1 6	AOV1 166	-	AOV1 16