

## A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Word of God Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> February 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 FEBRUARY



**“Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”**

**Mass Intention:** for the repose of the soul of Perlita Tan.

**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 2025 Catechumens and Candidates; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP); for the new academic year.

**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, Sophie Phelan & Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez.

**Diocese:** Let us pray for Bishop George, the Synodal Evangelisation Team and the Diocesan Synodal General Assembly to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**'BLESSED ARE YOU'**

The Beatitudes are among the best known verses of the Gospel of Matthew. They offer an assurance of God's care for those who mourn or suffer persecution. They contain promises that God will bless the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers and those who work for justice. Ultimately, all who put their trust in God and do what is right will rejoice in God's kingdom.

**Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 105: 47

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

**First Reading**

Zeph 2:3,3:12-13

*A reading from the prophet Zephaniah*

Seek the Lord,  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145 (146):6-10

### **R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthian 1:26 - 31

### *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

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.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;  
    theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
    they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
    they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
    they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
    they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
    they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
    they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
    theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Communion Antiphon*

Cf. Ps 30: 17-18

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

# The Call to Beatitude

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



*The Sermon on the Mount (Cosimo Rosselli, 1439-1507)*

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:1-3*

The Beatitudes call us to the heights of morality and holiness. Those who live according to these divine precepts are blessed beyond measure. The promises to those who live this high calling are great: They become children of God and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Furthermore, they receive comfort, satisfaction, mercy, purity, and peace. Though the rewards are great, so are the requirements: spiritual poverty, holy sorrow, meekness, longing for righteousness, a merciful heart, purity, peacemaking, and patient endurance during persecution.

The Beatitudes reveal the culmination of God's moral teaching and the highest revelation of the Christian life. To fully appreciate their significance, it is helpful to understand the history of moral revelation. Doing so is more than a history lesson on God's deepening revelation, it also reveals the path for our spiritual journey toward perfection.

Morality begins with the Natural Law—the innate understanding of right and wrong written on the human heart. This Law is from God and is often described as living in

accord with right reason or common sense. All people have access to this moral law within their own consciences, enabling them to recognize God as the Creator, honour Him, respect human dignity and the common good, and refrain from acts such as murder, theft, and deception. Though universally present in all people, sin and our fallen human nature cloud our ability to clearly see and follow that law.

In the Old Testament, God slowly revealed Himself and called His people to greater holiness and moral living by adding to the Natural Law through revelation. From Abraham and his descendants, God raised up Moses through whom He revealed the Ten Commandments—a concise moral code rooted in Natural Law but explicitly revealed by God that called His chosen people to right worship, justice, and love for one's neighbour.

Through the prophets—such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel—God called Israel to move beyond mere external observance of the law to an interior conversion of heart. Isaiah emphasized the virtues of justice and mercy, Jeremiah prophesied a new covenant in which God's law would be written on the hearts of His people, and Ezekiel promised that God would give His people a new heart and a new spirit, enabling them to follow His statutes.

The wisdom literature—Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Sirach—deepened the understanding of moral life by revealing moral gifts, such as the Fear of the Lord, the blessedness of righteousness, and the call to trust in God's providence and live a virtuous life.

The Beatitudes elevate all laws of the Old Covenant. Jesus not only calls us to profound holiness, He also provides the means to achieve it through His Sacrifice, transmitted through the grace of the Sacraments. To live the Beatitudes is to live in imitation of Christ, who perfectly embodied all virtues in His life, Passion, and Resurrection. Hence, the Beatitudes are not only a moral code we must follow, they are a participation in and union with the Son of God, Who lived the Beatitudes to perfection.

As we ponder the Beatitudes, reflect today on their high and glorious calling, as well as their rewards. Sometimes, reading the Beatitudes can leave us discouraged, as we are aware of how far we are away from perfecting them. Dispel discouragement and know that these new divine precepts are attainable by grace. Set your eyes on the heights of perfection and open yourself to the abundant grace offered. Doing so will not only result in glorious spiritual rewards in this life, it will also result in the greatest eternal rewards in Heaven.

*Lord of perfection, You lived the Beatitudes to the fullest during Your life on earth and continue to manifest those perfections from Heaven. Please open my heart to Your grace and fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so that I may answer the call to the new and glorious moral state to which I am called. Empower me to live fully immersed in and guided by Your Sacrificial Love. Help me to inspire others to embrace this path of holiness, so that we may journey together toward the eternal joy of Your Kingdom. 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.

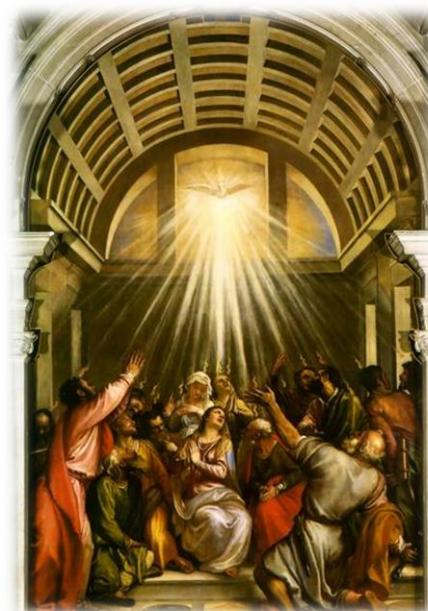
## THE NICENE CREED

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

**Celebrant:** The Gospel presents the blessings of God's realm. Keeping these in mind, we pray for the needs of our community and our world.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for all the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo and Bishop George: may they be inspired to continue to witness to the gospel. We pray to the Lord
2. We pray for world leaders as they confront violence, famine and other disasters: may they aim to be peacemakers for a more just world. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who have lost family members and their homes in natural disasters, in Australia and overseas: may they receive help from government and community sources. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who hunger and thirst for what is right: may they continue to have the inspiration and energy for their work. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who mourn: may they be comforted by those around them with love and gentleness. We pray to the Lord

**Celebrant:** God of goodness, help us to show love for one another.  
We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.



# STEWARSHIP ROSTER

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NEXT WEEKEND 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan-1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	John I	Mark J
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley D Ester L	Jenny S Robin W	Joe DE's, Lynette A & Verna H	David M
<b>Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful</b>	<i>Required</i>	Cathy Y	Helen B	Matthew G
<b>Reader</b>	Brad S	Malena C	Elaine T	Jean G
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	<i>EMHC Required</i>	Cora C	Cathy R Marilou C Liz L	<i>EMHC Required</i>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			<i>School Holidays</i>	
<b>Altar Servers</b>			Evan B, Matthew G, Caleb S, Godwin G, Sophia R, Jayden S, Dean S	Dean S
<b>Music</b>	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Dio. Liturgical Choir	<i>Required</i>
<b>Morning Tea</b>				
<b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b>		<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b>	Pauline H	<b>Readers</b>
				Chris L, Ethel N

**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.**

NEXT WEEKEND 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Alfred L Terance O	Peter C	<i>Required</i>	Joel G
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley D Ester L	Kath F Cherylynne F	Irene R Wally C	David M
<b>Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful</b>	<i>Reader Required</i>	Greg D	Sonia B	Terri P
<b>Reader</b>	Pat G	Charlotte S	Liz L	Nan M
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	<i>EMHC Required</i>	Robin W Lesley S	Cathy R Nilda C Helen B	Terri P
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Ronelle L Kendall L	
<b>Altar Servers</b>			Sophie R, Caleb S, Shelby C, Dionne L	Matthew G Evan B
<b>Music</b>	Laudate Choir	Alma W	Voices of Hope	Melanie N
<b>Morning Tea</b>				

<b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b>	Elaine G	<b>Readers</b>	Volunteer
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CLEANERS	1 <sup>st</sup> week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4 <sup>th</sup> week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
<b>Toilets</b>	<i>Required</i>	Sally B	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
<b>Cathedral</b>	<b>Group 1:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> week, Fri 5pm <b>Leaders:</b> Brudie P./Jhoemarie B.			<b>Group 2:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> week, Thu 6pm <b>Leaders:</b> John J./Veronica O.	<b>Thank you!</b>

# STEWARSHIP

The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”  
*Lumen gentium 11*

<b>2 February</b> Monday WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Cancelled 11am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
<b>3 February</b> Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am Healing Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary
<b>4 February</b> Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 4pm: RCIC, Class 1, St. Patrick's Parish Hall
<b>5 February</b> Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 4.15pm: ASSP 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, Lesson 1, St. Patrick's Parish Hall 5pm: RCIA 2026, St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, St. Patrick's Parish Hall
<b>6 February</b> Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens 9am-9pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel
<b>7 February</b> Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
<b>8 February</b> 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 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

*“God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7

### MASS COLLECTIONS

24 December, Week 25: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,478.45; Sacrificial Giving: \$2,719.05

24 December, Christmas Eve: 1st Collection \$1,605.50;  
 Sacrificial Giving: \$1,127.75.05

25 December, Christmas: 1st Collection \$1,480.05; Sacrificial Giving: \$956.50

## LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

**HOLY ROSARY:** All are welcome to join the praying of the holy rosary every Tuesday at 6pm. For more information contact Rosemary on 0402 459 678.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every **Friday** from **9am to 10pm**. We are seeking someone to commit to one hour 11am-12pm each fortnight. An invitation is also extended to Parishioners to join our Relief Roster. Or you may want to join someone at a specific time either weekly, fortnightly or monthly spending time with Jesus truly present in the *Blessed Eucharist*. For more information please contact Barbara 0409 585 889

## PARISH NEWS

**WELCOME MORNING TEA.** Join us after the 10am Mass this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February, to welcome our new priests, **Father Joel Villanueva OSJ** and **Father Edcel Silva OSJ** to St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish.

**BISHOP'S MASS.** This Sunday at the 10am Mass, we begin the regularisation of the Bishop's Mass. Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS, DD, Bishop of Bunbury, intends to celebrate this Mass as much as he is able to do so. This he hopes to celebrate every first Sunday of the month at 10am. This is one of his pastoral ways of being with the People of God whom God has called to him to serve. This is also a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to get to know and have a chat with Bishop George.

**2026 IMMIGRATION APPEAL.** Please give generously. The Catholic Church has a long-standing tradition of supporting immigrants, particularly those fleeing war-torn countries and impoverished regions.

The Church teaches that prosperous nations have a moral obligation to welcome the foreigner in search of security and means of livelihood. A retiring collection will be taken up after all Masses this weekend to support the Immigration Appeal. Thank you for your donation in anticipation.

## 2026 AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM – 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATION:

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Information Evening this week and to all who have enrolled in our ASSP. The first lesson for our 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation students will be this week on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 4.15pm to 4.50pm in the Parish Hall. A detailed schedule will be emailed to enrollees in the next few days.

To parents who were not able to attend, please contact the Parish Office to organise a day to meet with the Dean of the Cathedral. The Information Evening is a required event for parents or guardians who have enrolled their child or children for first reconciliation.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE.** Parents, guardians and their children are reminded of their first meeting on Wednesday, 4 February at 4pm. This meeting will introduce you to the parish program and its operation. Please pray for our parish children as they commence their journey to becoming Catholics.

**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS.** We are grateful to parishioners, particularly to Cathy Rechichi and Grace Monka, for organizing the well-attended morning tea last Monday, 26 January. Likewise, we thank our acolytes and pontifical servers for doing an amazing service at the altar and the Missionaries of Light Choir for leading our Church in the congregational hymn singing.

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS:** There are still a small number of 2026 Josephite Calendars available at the Parish Office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA).** Please continue to pray for our catechumen and candidates as they progress through their RCIA journey. After last Sunday's Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumenate and the Rite of Welcoming Candidates, the Rite of Election will take place on Sunday, 22 February, during the 10am Mass. Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury, will be presiding over the Eucharist. At the Easter Vigil Mass, Verna-Lee Hansen will receive the Sacraments of Initiation while Kate Victoria Back, Rebecca Berry, Peter Anthony Lomax and Dylan Eli Wilson will be received into the Catholic Faith.



Verna-Lee Hansen



Kate Victoria Back



Rebecca Berry



Peter Anthony Lomax



Dylan Eli Wilson

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS.** Members of the Josephite Companions held their AGM last Wednesday, 28 January, at the Parish Hall. Fr Pierre gave a presentation on 'synodal spirituality' while Helen Brown walked through with the members the 'Conversation in the Spirit.' Our new priests, Fr Joel Villanueva OSJ and Fr Edcel Silva OSJ enjoyed lunch with the Josephite Companions.



**THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE**, celebrated on 2 February, honours the commitment of men and women who have dedicated their lives to God through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS DD, will be celebrating Mass with religious women and men this Monday, 2 February, at the Carmelite Monastery in Gelorup.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** The Bunbury Diocesan Social Justice Committee is having a follow-up Zoom meeting to our Social Justice Symposium last September to share developments in addressing the homeless issue in the Bunbury Diocese. We invite you to participate and hear what is being done and contribute your knowledge and experience in this area on Monday 16th February 4 - 5.30 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday 12th February if you wish to participate [deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com](mailto:deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com)



Fr. Joel Villanueva OSJ, Fr. Edcel Silva OSJ, and I were a few among those who took the opportunity to celebrate Australia Day with community members at Koombana Bay last Monday, 26 January. The walk from the Cathedral to Koombana Bay was most enjoyable with several stops for a few photo opportunities for Fr Edcel to share with his family and for Fr Joel who happens to be a seasoned 'vlogger.' It was a perfect night to enjoy all the fun activities around the Koombana Bay area and at 8.30pm, the fireworks adorned the Koombana Bay horizon and skies with the fireworks spectacle.

Prior to our attendance at the City of Bunbury's Skyworks, we concelebrated with Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS DD, for our Australia Day Mass at 9am. Very privileged to pray with so many parishioners who called out in prayer, 'Australian all let us rejoice, for we are one and free!' Indeed, these thoughts were in our minds and emotions in our hearts as we thank our dear Lord for the blessings that we share here in Australia. The morning tea after Mass was likewise attended by many parishioners. It was wonderful to see the community camaraderie and friendship being shared by everyone.

Soon after the morning tea was over, the three of us were hurriedly packing for our priests' gathering at Preston Beach House. This is not to mention the food preparation done in evening by Fr Joel and Fr Edcel on the evening prior. Bishop George invited priests for an Aussie barbie at Preston Beach to celebrate Australia Day. There were around 15 priests who attended, including Bishop George, even on short notice. Fr Wayne Bendotti and Fr Nathan Barrie did an excellent job at the barbie. In the end, it was a very relaxing Australia Day celebrated with fellow brother priests in the ministry. There is no doubt that this won't be the last gathering on Australia Day. Bring on 2027!

The Bunbury Parish Pastoral Council extends their heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and visitors who gathered to celebrate the Eucharist on Australia Day. It was a grace-filled occasion to come together in prayer and thanksgiving with Bishop George, Bishop Emeritus Gerard, Father Pierre, Father Joel and Father Edcel.

Australia Day provides us with the opportunity to pause and give thanks for the many blessings we receive by living in this Great South Land. In the Eucharist, we offered gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy, the diversity of our people, and the beauty of the land entrusted to our care. We also placed before God our hopes and concerns, asking for continued grace for all who call Australia home.

Our collective prayer was for peace – not merely the absence of conflict, but a peace that begins with right relationship. A peace grounded in our relationship with God, lived out in compassion and justice with others, and expressed through respect and care for the land beneath our feet.

May the fruits of this and all our celebrations continue to shape our lives beyond the liturgy, inspiring us to be people of gratitude, reconciliation and hope. As we move forward, may we remain attentive to the Spirit's call, working together to build a community where peace, faith and love can truly flourish.

*On behalf of the Bunbury Parish Pastoral Council*





# 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.

<b>2 February</b> Monday	Presentation of the Lord	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Ps 23:7-10; Lk 2:22-40
<b>3 February</b> Tuesday	St Blaise, bishop, martyr St Ansgar, bishop	2 Sam 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Ps 85:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
<b>4 February</b> Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 4	2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Ps 31:1-2, 5-7
<b>5 February</b> Thursday	St Agatha, virgin, martyr	1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
<b>6 February</b> Friday	St Paul Miki and companions	Sirach 47:2-11; Ps 17:31, 47, 50-51, Mk 6:14-29
<b>7 February</b> Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 4	1 Kg 3:4-13; Ps 118:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
<b>8 February</b> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 58:7-10, Ps 111:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

**Year A - THE YEAR OF MATTHEW**

The gospel for this liturgical year is Matthew. It includes information about Jesus that is not given by the other evangelists: two chapters of infancy narratives and five “Great Sermons” of Jesus.

The writer was most likely a Jewish Christian, providing consolation to those wrestling with the problem of reconciling their Jewish heritage with their belief in Jesus as the Messiah. So, the Gospel begins with a genealogy filled with Jewish ancestors and it contains numerous quotes from the Old Testament. It was likely placed first in the New Testament because of its connection to the Old Testament.

A striking feature of Matthew’s Gospel is its clear six-part structure. The first section serves as an introduction and contains the stories of the annunciation (to Joseph, not to Mary as in Luke), of Jesus’ birth, and of the visit of the magi (not the shepherds as in Luke). The remaining five parts each consist of a long speech by Jesus followed by a description of actions that he performed. The first is the Sermon on the Mount (ch 5 – 7), the second shows the disciples being prepared for their missionary journeys (ch 10), the third is filled with parables (ch 13), the fourth deals with church matters (ch 18), and the last section concerns the end times (ch 24 and 25).

This gospel emphasises the incarnation and the humanity of Christ.

Quiet in Kirup at the Spirituality Hub this year will provide a course in contemplative practices commencing on Wednesday 4th February and continuing on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please see flyers in Church foyer for further details or contact Deborah [deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com](mailto:deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com). Our schedule of other events is also available in the foyer.

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*Feel free to talk to any of these officers about any Safeguarding queries or concerns that you may have.*

**HEARING AID LOOP** The Cathedral has an active hearing aid loop.

You may need to contact your hearing aid supplier to have your hearing aid adjusted to hear through the sound system in the Cathedral. The hearing aid loop operates within the first 8/9 pews and has very good range across the Cathedral. Sit in these pews to get the best reception.





## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

**(RCIA).** Are you an adult interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Were you baptised but have been away from the Church for a while? Do you need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please phone us

at Parish Office and we will assist you with your interest or queries about our parish program. The RCIA 2026-27 will begin in February 2026.



## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (CIC) OF CATECHETICAL AGE.

Our Cathedral Parish will be running the program, Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age, commencing in February 2026. The parish CIC program is a sacramental preparation program for non-baptised children and baptised non-Catholic children of catechetical age. The catechetical age is around 7 years old. The Sacraments of Initiation involve Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also included in the sacramental program. If you wish to have your child or children go through the program, please fill out an enrolment form available in the Cathedral cloister or ring the Parish Office to request a copy. You may also phone the Parish Office to speak with Fr Pierre about your inquiries.

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026.** Enrolment forms will be made available in the coming weeks in the Cathedral cloister. Eligibility: First Reconciliation Year 3+, First Communion Year 4+, and Confirmation Year 6+. If your child or children missed out on their respective academic years for receiving the sacraments, please speak with Fr Pierre, Dean of the Cathedral, or speak with Ollen Martinez who is our sacramental program preparation specialist in the Parish Office.

- **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](http://www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com) or our parish website [www.bunburyparish.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, hand out flyers around the city, assist serve the meals, help 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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Luke 1:37



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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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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<b>6pm Saturday</b>	BB 455	BB 381	Chant	BB 507	Alma Redemptoris Mater
<b>8am Sunday</b>	AOV1 71	BB 67	AOV1 90	AOV1 94	AOV1 176
<b>10am Sunday</b>	Lyrics	Sheet	Available		
<b>6pm Sunday</b>	AOV2 003	AOV1 115	AOV1 017	AOV2 164	AOV1 092
<b>SJOG Hospital</b>	AOV1 12	AOV2 126	AOV1 60	AOV1 60	AOV1 21