

Happy Father's Day !!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
6th September 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 remember and pray for the repose of the souls of all our faithfully departed loved ones.

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, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Freya 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.



“I SHALL BE THERE WITH THEM”

Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today’s Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
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.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



The Joy of Reconciliation

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Jesus and His Disciples on the Sea of Galilee by Carl Oesterley, 1833

*Jesus said to his disciples: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
Matthew 18:15*

When someone sins against us, especially in a grievous way, anger and condemnation can quickly arise as strong temptations. Our natural sense of justice often takes over, and we may find ourselves rationalizing a response rooted in judgment rather than compassion. In today’s Gospel, however, Jesus offers the much better path—to seek reconciliation, not division. The ultimate goal is to win the sinner back to God and restore the bond of communion.

Sin touches every human relationship, with the sole exception of the one shared between Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Their mutual and perfect charity rendered sin and division entirely absent from their union. What a sublime and singular gift they shared!

But we are not perfect. Even the most loving and holy relationships are affected by human weakness, and sin inevitably creeps in. We sin against others, and others sin against us. Sometimes the sin is deliberate and deeply wounding. Other times, it stems from weakness or the absence of fully formed virtue. Regardless of its source, every sin inflicts harm and weakens the communion we are called to share and deeply desire.

In today's Gospel, while Jesus appears to be addressing serious sin that severs a person from sanctifying grace—mortal sin—the same principles apply to all offenses, even venial sins and spiritual imperfections. The Christian response to sin must always be grounded in mercy. Whether we are correcting or being corrected, the goal must always be to heal, to restore, and to deepen our unity in Christ.

To begin applying these spiritual principles, call to mind those toward whom you may harbor resentment. Start with your family, since familial bonds—due to their natural closeness—are especially vulnerable to sin. Resentment born of sin is often present in close relationships. While some wounds may have caused deep fractures, even the most loving bonds can suffer subtle injuries. Prayerfully examine these relationships in your life.

If the wounds are deep and hostilities strong, the path forward is usually clear: Seek to win over your brother, sister, parent, or spouse. And if you are the one who has caused the wound, then humbly acknowledge your sin without excuses. That is always the better path. Always.

To aid this process, it is helpful to recognize a hidden dynamic: Holding onto resentment or anger can bring a certain emotional satisfaction. Though it may seem surprising, this is often the case. Anger energizes the emotions and creates a charged feeling that, while disordered, can feel gratifying—like a drug that fuels addiction.

The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfillment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy.

Reflect today on the first step of reconciliation outlined by Jesus in the Gospel: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone.” Take sin seriously. Acknowledge its presence in your relationships, especially the close ones. See yourself both as one who is sinned against and as one who sins. Identify the offenses that diminish love. Confront those sins with courage and humility. Reject the false comfort of resentment, and seek instead the true consolation that comes from unity and charity. This is the path that leads to a share in the holy love between Jesus and His Blessed Mother—a love they desire us to know and live.

Lord of perfect mercy, Your Sacred Heart burns with a deep desire to win us back to Yourself—fully reconciled and united in love. I repent of my sins before You, and I pray that Your love, living within me, may become a wellspring of mercy for others. I forgive all who have sinned against me, and I repent of the sins I have inflicted upon others. Restore every relationship in my life, Lord, and endow them with the same pure and holy love You shared with Your Blessed Mother. 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: The gospel calls to love and forgive one another. We confidently bring our needs and pray:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders of the Church: may they guide God's people with wisdom and compassion, promoting reconciliation and unity within the Church. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders of nations and communities: may they work for justice and peace, resolving conflicts with mutual respect. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who have suffered in the landslides in Nepal: may the love of God be witnessed in the example of those who go to help. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for families: may all fathers and father figures be recognised and appreciated. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for Presentation Sisters in Australia and around the world: may they continue to be inspired by their founder Nano Nagle and share the light of her example of compassion and service. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for the gift of the priests in our parishes: as spiritual fathers: may they be appreciated for their journey of service. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God and father of all, you gather your people together in love. Hear the prayers we offer today, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

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 5 th & 6 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I Ryan M	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	<i>Greeter Needed</i>	Wally C	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Charlotte S	Presentation Sisters Representative	Gobi M
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Charlotte S	Presentation Sisters Representative	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Lesley S Robin W, David N	Elaine T, Helen B Sophie L, Rosina I	Stephen H Terri P
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W Virge R	
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R, Caleb S, Godwin J, Gabriel R, Sophia R, Shelby C, Dean S, Evan B	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Choir	<i>Recorded Music</i>
Morning Tea			Syro Malabar & Indian Community	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 12 th & 13 th September	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C John L	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Jenny S Kath F	Verna L H	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Malena C	Helen B	Terri P
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Sr Pauline	Norrie P	Terri P
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Daria S, Cheryl N <i>EMHC Needed (x2)</i>	Cathy R, Marilou C Nilda C, Norrie P	Pauline H Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			<i>Catechist & Assistant Needed</i>	
Altar Servers			Abel R, Abigail R, Alfonsa Maria J, Dionne L	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T
Music	Laudate Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>	Voices of Hope	<i>Music Needed</i>
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./Veronica O.		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

7 September Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
8 September Tuesday The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9 September Wednesday St Peter Claver	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 6), Parish Hall 6pm: PPC Monthly Meeting
10 September Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Pre-Primary Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 1pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: RCIA 2027
11 September Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9am: Mass, Ocean Star 11am: Mass, Elanora Villas 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
12 September Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary The Most Holy Name of Mary	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Bell Ringing, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
13 September Sunday 24 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Emeritus Bishop Gerard Holohan's Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, 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
30th August 2026 – Week 9

First Collection: \$ 3,274.00
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,545.25



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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm.

PARISH NEWS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY. We pray and give thanks to all our dear fathers and those who reveal to us God's loving and caring Fatherhood. We remember as well those who have gone before us who through their lives of witnessing have revealed the immense love of God for every human person. We ask for the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, in our prayers:



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

(Patris corde, Pope Francis)

PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION "FATHER'S DAY" APPEAL - "For the care of our Spiritual Fathers." This weekend, the annual Priests Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal is being held across the diocese. Conducting the appeal on Father's Day provides us with the opportunity to show our appreciation to our "Spiritual Fathers" on this special day. The Foundation provides assistance to Diocesan priests who have retired or who are in ill-health. The Appeal Brochure and Donation Envelopes are provided in the pews. Please complete your Donation Envelope and place it in the retiring basket today or in the collection basket in coming weeks. You may wish to send your donation directly to the Foundation. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS. We warmly congratulate and welcome the Presentation Sisters, particularly Sr. Christine Clarke PVB, on their 250th Founding Anniversary. We welcome too our friends from the various communities and parishes where the Presentation Sisters ministered. We give thanks to God for their marvellous presence in our diocese and for their continuing service to the Church.

This year marks 250 years since the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Cork, Ireland, by Venerable Nano Nagle. This Sunday, 6 September, Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the cathedral to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese since 1902.

After the 10am Mass this Sunday, let us celebrate this significant event and meet

the Presentation Sisters at a morning tea in the Parish Hall. We invite you to bring a plate to share.

RITE OF INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. We warmly thank our Parish community for your prayers and support for our RCIC candidates who celebrated their **Rite of Acceptance on Sunday, 30 August, during the 6:00pm Mass.** This marks an important step in their journey of faith as they continue their catechetical lessons and preparation to receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on 18 October.** Please continue to keep our young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare and grow in faith.

BAPTISM. We pray for Billie Morton who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We sincerely congratulate all the children who received their **First Holy Communion** through the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP), St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated ASSP Catechist, Ralou Millan, our schoolteachers, for generously sharing her time, commitment, and effort in preparing our candidates. We likewise congratulate our children's families for walking with them in their sacramental life.

DIOCESAN NEWS



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 INFORMATION SESSION! 6th of October 2026. 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Pastoral Life and

Mission Centre (or via Teams) 5 Brendon Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct. Are you interested in making the Pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027? We would like to invite you to a General WYD Information Session! This session will go over some general information about WYD, general information about plans for the Diocesan Pilgrimage and include a chance for you to ask any questions you may have. Please ensure you register for the session here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=bko85L8x3keTWv4Yg_QIRVc-K8f89KJJj6VeKWwNNFhUM0hQV0pSRIJNNTVERVQxVUZaJjUxM0IDNi4u&route=shorturl

NATIONAL SURVEY OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES OVER SEPTEMBER. Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

CATHEDRAL BELL RINGING. On Saturday 12th Sept. 10am -12nn. Visiting Bell Ringers will be ringing our Cathedral Bells. Parishioners are welcome to enjoy the sounds of our bells from these talented ringers.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN FOR THE WORLD APPEAL. Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help give women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw





EIGHT AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT AND REFUGEE OFFICE NATIONAL CONFERENCE. As Vicar General, I represented the Diocese of Bunbury to the 8th ACMRO National Conference, 25-26 August 2026, at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney. This year's theme was "Migrant Communities in a Synodal Church." The aim of the conference was to acknowledge and celebrate the faith, gifts, contributions, and resilience of migrant communities, as well as the richness they bring to the church in Australia and wider society. It gave particular attention to the dynamic role of migrant communities within a synodal church.

The keynote speakers for the conference were Cardinal Fabio Baggio, CS, Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, and Dr Trudy Dantis, Director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Canberra and Goulburn Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, led the panel discussion, and Bunbury Bishop George Kolodziej, S.D.S. addressed the participants during the conference dinner.



EPISCOPAL ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY. Bishop Gerry Holohan, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Bunbury, presided over the Eucharist last Tuesday, the 1st of September, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral, to commence his celebration of his 25th year since being ordained to the episcopacy. At the said

Mass, Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury, and Bishop Justin Bianchini, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Geraldton, concelebrated alongside priests from the Diocese of Bunbury and the Archdiocese of Perth. Lunch was enjoyed by everyone after the Mass. Bishop Gerry's actual episcopal ordination anniversary falls on the 4th of September, which also happens to be his birthday.

Bishop Gerry will be presiding over the Cathedral Sunday Mass on the 13th of September to celebrate with the parish community his gratitude to the Lord for the gift of His ministry. There will be morning tea after the Mass. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate to share.



THE RIGHT REV. DR. IAN COUTSS. I had the privilege of representing the Catholic Bishop of Bunbury, Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD, to the Thanksgiving Eucharist and Laying Up of the Pastoral Staff of the Anglican Bishop of Bunbury, Bishop Ian, last Saturday, 29th of August, at St. Boniface Cathedral in Bunbury. It was on the 3rd of November 2018 that Bishop Ian was installed as the tenth Anglican Bishop of Bunbury. The laying his staff on the altar signifies his last celebration in St. Boniface Cathedral as the Bishop of Bunbury. Parishioners and clergy from the Anglican Diocese and other Christian denominations were present to join the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury in the thanksgiving to Bishop Ian. Bishop Ian and his wife, Anne, intend to retire in Bunbury.

CLERGY RETREAT. Clergy of the Diocese of Bunbury will be having their annual retreat from the 13th until the 18th of September at the St. John of God Retreat Centre at Safety Bay. Fr. Geoff Aldous, who has helped our Cathedral Parish a number of times now, will be again assisting us with the Masses during our weeklong retreat. Fr. Geoff is a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Perth.

PARISH OUTREACH – LUNCH FOR THE HOMELESS. Let us pray for our Parish Outreach Team as they continue to minister to those members of our community who are experiencing homelessness. We congratulate each every one of them, those who have cooked and served meals and continue to do so, and the countless volunteers for their commitment to have the free hot lunches to be held every Saturday now.



World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Information Session

***6 October 2026
7:00pm - 8:30pm***



Pastoral Life and Mission Center

5 Brendon Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct
or join us via Microsoft Teams



Register:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7ezx2cX4ap>



ST. PATRICK'S CARE



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

St. Patrick's Care offers the following emergency help: home visitation, emergency meals, lawn mowing, transportation and grief accompaniment.

Please call 08 97212141 for emergency assistance.

St. Patrick's Care brochures are available in the Cathedral cloister.



PARISH OUTREACH TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

On its third year, the Parish Outreach will now be serving free hot lunches **every Saturday** from 10.30am – 12.30am, starting September 5.

**IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER,
PLEASE CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE.**

MONETARY DONATION IS WELCOME BY USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
**BSB: 086 006, Account #: 155314936,
Account Name: Roman Catholic
Bishop – Bunbury Parish, Narration:
OUTREACH**

DONATIONS for the **Care Packs** (toiletries. etc.) can be placed in the St. Pat's Outreach basket in the Cathedral cloister.

For more information, please contact Anne and Ryan Mallaby 0455 570 623.

On September 8 we shall celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not simply a celebration of Mary's birth. It is also a reminder of the beauty of life, family, faith and God's loving plan for humanity.

Mary was born into the family of Joachim and Anne. She grew in an environment where faith and love could flourish. Before becoming the mother of Jesus, she was a daughter, a child who was loved, nurtured and formed in faith. Her story reminds us that the family is the first school of love and faith.

In our today's Australian society, family life faces many challenges: rapid advancement of Technology, social media, economic pressures, individualism, broken relationships and changing attitudes toward marriage and human life. All of these can make it difficult for families to remain united and faithful to their values. Parents often struggle to pass on faith and Christian values to their children. Mary offers families a beautiful example: that every life is precious and sacred.

May her "Yes" to God reminds us the power of love, obedience and self-giving in a world that is longing for connection and belongingness.





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.

7 September Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
8 September Tuesday	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Micah 5:1-4 or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 12:6-7 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
9 September Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23 St Peter Claver, priest	1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 44:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26
10 September Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	1 Cor 8:1-7, 11-13 Ps 138:1-3, 13-14, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38
11 September Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27 Ps 83:3-6, 12 Lk 6:39-42
12 September Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 23 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary The Most Holy Name of Mary	1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 115:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49
13 September Sunday	24 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY	Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

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

The Parish Pastoral Council extends its heartfelt congratulations to the students and families of **St Mary's Catholic Primary School** who recently celebrated their **First Holy Communion**.

This special occasion marks an important milestone in the faith journey of these young people as they received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We thank **Father Joel** for his encouraging message that this day is not the end of a journey, but rather the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Jesus, who is Love itself.

As Father Joel reminded us, we are called to take Jesus from the altar into the world we live in each day. We do this through simple acts of kindness, compassion and care for everyone we meet. May our First Communicants continue to grow in faith and discover the joy of walking with Jesus throughout their lives.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

Thank you to those in our Reading Ministry who have quickly adjusted to the return to First and Second Readers. Reader One - First Reading and Responsorial Psalm and Reader Two - Second Reading and Prayer of the Faithful. The Liturgy Team continue to refine and work on best practice when distributing the Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

Celebrating 250 years of the Presentation Congregation

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

On **Christmas Eve in 1775** Nano Nagle and three companions began an inspired project that had begun in **Cork city** some two decades previously. The women took up residence in Nano's humble cabin in Cove Lane (now Douglas Street) on **24 December 1775**, to begin their journey as a religious community.

Nano Nagle began her first **cabin school in Cove Lane** around 1754. Secretly, because of the Penal Laws then in force, she had arranged to have thirty poor girls in a rented cabin classroom. She was very aware of the risks involved, and kept her plans secret, even from her own family.

Within a few years there were seven schools in Cork city, five for girls and two for boys, with over four hundred children enrolled; all funded by Nano Nagle. She visited the schools daily, in all weathers and on foot. In the evenings, **lantern** in hand, she trod the dark alleys of the city, visiting the sick and suffering, bringing comfort and basic medical care to those in need. She became known as **The Lady of the Lantern**. The lantern has since become a widely used symbol of her efforts to bring light into people's lives. How will we continue to bring light to those in need?

The **Nano Nagle icon** in the foyer today, and that was featured in last week's bulletin, is a special type of icon – with an individual image in the centre panel, and small images down each side telling the story.

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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.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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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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.



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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 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 10	BB 528	CHANT	BB 59	BB 241
8am Sunday	AOV2 004	AOV2 155	AOV1 164	AOV2 126	AOV2 059
10am Sunday	Please Refer to Hymn Sheet	-	-	-	-
6pm Sunday	AOV1 071	AOV1 031	AOV1 026	AOV2 126	AOV1 182
SJOGH	AOV1 016	AOV2 004	AOV1 185	-	AOV1 057