

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Project Compassion
15 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: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Alice Collins.

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.

Diocese: Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan Synodal 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.*

'FOLLOW GOD'S LAW'

The vast wisdom, of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important.

It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the Book of Sirach

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

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: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin,

cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

The Law and the Prophets

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus Christ Preaching to His Disciples by Giuseppe Bartolomeo Chiari (1654-1727)

Jesus said to his disciples: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place.” Matthew 5:17–18

For many, the Old Testament can be confusing, filled with laws, rituals, and prophecies that seem difficult to connect with the New Testament. Yet, Jesus’ words remind us that the Old Testament is not merely a relic of the past but an essential part of God’s divine plan. Furthermore, every law, prophecy, and detail, down to “the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter,” finds its deepest meaning and completion in Christ.

In a simplified way, the “Law and the Prophets” in the Old Testament can be summarized as moral laws, ceremonial laws, and prophetic teaching. The moral laws reflect God’s eternal truths of right and wrong, the ceremonial laws govern Israel’s worship and rituals, and the prophetic teaching calls the people to repentance, pointing to the coming Messiah. Together, these form the foundation of the Old Covenant, which is fulfilled in Christ, Who established the New and Eternal Covenant.

Additionally, the Psalms and Wisdom literature enrich the Law and the Prophets, offering inspired prayers, meditations on God's faithfulness, and practical guidance for virtuous living.

Though it might be an arduous task to read through the entire Old Testament, those who do so with understanding discover the truth that everything finds its fulfillment in Christ. "Fulfillment" does not mean that Jesus altered or discarded the Old Testament; rather, He revealed its true and hidden meaning, bringing it to perfection. What the Old Testament could only foreshadow, Jesus accomplished, achieving the fullness of God's plan.

By analogy, consider an artist's sketch that depicts a beautiful mountain range and sunset. The Old Testament is like that sketch—it provides the framework, details, and foreshadowing of something greater. In Christ, the sketch is brought to life, becoming reality through God's creative act. While the sketch and the actual mountain range are the same scene, the reality is the perfect and complete expression of what the sketch anticipated. God, as the Divine Artist, first "sketched" what would come to be through the Law, Prophets, and Wisdom literature, and then brought it to fulfillment through Jesus' Incarnation, Life, Death, and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, after declaring that He came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, Jesus provided three examples of how He brings the Old Testament moral law to its fulfillment. The commandment "You shall not kill" is deepened to include the interior sin of anger; "You shall not commit adultery" is expanded to include lust in the heart; and "Do not take a false oath" is elevated to a call for sincerity, honesty, and integrity in all one says and does. The Messiah then pours forth His grace, enabling the faithful to live in accord with this high calling.

Though not included in today's Gospel, Jesus also brings the ceremonial laws to fulfillment by becoming the Lamb of God, offering Himself as the definitive High Priest on the new altar of the Cross. Furthermore, our Lord fulfills the prophets by establishing the New Covenant in His blood, as seen in Isaiah's vision of the Suffering Servant Who bears the sins of many (Isaiah 53), Jeremiah's promise of the new covenant written on hearts (Jeremiah 31:31–34), and Micah's prophecy of a ruler born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).

Reflect today on God's Eternal Law, established before the foundation of the world and brought to fulfillment in Christ. The human life of the Son of God is the center of time and eternity. Everything converges on Him, and new life flows from Him. Just as our Lord fulfills the Old Testament, He also is the only source of true fulfillment in our lives. Ponder His mission and renew your choice to accept His New Covenant, written on your heart by grace. Doing so is an exercise in Divine Wisdom, giving you a share in the new life of grace, made possible by His blood.

Glorious Lawgiver and Messiah, Your Wisdom is perfect, eternal, and transforming. All things came to be through You and find their fulfillment in You. I thank You for the gift of Your Eternal Law and pray for the grace to live it to perfection, with the aid of Your saving grace. 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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Jesus spells out how we are to live as his followers, and so we pray for our needs.

Petitions

1. We pray for the leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, Bishop George and our Cathedral clergy: may they be led by the Spirit to be witnesses to the world in the way they follow Jesus. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the leaders of political, economic and other powerful entities: may they gain wisdom to be real leaders, without prejudice or division. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all those who are part of the justice system in Australia: may they work to provide the reality of justice for all. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who suffer oppression in our society: may agencies and individuals bring them peace and strength. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for our community gathered around the table of the Lord: may we follow Jesus' commands in our lives. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who exercise power over the lives of others: may they show compassion towards people who live in poverty and undertake action to alleviate their situation. We pray to the Lord.
7. We pray for those in our parish who are grieving: may they find solace in the care of those around them. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of justice, we bring these needs before you. Bless us with your grace. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus, the 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 14 th & 15 th February	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Kim H	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Cathy Y Kerry H	Joe Des Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	<i>Required</i>	Daria S	Norrie P	Terri P
Reader	Brad S	Kerry H	Deric D	Joanie T
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>Required</i>	Carmel F Lesley S Daria S	Joe Des Nilda C Rosina L	Terri P
Children's Liturgy			Ralou M Ollen G	
Altar Servers			Sophie D R Elijah D	Dean S
Music	Sim R	J & M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 21 st & 22 nd February	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	Joel G	<i>Required</i>
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Kath F Cherylynne F	Wally C	David M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	<i>Required</i>	Malena C	Nilda C	<i>Required</i>
Reader	Pat G	Sr Pauline	Liz D	Gobi M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Required</i>	Daria S Cheryl N	Helen B Elaine T Liz L	<i>Required</i>
Children's Liturgy			Melissa M Jean G	
Altar Servers			Matthew G, Shelby C, Caleb S, Dean S, Sophia R, Jayden S, Evan B, Tiger J, Lion J	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	Mark J
Morning Tea		Margaret C & Connie B	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Pauline H	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

CLEANERS	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
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!

STEWARDSHIP

The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”

Lumen gentium 11

16 February Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
17 February Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Koombana Beach
18 February Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: Mass, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 2, Parish Hall 6.00pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
19 February 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 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 2, Parish Hall 5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall
20 February Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, Wattle Hill 5.30pm: Twilight Lenten Retreat, St. Patrick's Parish Hall 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel
21 February Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
22 February Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel 12.30pm: Mass, Syro Malabar, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

8th February 2026 – Week 32

First Collection: \$1,898.20

Sacrificial Giving: \$3,399.95

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY GROUP will continue to meet at Koombana Bay Beach (down the west end of the café, on the sailing club side). BYO food and drinks. BBQ facilities are available. All are welcome to join us at 6pm every Tuesday. For more information contact Rosemary on 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 18th February. Ash Wednesday Masses: 7am and 6pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral; 9am at the Carmelite Monastery. Please be advised that there will be Masses held at St. Mary's Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School, Bunbury Catholic College and Ocean Star



WHY ASHES? The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality and symbolize the spirit of penance that marks the Lenten season. Ashes were commonly used in ancient religions (including Judaism) as an expression of sorrow. In the early Church, Jewish converts introduced a similar practice into the Christian liturgy. By being marked with ashes, a Catholic today is recognised by the community gathered as one who has chosen to repent of sin and believe in the Good News. A sign to be worn with conviction!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Will be held in the Cathedral every Friday at 6.00pm during Lent from 27th February until 27th March. All parishioners are invited to attend.

PARISH NEWS

SCHOOL STAFF AND TEACHERS' COMMISSIONING MASS. We warmly welcome staff and teachers from our Catholic schools as they join us for the Rite of Commissioning at the 10am Mass this Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin the new school year in service to our young people.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help Caritas Australia to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitization and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can also donate by scanning the QR code or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. We request parents and guardians to register your child or children for the attendance. Attendance keeping is for Safeguarding purposes. Please see rostered catechist or parish assistant.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM 2026 Couples for Christ invite you to discover a deeper relationship with God and experience the joy of Christian fellowship. Join us for a meaningful program designed to strengthen faith, build community and live a Christ-centred life. Whether you are new to the faith or seeking renewal, this program is for you. Come, connect and grow in faith- together as One in Christ. Held every Saturday 1pm during March at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Miles 0449 187 602.

CATHEDRAL RESTROOMS. We are currently seeking a volunteer to assist once a month with the care of our Cathedral restrooms, helping to keep the facilities clean, fresh, and welcoming for parishioners and visitors. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA). After the inquiry evening on 29 January, the new RCIA group began their journey a fortnight ago. This group will receive the Sacraments of Initiation and those who are already baptised will be welcomed into the Catholic Faith during Easter Vigil on the 27th of March 2027. There are now two groups gathering every Thursday 5pm and 6pm respectively in the Parish Hall. Let us pray for the RCIA 2026: Verna-Lee Hansen, Kate Victoria Back, Rebecca Berry, Peter Anthony Lomax and Dylan Eli Wilson.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates began their formal instruction last Thursday learning the theme, "God has given me the Gift of Life." Next Thursday's theme: "God Wants All People to Live in Heaven." The catechetical classes start at 3.45pm and go on until 4.30pm. Please pray for all our candidates. These young people will be journeying during this Term 1 and a few weeks after Easter before celebrating their baptism. Their First Holy Communion will be later in Term 3 and their Confirmation in Term 2 next year. In the coming weeks,

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

ERRATA. Sr Christine Clarke PBVM is a Presentation Sister and not a Mercy Sister as previously reported in this parish bulletin. Sr Pauline Dundon RSJ is a Josephite Sister not a MacKillop Sister as previously reported in this parish bulletin. We apologise for the unintentional error.

TWILIGHT LENTEN RETREAT

...becoming 'instruments of peace'...



This Special Jubilee of St. Francis,
Pope Leo XIV invites us to
reflect on how we may we become
'instruments of peace.'
Lent is a solemn time
to seek peace
through giving,
through pardoning and
and through dying to oneself.

20 February 2026, Friday
5.30pm - 8.30pm
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury.
Led by Fr Pierre Repuyan,
Cathedral Dean
Please call the Parish Office at
08 9721 2141 to register.
Please bring a plate to share.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC
CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



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The pilgrimage has
begun. Join us.





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.

16 February Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 6	James 1:1-11; Ps 118:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
17 February Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 6	James 1:12-18; Ps 93:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
18 February Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
19 February Thursday	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
20 February Friday	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58:1-9; Ps 50:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
21 February Saturday	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Is 58:9-14; Ps 85:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
22 February Sunday	First Sunday of Lent	Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Scripture is intended to speak to believers ‘in every age,’ says Pope Leo XIV

Continuing his **catechesis series on Vatican II**, Pope Leo XIV said the Bible is not a relic of the past, but a living dialogue meant to **lead people to know and love God**.

In the Vatican 2 document **Dei Verbum**, “the **words of God, expressed in human language**, have been made like human discourse, just as the word of the eternal Father, when he took to himself the flesh of human weakness, was in every way made like humans.”

It is important to note, Pope Leo said, that while God is the principal author of Scripture, human beings were also “true authors,” not simply passive “scribes” sharing God’s words.

“While Scripture is a text rooted in historical truth, it also contains a limitless spiritual depth that speaks to people of all times and places, communicating above all God’s love and his desire to save us,” he continued.

“God in his goodness ensures our lives do not lack the essential nourishment of his word, and let us pray that our words, and even more so our lives, do not obscure the **love of God that is narrated in them**.”

When scripture loses touch with reality, with human hopes and sufferings, or is proclaimed in language that is incomprehensible, uncommunicative or anachronistic, it becomes ineffective.

“In every age, the Church is called to re-propose the Word of God in a language capable of being embodied in history and reaching hearts,” he added.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-02/pope-leo-xiv-general-audience-dei-verbum-4-february-2026.html>

SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

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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.



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

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday
Reconciliation: Saturdays 5pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment
Baptism, Wedding, Funeral: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	AOV1 124	AOV2 155	AOV1 185	AOV1 031	AOV2 126
8am Sunday	BB 39	BB 28	AOV1 40	AOV2 31	AOV1 57
10am Sunday	AOV1 63	AOV1 146	AOV1 187	BB 39	AOV1 16
6pm Sunday	BB 213	BB 4	Chant	BB 498	Ave Regina Caelorum
SJOGH	AOV1 016	AOV1 185	AOV1 187	-	AOV1 63