



DEAN'S LIST



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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of country throughout the South West and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



“BE CHRIST-LIKE”

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION. **“WE SHALL BE LIKE GOD”** proclaims John in the second reading. Prior to saying this, he affirms that “we are already children of God.” John speaks of the need of the human faith to be nourished in order to flourish. Underlying this affirmation is the beautiful truth that we are God’s children because God has created us and continues to re-create us. God’s love and generosity are not just evident in making us His children, but more fully, God sustains us in His love and generosity by re-creating us. We do realise the human possibility of breaking away from our relationship with God. Sin manifests this break away, severing and isolating ourselves from divine grace. It is due to this human possibility that God unfailingly offers his love and generosity that we may remain on the path towards freely loving Him as our Father in heaven. Our first reading confirms this singular path that leads us to this form of love that is salvific.

“THE ONLY NAME WHICH WE CAN BE SAVED,” speaks the author of the Acts of the Apostles (first reading), is Jesus Christ “whom God raised from the dead.” Societies through time have spoken of different forms of deities yet there is only one God who truly saves. It is by this truth that the post-Resurrection church spoke of their mission. They manifested their faith in the risen Christ through ‘acts of kindness.’ James 2:24 describes the motivation of the post-Resurrection church: “...a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel, the Assyrian Orthodox Bishop who was stabbed repeatedly last Monday while delivering his homily in his church in Wakeley in Western Sydney, offers his forgiveness to the 16-year-old perpetrator and calls for his followers to be calm in the face of evil. Bishop Mar said: “I need you to act Christ-like. The Lord Jesus never taught us to fight. The Lord Jesus never taught us to retaliate. The Lord Jesus never said to us, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’”

Bishop Mar demonstrates great faith by taking the path of peace rather than violence in dealing with human evil intentions. Human faith needs to be willed in consonance with Christ’s teaching and to act on it. We are called to live our faith by being Christ-like in all human endeavours.

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD...I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR MY SHEEP” (Gospel reading) shows the heart of Christ who seeks peace and not violence in the face of adversities. He models how it is like to be ‘Christ-like.’ We can be Christ-like by ‘laying down our life’ rather than being vengeful and retaliatory. Christ indeed is the Good Shepherd who chose the path of forgiveness and peace in the face of unimaginable atrocities committed by his enemies. Yet, in and through all these, Christ is the only name which can truly save us.

We are all called to be Christ-like by living our faith in the manner that Christ has shown to the world. If

we are on the side of Christ, we will take the path of peace rather than violence. If we are on the side of Christ, we shall be promoters of justice and forgiveness. If we are on the side of Christ, we shall see Christ's presence in every person around us.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY. We congratulate Fr Victor Lobo on his 25th ordination anniversary to the priesthood on 25 April. Please join the parish celebration on Sunday, 28 April at the 10am Mass. There will be morning tea to celebrate Fr Victor's anniversary in the parish hall.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC). We welcome and thank God for the return of Michael Pepper to the PPC. Michael, who is the Principal at Bunbury Catholic College, was present at the PPC's monthly meeting last Wednesday after several months of work leave.

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE. Holy Mass will be celebrated every Friday, 7.45am in the school Chapel. Parishioners are invited to attend. Please go to the reception for directions on how to get to the school Chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please contact the Parish Office. In the coming days, letters or emails will be sent out to parents regarding a meeting to organise the ministry of altar servers in the parish.



NEW PARISH BULLETIN. Our new parish bulletin is planned to be launched by the first weekend of July, all things being equal. Have you got any thoughts which you think may be beneficial to be included in the parish bulletin? Please contact the Parish Office for your suggestions or email Fr Pierre: pierre.repuyan@bunburycatholic.org.au.

CATHEDRAL MUSIC MINISTRY. We call upon our music ministries and choristers to the meeting being organised by Helen Brown on behalf of the Cathedral Music Ministry. The meeting is scheduled for 11 May starting at 11am. The meeting is a follow up to the 16 March gathering. The proposed meeting hopes to capitalise on what was gained at the initial gathering. Appropriate liturgical music, choir inter-relationship and sharing of resources, the use of an overhead projector in lieu of lyrics sheet, etc., will be some of the matters to be discussed.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC). In view of the PPC's Parish Pastoral Planning in the coming months, three things are identified essential in view

of the undertaking: [1] a discernment period for PPC members regarding their own charisms or gifts, [2] a survey of parishioners to be conducted regarding matters that relate to parish life, and [3] a discernment engagement by PPC members on the outcome of the parish survey and other relevant data sources. Please pray for our PPC and the parish as a whole as we undertake this important step in fulfilling the mission of Christ in our parish.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE. Túlio Vargas, a parishioner, is currently assisting the Parish Office design our new parish website. We welcome suggestions that you would like to see on our new parish website. Please give our Parish Office a call or send an email to Fr Pierre: pierre.repuyan@bunburycatholic.org.au.

2024 WINTER REFLECTION SERIES. The cool winter season invites us to embrace a genuine time to reflect on our discipleship. Cathedral parishioner and spiritual writer, Patricia Greene PhD, will be running a Winter Reflection Series on the life and works of St. Teresa of Avila. The series will be held bi-monthly over three months during winter: 1 and 15 June; 6 and 20 July; and 3 and 17 August. To be held in the Parish Hall, it will start at 10am and finish by 12noon. For expressions of interest, please call the Parish Office.

2024 RCIA: PERIOD OF MYSTAGOGY. After receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, our new members of the Catholic Church have resumed their weekly gatherings. The Period of Mystagogy is also called the Period of Post-Baptismal Catechesis. As the name implies, the gatherings bear the purpose of faith deepening what our new Catholics have begun in 2022. The Mystagogy Period will end on 19 June.

2025 RCIA. We are pleased to announce that our Cathedral Parish has 4 inquirers who have expressed interest in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation as an adult. They have been gathering now for several weeks. The sacraments will be administered at the Easter Vigil liturgy in 2025.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY, W.A.

FLORES DE MAYO 2024

HONOURING THE MOTHER OF JESUS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

SUNDAY - MAY 5, 12 and 19

MARIAN MASSES IN FILIPINO @ 12noon

- May 5 - 'Passing of the Cross' from Reyna Elena 2023 Francesca Alinji Ingram to Reyna Elena 2024 Anne Mallaby
- Holy Rosary before Mass - 11:30am
- Children to offer fresh flowers to Our Lady during Mass
- Shared Lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 25

SAGALAHAN 2024

- 9am - Assembly for Procession
- 10am - Procession of 'Sagalas' and the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11am - Holy Eucharist (English Mass)
- 12noon - Shared Lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass

Come and celebrate! Bring along your family and friends!

In collaboration with the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc.

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