

## A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL!

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 MAY

“Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.”

**Mass Intention(s):** Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Johann Haller, Paul Haller and Michael Scanlon.

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

**Cathedral Parish:** Let us pray for our new members of our parish community from the RCIA 2026; 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 and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez, Joan Grainger and Freya Dealino.

**Diocese:** Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan General Assemblies in 2026 and 2027.

*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 AM THE WAY**

In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time – and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

*Entrance Antiphon*

Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
for he has worked wonders;  
in the sight of the nations  
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

*First Reading*

Acts 6:1-7

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Responsorial Psalm*

Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

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

or

**R. Alleluia.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

### *Second Reading*

1 Peter 2:4-9

#### *A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### *Gospel Acclamation*

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

### *Holy Gospel*

John 14:1-12

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your Spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am going now to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Communion Antiphon*

Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

# The Way to the Father

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Christ Preaching to the Multitudes by Tintoretto (1518-94)

*“Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*  
*John 14:4–6*

In addition to His parables and moral teachings, Jesus revealed to His disciples deep mysteries in a direct way that they did not immediately comprehend, especially when He spoke to the Twelve in intimate settings, such as the Last Supper, the context for today’s Gospel. In this discourse, Jesus explains, in veiled form, that He will soon ascend into Heaven where He will prepare a place for His followers. He explains that because they know Him, they know the way to where He is going—the way to the Father—because He Himself is that Way. As Jesus spoke these mysterious truths, we can imagine the Twelve listening attentively, yet with confusion.

Everything Jesus taught was true. His words, recorded in the Gospels, reveal to us the deepest divine mysteries. Within the Scriptures, we find all we need to know to attain perfect holiness and the eternal life of Heaven. Yet we cannot quickly digest

Jesus' words as we might an intriguing novel or history book. There are many layers of depth to what He says, and we can only understand those layers through prayer.

As the conversation continued, "Philip said to him, 'Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14:8–9).

Jesus' response likely surprised Philip and the other disciples because they did not understand what He was saying. Their intention was good—they wanted to understand—but Jesus' words were more than they could comprehend at that moment. Despite this, Jesus gently rebuked Philip as a way of drawing him deeper into the mystery He was revealing.

God often treats us the same way. There are many things that we do not understand. Why do innocent people suffer? Why doesn't God heal my loved one in answer to my prayers? Why do my children no longer practice the faith? What am I supposed to do with my life?

Just as Philip struggled to understand Jesus' words, we, too, face moments of confusion when God's ways seem beyond our grasp. God's answer to life's most challenging questions is rarely straightforward or immediate. Why? Because such an approach can never fully satisfy the depth of our hearts. Instead, God reveals a kernel of truth to us and then invites us to ponder it, revealing the divine mystery we seek to understand little by little, to the degree we are open.

The answers we seek come only as we conform our wills to God's, patiently opening ourselves to His Wisdom. Divine mysteries can only be understood through prayer and deep attentiveness to the truths in God's mind. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Only by uniting ourselves to Him in prayer will we discover the path we must walk, the truth we need to hear, and the life we are called to live.

Reflect today on anything you struggle to understand. See yourself as one of the Twelve, listening to Jesus speak, but failing to comprehend. Do not be discouraged; instead, allow the fullness of Jesus' divine Truth to sink in gradually. Spend time in prayer, read the Gospels, be open, and listen from the depths of your heart. Seek out His gentle voice and know that He is your Way, Truth, and Life. Let Him lead you and reveal to you the mysteries of His divine Wisdom so that you, too, know the way to the Father in Heaven.

*Most glorious Lord, everything You have revealed to us is pure truth, yet my mind is often incapable of fully comprehending Your Wisdom. Draw me into the many mysteries You wish to reveal, and teach me to pray so that I will more fully comprehend the way to You and to Your Father in Heaven. 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:** Through Jesus, we are shown how deeply God wishes to be in relationship with all people. Trusting in that bond, we present our needs in prayer:

1. We pray for leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo, Bishop George and all other leaders of ministry and service in our Church: may they guide the Church to be a sign of the Way, the Truth and the Life. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for the whole Church: may the joy of Easter, the hope of the resurrection and the power of the Holy Spirit be at work within all its members. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for those in positions of authority in the world: may they find the courage and wisdom to act for the good of all. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for those who are suffering from illness – mental or physical, and for those who care for them: may they experience new hope during this Easter season. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for all of us gathered here today. may we hear the call to deepen our relationship with Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Lord God, you have redeemed us and made us your children in Christ. We offer these prayers through Christ our risen Lord.

**People: Amen.**



The Diocese of Bunbury will be hosting the migrant jubilee cross from 4-17 May 2026. The cross will be travelling to parishes and schools around the diocese. This is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) to continue acknowledging and celebrating the faith, gifts, contributions and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church and the wider world.

4 May	Mon	Jubilee Migrant Cross arrives in Bunbury from Perth <b>WELCOME OF THE CROSS</b> <b>Veneration of the Cross / Blessed Sacrament Adoration</b> <b>6-7pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury</b> The Jubilee Migrant Cross contains the following relics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relics of the Holy Family: fragments from the Holy Crib of our Lord, Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Cloak of Saint Joseph</li> <li>• Relic from the 1914 Original Cedar Coffin of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop</li> </ul>
5 May	Tues	Host: St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bunbury
6 May	Wed	Host: St. Mary MacKillop College in Busselton
7/8 May	Thu/Fri	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Narrogin Host: St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School in Narrogin
9-10 May	Sat/Sun	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Albany Host: St. Joseph's Parish / Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph
11 May	Mon	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Bunbury / Host: Cathedral Parish
12 May	Tues	<b>Eucharist, 12 May, 6pm St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury followed by Multicultural Shared Dinner. We invite parishioners to bring a plate of your cultural dish or country of origin.</b>
13 May	Wed	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Bridgetown Host: St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School
14 May	Thurs	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Boyup Brook Host: St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Boyup Brook
15-17 May	Fri/ Sat/Sun	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Harvey Host: Our Lady of Immigrants Parish in Harvey
17 May	Sun	Jubilee Cross departs from Harvey for Geraldton Diocese Fr Pierre and Seminarian Chris travel to St. Mary's Cathedral in Perth for the handover. The Perth Archdiocese will bring the cross as far as Lancelin for the Diocese of Geraldton to collect.



## DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PRAYER

Loving and faithful God, as we walk along the road of our lives, help us to recognise that you are with us. Stay close to us. Open our hearts when we hear your word. In the blessing and breaking of the bread and of our lives together, help us to recognise you and know that you are near. Fill us with your Spirit and joy, so we may go and share your Good News. Send your blessing on all the people of our Diocese as we prepare for our Assembly in August. May your Spirit of wisdom inspire and guide all our conversations and gatherings. May your Spirit of living communion unite us more closely in our parishes and diocese. May our walking together be fruitful and be a sign of your presence in our world. Amen.

Our Lady of the Way - Pray for Us

St Joseph, Protector of the Church - Pray for Us.

*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 2nd & 3rd May	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Terance O	Mick D	John I	Mark J
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley D Ester L	Cathy Y Kath F	Wally C	David M
<b>Commentator</b>	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Daria S	Deric D	<i>Commentator Needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Pat G	Sr Pauline	Nilda C	Jean G
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Carmel F Cheryl N	Cathy R Helen B Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Tricia W Virge R	
<b>Altar Servers</b>			Shelby C, Matthew G, Godwin G, Evan B, Sofia R, Gabriel R	Dean S
<b>Music</b>	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>
<b>Morning Tea</b>				
<b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b>		<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b>	Elaine G	<b>Readers</b> Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 9th & 10th May	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Terance O	Peter C	Melvin S	Joel G
<b>Greeters</b>	Shirley D	Cherylynne F Margaret C	Lynette A Verna H	David M
<b>Commentator</b>	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Malena C	Helen B	Terri P
<b>Reader</b>	Brad S	Charlotte S	Norrie P	Nan M
<b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Lesley S Robin W	Nilda C Marilou C Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>			Ronelle L Kendall L	
<b>Altar Servers</b>			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>		Cathy & Friends	Southwest Filipino Association Inc	
<b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b>		<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b>	Lesley S	<b>Readers</b> Chris L, Ethel N

<b>CLEANERS</b>	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
<b>Toilets</b>	Seminarian Chris Fr Pierre	Fr Joel Fr Edcel	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
<b>Cathedral</b>	<b>Group 1:</b> 1st week, Fri 5pm <b>Leaders:</b> Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B.		<b>Group 2:</b> 3rd week, Thu 6pm <b>Leaders:</b> John J./Veronica O.		<b>Thank you!</b>



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

*Lumen gentium 11*

<b>4 May</b> Monday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
<b>5 May</b> Tuesday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
<b>6 May</b> Wednesday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
<b>7 May</b> Thursday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 5.00pm: RCIA 2026 “Mystagogia” 6.00pm: RCIA 2027
<b>8 May</b> Friday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Bethanie Elanora Villas 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - ‘Chat with the Chap’
<b>9 May</b> Saturday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> week of Easter	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-3pm: Sagalahan 2026 9am: Marian Procession 11am: Mass, After Marian Procession 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6.00pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
<b>10 May</b> SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.00am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.00am: Mass St. Patrick's Cathedral 10.00am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2.00pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6.00pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**MASS COLLECTIONS**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Week 43**

First Collection \$2,430.60

Sacrificial Giving \$2,906.60



## LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

**HOLY ROSARY.** You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6pm on Tuesdays 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 10pm.

## PARISH NEWS

**BAPTISM.** We pray for Elliot Anthony Gemignani who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027.** World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, Korea on 3-8 August 2027. The WYD theme is lifted from John 16:33 – “Take courage! I have overcome the world.” Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD will be presiding over the Mass.



“World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with Jesus Christ together with our Holy Father, celebrated about every three years in a different country. The

most recent WYD took place in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1st – 6th, 2023. The next World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, Korea, from August 3rd – 8th, 2027.

St. John Paul II understood that bringing together young people for an encounter such as WYD would capture the “joie de vivre” or “joy of living” of the youth. It becomes a reflection of the Holy Spirit moving through the ever-young Catholic Faith, and a glimpse of the universality of

the Church. In this way, young pilgrims come to see humanity as brothers and sisters, and inspires a deep desire to serve by committing their lives to Christ and His Church. WYD is open to all young people and centres around encounters with Christ in the sacraments, and millions of others who are also drawn to the heart of Jesus.” Quote source: <https://worldyouthday.com/about-wyd/>

**CONFIRMATION.** St. Joseph’s CPS will be having their Confirmation on Saturday, 23 May 6pm at the Vigil Mass while St. Mary’s CPS and the ASSP will be on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAUDATO SI' ACTION GOALS.

Join in the annual Peace Walk for Climate Justice on Tuesday 12 May 2026 8:30am - 11:30am from Wardandi Boodja, Koombana to St Augustine Worship and Community Centre, 119 Mangles Street.

This year we are focusing on the positive effects of peace on the world's climate. Prayers for peace and climate justice, morning tea. Approximate time for event is 3 hours. Approximate distance covered five and a half kilometers. (It's ok to drive if you can't walk that distance). Everyone is welcome to join us! For catering purposes, please let us know if you will be joining us at [office@bunburyuniting.church](mailto:office@bunburyuniting.church)



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL.**

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

**MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.**

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To



learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)

**KSC WA GALA DINNER 2026:** The 2026 Gala Dinner sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross (WA) is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral parish hall, with guest speaker, His Lordship, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, giving a post-dinner address. Register online at <https://go.kscwa.au/gala-dinner-22May26> Contact Laurie Sutherland for further information on 0488 966 400.

**WORLD MISSION ROSARY.** Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission Rosary. This beautiful tradition - created in 1951 by the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the United States - was born from his desire to pray for the whole world, especially for those living in poverty. Today, it continues the mission and spirit of the founder of Catholic Mission, Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Our special Rosary prayer sessions dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held through May: Dates: Monday to Friday, 1 May - 31 May Time: 12pm-1pm Location: Online via Teams – [Join here](#) Kindly let us know if you will be attending by 24<sup>th</sup> April by replying to this email [Fiona.ng@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Fiona.ng@catholicmission.org.au)



**Two IMPACTFUL Sessions! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events) April Session. Date: Thurs 30 April 2026 Time: 5pm–6:30pm AWST.

Honouring our Blessed Mother during the month of May

# FLORES DE MAYO 2026

Come and let us celebrate our feast day of the Mother of Jesus.



**FILIPINO MASS**  
3 May, Sunday, 12noon  
St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

- Holy Rosary at 11.30am
- Passing on the Crown
- Children to offer fresh flowers to Our Lady during Mass

**SAGALAHAN 2026**  
9 May, Saturday  
St Patrick's Cathedral Grounds

9am: Assembly for Procession  
10am: Procession  
11am: Holy Eucharist (English Mass)  
12noon: Shared Lunch at Parish Hall

- Holy Rosary during the procession
- Children to offer fresh flowers to Our Lady during Mass

**SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH**  
together with the Missionaries of Light and the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc.  
11 Money Street, Bunbury, Western Australia 6230  
For inquiries call the Parish Office at 9721 2141

**MAY: MONTH OF MARY.** As a parish, we continue to observe the tradition of honouring our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of Jesus, during this month of May. We give honour to our Blessed Mother for showing us the way to her Son, Jesus. In her loving humility, she only desires to lead us to experience the love that she herself continues to experience from the Son of God. During this month, we encourage you to pray the holy rosary daily. We also invite you to join the praying of the holy rosary held every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**SAGALAHAN 2026.** The Missionaries of Life and the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Inc. will be presenting to our parish community this month of May the Filipino tradition of honouring the Blessed Mother through the 'Sagalahan,' a traditional Filipino event particularly focused on giving witness to the beauty and virtues of our Blessed Mother through worship, parade and meal gathering. During the parade, women dress up like 'queens' reflecting on the Queenship of Mary. Little girls on the other hand dress up like angels and little boys dress up in Filipino traditional attire. 'Sagalahan' will be held this coming Saturday, 9 May. Please see the poster above.

**ANZAC DAY.** We are grateful to all those who attended our Holy Eucharist last Saturday, with Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD presiding over the Mass. We give thanks to the following for their special participation: David Norrish (ANZAC Requiem), Helen Brown (Ode), Brett Corkery (Reveille), Trinity Choir (their first time to sing at an Anzac Day Mass). Also, another beautiful ANZAC Day setup in the cloister by Helen Brown and Liz Lomax.

**ST. JOHN OF GOD CHAPEL MASS ORGANISER.** The parish is seeking a volunteer

who is able and willing to set up our every Thursday 11am Mass at St. John of God Bunbury Hospital. We thank Pauline Harling for her contribution during the past years. The parish will provide the necessary induction. Please contact the Parish Office if you think you are being called to this ministry.

**WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY.** Let us to continue to pray for the following who have received the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday during the 10am Mass: Farrah Peace Back, Lara Ray Back, Stevie Kate Back, Izabella Diamond Electra Berry, Lola Emerald Solstice Berry, Chiara Celentano, Dante Celentano, Lorenzo Celentano, Chanapak Jirajongwattana, Nattawat Wijidphan, Audrey Elizabeth Pallister, Holly Lorraine Pallister, Noah Alejandro Wilson. It was a beautiful and solemn occasion. Thank you for the support that their parents, families and godparents have shown. We look forward to their first communion in Term 4.



**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND.** We are calling all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) and Acolytes who bring holy communion to the sick and homebound (viaticum) to let the Parish Office know of your home visits. We have been advised that for Safeguarding reasons, our parish needs to have a parish registry for this type of ministry. For your information, we have a parish registry for people who have been administered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick by our Cathedral Priests. We seek your cooperation in this regard.

**ACOLYTES.** Let us pray for Ryan Mallaby, Miles Millan and John Lewis who have come forward to be trained as acolytes. They attended the Liturgical Ministers Formation Day in Busselton last 18 April and they'll be continuing their formation in the parish. All things being equal, we hope to institute them as Acolytes very soon.

**PRIESTS MOVEMENTS.** Fr Edcel Silva OSJ will be formally leaving the Cathedral Parish on Friday, 14 May, to assume his new role as Parish Administrator of Mt. Barker-Denmark Parish. Fr Jayan Johnson HGN will be formally leaving the Cathedral Parish on Monday, 18 May, to assume his new role as Associate Priest in the Busselton Parish. We will welcome the arrival of our new Associate Priest, Fr Nathan Barrie on Monday, 18 May. Farewell morning teas: 10 May Sunday after the 10am Mass for Fr Edcel; 17 May Sunday after the 10am Mass for Fr Jayan. We will organise a parish welcome for Fr Nathan sometime after his arrival. Fr Jayan will be away on 3-14 May as part of his long service leave.

**BETHANIE DALYELLUP.** We are grateful to Seminarian Chris De Freitas for agreeing to minister to Bathanie Dalyellup residents. We thank Deacon Ian Lewis for his ministry to them during the past months. Once a month, Seminarian Chris will be conducting Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion and pastoral visitations.



### 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>4 May</b> Monday	Monday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 14:5-18 Ps 113B:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
<b>5 May</b> Tuesday	Tuesday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 144:10-13, 21 Jn 14:27-31
<b>6 May</b> Wednesday	Wednesday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 121:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
<b>7 May</b> Thursday	Thursday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 95:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
<b>8 May</b> Friday	Friday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter <i>Anniversary of election of Pope Leo XIV, 2025</i>	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 56:8-12 Jn 15:12-17
<b>9 May</b> Saturday	Saturday of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Week of Easter	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 99:1-3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
<b>10 May</b> Sunday	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pet 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

## A Call to Serve as Synodal Conversation Facilitators

by Helen Brown, PPC Chairperson

The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to consider serving as facilitators for our upcoming Synodal Assembly Conversations. This is a ministry of listening and accompaniment, helping our parish walk together and discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. A training session will be held, and all resources will be provided by the Diocesan Synodal Team.

Facilitators do not need to provide answers or steer outcomes. Instead, create a prayerful and respectful space where all voices can be heard, with openness to silence, reflection, and shared discernment. This pastoral role supports communion, participation, and mission within our parish.

### Facilitators will ideally demonstrate:

- Deep, non-judgemental listening
- Comfort with prayer, silence, and discernment
- Gentle communication and group-guiding skills
- Pastoral sensitivity and emotional maturity
- Respect for Catholic identity and synodal dialogue

Please prayerfully consider this invitation to serve our parish at this important moment in our shared journey.

**A gentle reminder:** When Holy Communion is offered under both kinds, the **preferred way to receive the Precious Blood is by taking the chalice and drinking from it.** Intinction is not the preferred practice, as it increases the risk of the Precious Blood being mishandled and not accorded proper reverence. We thank parishioners for receiving Holy Communion prayerfully and respectfully, and for helping us honour the Eucharist with great care.

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## 250 years of the Presentation Sisters

By Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

This year is being marked by various gatherings and celebrations to recognise the founding of the Presentation Sisters in Ireland in 1775. The Order was begun by Nano Nagle to provide education for Catholic children.

**Nano Nagle** was born in County Cork around 1718 and educated in France. She came to live in Cork in the 1750s and was shocked by the deprivation and poverty that she encountered. In a bid to help the poor of Cork, she opened her very first school - in secret - with about 30 students. She gradually increased the number of schools and employed women to teach, while she attended all the schools to give Religious Education lessons.

**In 1775 Nano Nagle began the Presentation Order**, to ensure the work would continue. She died from tuberculosis just nine years later, at the age of 64. She has been honoured for her work in female education, and **in 2013 was declared venerable by Pope Francis**, recognising that she lived a life "heroic in virtue."

Today, **Nano Nagle Place in Cork city** is a popular museum commemorating her life and work. The complex of historic buildings includes the convent built by Nano for the Ursuline Order in 1771, conserved artefacts and historically accurate rooms to explore including 'Miss Nagle's Parlour.'

Nano's grave is also in the sisters' cemetery there.

The Presentation Sisters provided Catholic Education in the **Bunbury Diocese in Collie, Brunswick Junction, Mandurah and Boyup Brook.**



# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Care Coordinators' Workshop:** Friday, 15 May, 6-7pm, Parish Hall

**Volunteers' Workshop:** Sunday, Saturday, 16 May, 11am-12noon, Parish Hall

## Background

It is important that Coordinators have some form of training and formation as they are the first client contact. If Coordinators feel that they can confidently handle situations and make decisions, they will stay in the job longer and won't be as susceptible to burn-out or disenchantment.

The emphasis of "ordinary people doing ordinary tasks" gives the "ordinary person" confidence to volunteer and the fact that they choose their days, times and frequency of committal means that they don't feel tied down.

Coordinators and Volunteers are encouraged to attend training events organised by the Parish Outreach Committee to help them become more effective in their caring ministries.

The training of Coordinators and Volunteers is important to ensure services rendered are of the best quality and helpers are supported during their own development.

All training courses, workshops, conferences and on the job training should be designed in accordance with the best of modern educational theory and practice. It should be enlightened by the best practices in the delivery of support services.

## Content Training – Checklist

The following checklist highlights questions that people training Coordinators or Volunteers should consider when developing or evaluating course content.

- Is the spiritual basis of Catholic Outreach developed?
- Are issues of the real needs of the individual considered?
- Are issues about privacy and confidentiality explored?
- Is the importance of establishing open communication lines considered?
- Are listening skills developed?
- Are negotiation skills developed?
- Meeting format and standard prayer.

**St. Patrick's Care** is the Pastoral Care Program of St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Bunbury. The program is operated by parishioners who volunteer time to help others in **short term** need. St. Patrick's Care offers the following care programs to parishioners: **home visitation, transport, lawn mowing, emergency meals and grief accompaniment.**

**DO YOU WISH TO BECOME A ST. PATRICK'S CARE VOLUNTEER?** If you would like to join St. Patrick's Care as a volunteer, please pick up a commitment form in the Cathedral cloister and return it by dropping your completed form in the designated drop box in the Cathedral cloister, by leaving it at Parish Office, or simply by giving it to one of our Cathedral priests, Coordinators or Cathedral greeters.

Please note that all that we ask of you is to commit for one year. It will be up to you to decide whether to continue or not. The most important thing is that you are open and prepared to help fellow parishioners in their time of emergency or crisis.

**IF YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S CARE, PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AND REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH THE OVERALL COORDINATOR, SEMINARIAN CHRIS DE FREITAS.**

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### COLUMBARIUM



St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish offers the opportunity to parishioners for the remains of their loved ones - their families and relatives, or themselves - to be laid to rest in the limestone wall Columbarium situated around the eastern-end of the sacred grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral. For more information, collect a brochure from the Cathedral cloister or call the Parish Office at 9721 2141 during office hours.



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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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*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.



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Luke 1:37



**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>MASS HYMNS</b>	<b>Gathering</b>	<b>Offertory</b>	<b>Communion</b>	<b>Reflection</b>	<b>Mission</b>
<b>6pm Saturday</b>	BB 195	BB 4	Chant	BB 498	BB 461
<b>8am Sunday</b>	AOV1 80	AOV1 164	AOV1 126	AOV1 115	AOV1 158
<b>10am Sunday</b>	AOV1 80	-	-	-	-
<b>6pm Sunday</b>	AOV1 71	AOV2 155	AOV1 81	AOV1 26	AOV1 57
<b>SJOGH</b>	AOV1 71	AOV2 155	AOV1 81	AOV1 26	AOV1 57