

WELCOME TO ALL FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
23rd August 2026

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
Catholic Diocese of Bunbury
Bunbury, Western Australia

First Holy Communion:
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
After School Sacramental Program



“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 AUGUST

“Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Gibson and Francesco Italiano.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Kathleen Davidson and Tresslyn Smith whose funerals were held during the week. May their souls rest in peace.

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; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP). Let us pray for Stefan Zwickl as he celebrates his birthday on 23 August.

Prayer Requests: 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.



“WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

Jesus asks his disciples this question in today's Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
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.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.



Overcoming the Gates of Hell

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Saints Peter and Paul by Carlo Crivelli, 1470

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matthew 16:13–16

The symbolism associated with Caesarea Philippi is central to today’s Gospel. Located north of Jesus’ home base in Capernaum, it was a predominantly pagan city known for its shrines to false gods. One of the most prominent was Pan, after whom the region was named Panias (later Banias). Pan, a Greek god, was honoured at a shrine near a large cave and spring considered the entrance to Hades. Pan was the god of nature, shepherds, flocks, wild places, fertility, and rustic music, and was often depicted as half man, half goat, with horns and hooves. He played the pan flute and was associated with lust, chaos, and sudden fear—from which we get the word panic.

Additionally, the city was the site of a temple dedicated to the late emperor, Caesar Augustus, who was worshiped as a god throughout the Roman Empire. It was into this spiritually dark pagan setting that Jesus led His disciples—on what may have been a two-day journey—for what culminated in a single, monumental question.

Jesus took the Twelve away from the comfort of their familiar fishing village and Jewish neighbours for a reason. He wanted them to answer His question not in the midst of the familiar and safe, but in a place marked by spiritual confusion and idolatry. Why? So that faith could be professed even there, and divine grace could confront the darkness that permeated the region.

At first, He asked who the people said He was. They answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” But then He posed the question that reached the heart of His mission: “But who do you say that I am?” This was a moment of divine testing—one which Simon passed with profound faith: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus’ extraordinary and consequential response has enduring significance to this day. He declared:

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Matthew 16:17–19).

With these sacred words, Jesus founded His Church upon Peter, making him the first pope. In biblical tradition, a change of name signifies a new mission and identity. Simon, son of Jonah, was now to be called Peter—Petros in Greek and Cephas in Aramaic—meaning “rock.” Peter became the solid foundation upon which Christ’s Church would be built. No pagan power, false god, or earthly ruler would ever overcome what Christ established with divine authority.

Reflect today on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This is the pope’s first and most important duty—to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father, and trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi—a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ’s own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority.

My Lord, You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. With Simon, I profess this truth and place my faith in You, who established Simon, son of Jonah, as Peter—the rock and foundation of Your Church. I believe and profess that the gates of hell shall never prevail against the Church, not because of human strength or perfection, but because of Your eternal promise. I pray for our Holy Father, the pope, and for all his successors. Make them true and faithful witnesses to the confession first spoken by Saint Peter. 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: Trusting in God whose wisdom holds all things and whose love endures, we bring our needs to our God:

1. We pray for the Church: may all members continue to grow in faith, recognising Christ more deeply, and living with courage. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for leaders in the Church and the world: may authority be exercised with humility and care, serving the good of all. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for those seeking faith: may all who search for meaning and truth encounter Christ, and find a path of hope and belonging. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for those who have responsibility for others: may they show care, and be strengthened in wisdom, patience, and compassion. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for our community: may we respond to Jesus' question with honesty and trust, growing together in faith and love. We pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of wisdom and love, you reveal yourself to those who seek you. Hear these prayers and strengthen us in faith, in the name of Christ our Lord.

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 22 nd & 23 rd August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I Ryan M	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Jenny S Kath F	Wally C	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Pat G	Cathy Y	SJCPS Volunteer	Gobi M
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Pat G	Malena C	SJCPS Volunteer	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cora C Daria S Lesley S Robin W	Cathy R, Elaine T Helen B, Sophie L Marilou C, Rosina I	Stephen H Terri P
Children's Liturgy			CANCELLED	
Altar Servers			Sophia R & Gabriel R	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Couples for Christ	Mark J
Morning Tea		Margaret C & Connie B	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Volunteer	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 29 th & 30 th August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	Alfred L	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Verna H	David M
1 st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Greg D	SMCPS Volunteer	Terri P
2 nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Daria S	SMCPS Volunteer	<i>Reader Needed</i>
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Margaret C Peter C Cheryl N <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Helen B, Sophie L Marilou C, Nilda C Norrie P, Liz L	Pauline H Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			CANCELLED	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Caleb S, Elijah D, Leonce L	
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Craig F	Youth for Christ
Morning Tea			Cathy R	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	David M	Readers	Volunteer

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

24 August Monday St Bartholomew	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
25 August Tuesday St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
26 August Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 4), Parish Hall
27 August Thursday St Monica	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Yr 3 Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: Yr 1 Liturgy, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027
28 August Friday St Augustine	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:45am: Mass, Opal Bunbury Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap' (Cancelled)
29 August Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 12nn: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
30 August Sunday 22 nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Social Justice Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: First Holy Communion (SMCPS), St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 12nn: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 12:30pm: Syro Malabar Mass (Cancelled) 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS COLLECTIONS

16th August 2026 – Week 7

First Collection: \$ 1,997.65

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,890.71



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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please pray for all our young people who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, 23 August, during the 10am Mass. Our young people from St. Joseph's Catholic Primary



School and from our parish's After School Sacramental Program will be partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. We welcome their family, relations and friends to our celebration. Fr Nathan Barrie will be presiding over the Mass since he is the School Minister at St. Joseph's.

On the 30th of August, during the 10am Mass, it will be the turn of our young people from St. Mary's Catholic Primary who will receive their First Holy Communion.

Please check out our First Holy Communion display boards and pray for all our candidates.

BAPTISM. We pray for Christof Erickson Balasta and Riley James Wovodich who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

RITE OF INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming will be held on Sunday, 30 August, during the 6:00pm Mass. We warmly invite our parish community to pray for and support our RCIC candidates as they take this important step in their journey of faith. Please continue to pray for our young people as they journey towards and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in October.



ST. PATRICK'S CARE LAUNCH: Commissioning of Care Leaders and Volunteers. Please pray for all our St. Patrick's Care Leaders and Volunteers as they are commissioned on Sunday, 23 August, during the Sunday 8am Mass. The Commissioning signals the commencement of their ministry to our parishioners, a ministry to offer practical help during emergency situations. St. Patrick's Care offers the following practical help: transportation (from home to church), meals, home visits, lawn mowing and grief accompaniment. For assistance, please ring the Parish Office on 9721 2141 and speak with Seminarian Chris De Freitas.

HEALING MASS – SEPTEMBER. Please note that the Healing Mass scheduled for the 1st of September has been cancelled. Our Cathedral Priests will be joining the

Mass celebrated by Emeritus Bishop Gerard Holohan who will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Episcopacy on this day.



SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PRESENTATION SISTERS – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER – 10AM ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL. 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. There have been special celebrations around the world wherever the Presentation Sisters have ministered. On 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. Please come along and celebrate this occasion.

DIOCESAN NEWS

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY. Pregnancy Assistance is holding its annual football blanket raffle. Win yourself a handmade Eagles blanket or Dockers blanket. Tickets will be sold before and after each Mass this weekend. Only \$2 a ticket and all proceeds will be spent on essential toiletries for mothers and babies in need. Thank you for your support.”

EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL – COLOMBIA. Sharing an urgent appeal following the devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia on 10 August. The earthquake has caused widespread destruction, with

hundreds of lives lost and many families displaced or left without access to essential services. Salesian communities across the affected region are responding to the immediate needs of communities especially vulnerable children, young people and families. Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover. You can also find updates on our relief efforts via our website

<https://salesianmissionsaus.org.au/colombia-earthquake/>.

48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUQUET: In September we’ll come together in prayer in preparation for Our Lady’s birthday gift. The 48 HOURS will commence on Saturday 5th September at 6pm concluding Monday 7th September at 6pm with the Rosary being said continuously throughout the State during these hours. All are invited to take part in this event for Our Lady. Please see the notice board for more information.

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Our annual St Phoebe’s Day reflection and discussion will be held on Thursday 3rd September at the Spirituality Hub Kirup, See flyer for details or contact Deborah 0419939864. Zoom participation possible.

SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia’s only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join

Australians across the country supporting Palms’ work in the Asia-Pacific. 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

www.simplicityseptember.org.au



CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026.

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly



invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3–4 September 2026. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for \$20. Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA- PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON

BOSCO: We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

2026 KIRUP CAMINO. Registrations for the 2026 Kirup Camino are now open. Held on the 1st of October each year to launch World Mission Month, the Kirup Camino also celebrates the feast day of St Therese of the Child Jesus, patron saint of the missions. The 16km pilgrimage commences with a pilgrims' blessing at the Church of St Therese, in Balingup, and finishes with a pilgrims' mass, presided by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, at the Holy Family Church in Kirup. This year, the Church celebrates 100 years of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius 11th in 1926.



For more information, contact Shendelle Mullane, Catholic Mission Province Director for WA and Diocesan Director for Bunbury, on 0423 219 665. To register, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKPE>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – SUPPORTING THE PERSECUTED: HELP REBUILD A CATHEDRAL IN THE PHILIPPINES:



In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



A moment to believe. Join up and be part of the journey to Eucharist28.

Cf.: <https://eucharist28.org/>

**FREE HOT LUNCHES FOR THOSE
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:
now every Saturday starting in September**



In 2004, **St. Pat's Outreach** began serving free lunches to those who are experiencing homelessness every 1st Saturday of the month. In 2005, it began to serve free lunches every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. On its third year, the Parish Outreach will now be serving free lunches **every Saturday** from 10.30am – 12.30am, starting next month, September 5.

Our parish continues to commit to Christ's call: "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

As St. Pat's Outreach grows, we also need to grow our volunteer roster. You can assist by either cooking meals, providing street outreach, or by offering hospitality during the actual Saturday of serving free lunches. **A big thank you to all those who have already responded.**

Meals served are cooked by volunteers at their own homes. Recipe and ingredients are supplied by St. Pat's Outreach.

Volunteers are out on the streets on a regular basis to handout care packs and to check on those who are experiencing homeless.

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 such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorants, soaps, 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.

THANK YOU!



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

This week I have the joy of celebrating the First Holy Communion Masses for the children of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and those who have been preparing through our After School Sacramental Program.

Whenever I celebrate a First Holy Communion, I find myself remembering my own First Holy Communion. There is something special about seeing children dressed for this important day, gathered with their families, and knowing that they are about to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. It is a moment they may remember for many years, just as I remember my own.

Of course, First Holy Communion is not an ending, but a beginning. The invitation is to continue growing in friendship with Christ and to discover more deeply the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. Each time we come to Mass, we are drawn into the same mystery of Christ's love and His sacrifice for us.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate this important step in their journey of faith.

God bless us.

Seven days after the Solemnity of the Assumption, the Church celebrates Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Her queenship flows from her Assumption into heavenly glory and her unique participation in the mission of her Son, Jesus Christ, the King.

Mary is Queen not because she seeks power, but because she lived a life of humble love and faithful service. At the Annunciation, she surrendered herself to God's will: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." At Cana, she simply directed others to Jesus: "Do whatever he tells you." Her entire life points beyond herself to Christ.

Mary should also be the Queen of every family in our parish. When Mary is welcomed into our homes, she leads us closer to Jesus. She teaches parents to nurture faith, husbands and wives to love sacrificially, and children to respect, obey, and serve.

When the family prays the Holy Rosary together, our homes become places of forgiveness, peace, and love. I especially challenge fathers to truly embrace their role as the spiritual heads of their families by leading the recitation of the Holy Rosary. When you desire to make Mary the first Queen of your home and your wife the second, we can hope to build truly "holy families."





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.

24 August Monday	St Bartholomew, apostle	Rev 21:9-14 Ps 144:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
25 August Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 21 St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz, priest	2 Thess 2:1-3, 14-17 Ps 95:10-13 Mt 23:23-26
26 August Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 21	2 Thess 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 127:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
27 August Thursday	St Monica	1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 144:2-7 Mt 24:42-51
28 August Friday	St Augustine, bishop, doctor	1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
29 August Saturday	The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr	Jer 1:17-19 Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17 Mk 6:17-29
30 August Sunday	22 nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Social Justice Sunday	Jer 20:7-9 Ps 62:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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

Our Parish congratulates our young people from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and the After School Sacramental Program on receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. May this special day deepen your friendship with Jesus and fill your hearts with His love, peace, and blessings as you continue your faith journey. To all family, friends, teachers and catechists, thank you for walking alongside these young people as they experience God's love in the reception Holy Eucharist and deepen their relationship with him.

The PPC extends its deepest sympathies to the loved ones of members our faith community who were called home to their maker in recent weeks. Grant unto the eternal rest O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.

This weekend marks the end of commentaries at parish masses. We hope that parishioners will embrace this change, becoming responsible for welcoming and including all we encounter in the Church.

We continue to work towards an audio solution to meet the needs of parish and diocese. Please pray for a solution that is beneficial for all without placing significant financial burden on its people.

Nano Nagle and the Presentation Sisters – 250 years

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

This year is being marked by various gatherings and celebrations for the founding of the Presentation Sisters in Ireland in 1775.

Nano (full name, Honora) Nagle was born in County Cork in 1718, and was educated at home, at the local hedge school and in France. She returned to live in Cork in the 1750s and was shocked by the deprivation and poverty that she encountered. To help the poor of Cork, she opened her first school – in secret because of the Penal laws.

She gradually increased the number of schools, and employed women to teach the children, while she did the rounds of the schools to give religion lessons.

She went through various negotiations to bring a religious order to continue the work, but when the Ursulines came, they were unable to leave their convent grounds to teach in the little schools or visit the sick in their homes.

So, in 1775, Nano began the Presentation Order. The first name for the group was 'Sisters of the Charitable Instruction of the Sacred Heart of Jesus'. She had tried to be clear about the main aim of their work. They would teach so that children would grow up with the means of making a decent living, and would visit the sick poor in their homes. To do this evening work, Nano went about carrying a lantern to see the way.

This **lantern** has become an enduring symbol of the work of Presentation Sisters and Presentation schools.



**Do you have a desire
to grow in and share the
Catholic faith?**

**Is God calling you to serve
and you wish to respond?**

**Do you have the gift for caring
for our children?**

Our Parish is looking for parishioners who are willing
to be trained as **Parish Catechists** and **Children's Liturgy Assistants**.

Our Parish Catechists are involved with:

Children's Liturgy

held only during school term, held during the Sunday 10am Mass

Our Cathedral Parish is blessed to have many children participants to the Children's Liturgy every Sunday. Our Parish runs a Children's Liturgy to create a space for our youngest disciples to encounter God.

After School Sacramental Program (ASSP)

**preparing our young people to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation,
First Holy Communion, and Confirmation**

The Parish ASSP provides instruction to our primary school children as they prepare to receive the sacraments. Our parish catechists ensure that they are suitably prepared to receive the sacraments.

Children's Liturgy Assistants

assist at Children's Liturgy with the supervision of children.
Safeguarding procedures and parish guidelines require the presence
of at least two adults at every Children's Liturgy.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: Initial interview with the Dean of the Cathedral, Complete initial training or formation to be a Catechist, Working With Children Check, Safeguarding Induction Training

**PLEASE RING THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BEING A PARISH CATECHIST.**

We welcome **CARLA KAY** to our Parish Children's Liturgy Team.
Carla is Assistant Principal at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bunbury and actively serves the Leschenault Parish. Good News...she is offering her gifts to our parish community! Let us give thanks to God for her commitment to nurture our young children that they may have the opportunity to grow in their faith and understanding of God's Word.

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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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"For nothing will be impossible with God."

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 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 452	BB 67	CHANT	BB 176	BB 468
8am Sunday	AOV2 04	AOV 1 40	AOV1 81	AOV1 153	AOV1 16
10am Sunday	AOV1 124	AOV1 146	AOV1 81	-	AOV1 11
6pm Sunday	AOV1 47	AOV2 20	AOV1 110	AOV1 166	AOV1 11
SJOGH	AOV1 16	AOV1 115	AOV1 81	-	AOV1 71