

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Seafarers Sunday), A2
12th July 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 JULY

“Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us pray for all Seafarers during our Masses this weekend, including their families and relations. Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Chris Pereira, Andrew Stutore and Carl Trevaskis.

Eternal repose of the soul of: Angelo Carrabotta

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 and seasonal workers. Let us pray for all migrants and asylum seekers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for 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: Fr Roy Pereira, 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, Freya Dealino & Wade Godsell.

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.



“LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS”

Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!



Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.



The Generous Sower

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Christ teaching from Saint Peter's Boat on the Lake of Gennesaret by Herman Saftleven, 1667

“A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up...” Matthew 13:3–4

In today's Gospel, the Parable of the Sower is delivered from a boat, as Jesus addresses a large crowd along the shoreline. Jesus uses the natural acoustics of the water to carry His voice to the eager multitude who came to hear Him. Their earnestness offers us an opportunity for self-examination: Am I among that crowd, attentively listening as God speaks to me today? Do I go out of my way to seek, listen, and respond to the Word of God?

A parable is a method that both reveals and conceals. It reveals divine truth to those who are humble and receptive, and conceals that same truth from those whose hearts are closed. The truths of the Kingdom are not concepts that can be quickly grasped. They are divine mysteries that must enter the soul and be pondered and nourished. Only the spiritually docile can penetrate their depths and allow God's Word to transform their lives.

The Sower is Christ. The seed is the Word of God, and the soil represents the human heart, in all its various conditions of readiness and receptivity. Some souls await God's Word like freshly tilled, moist, and fertilized soil. As soon as the seed enters, it begins to grow rapidly—until fully grown and producing good fruit.

Other souls are less receptive. Like the path, some hearts are hardened, stubborn, refusing to receive divine truth. The Word is heard, but not truly received. The enemy snatches it away before it can penetrate.

Hearts that are like rocky ground are those who initially receive the Word with joy but lack perseverance. When trials come, they fall away. They may attend Mass, read Scripture, or begin with fervor, but without deep interior conversion rooted in prayer, they cannot endure the heat of testing.

The thorny heart is the divided heart, where the Word of God is mixed with anxieties, riches, and pleasures. The Gospel is heard—perhaps even cherished—but it is suffocated by worldly attachments, ambition, or fear. Earthly anxieties and the fascination of riches are thorns that smother the soul and prevent it from growing.

The good news is that God, the Divine Sower, is not passive. He sows the seed Himself—personally, directly, and abundantly. He is not like a remote monarch seated on a distant throne, waiting for us to come to Him. No—God always takes the initiative. He goes forth like the sower, casting His seed upon us even before we ask.

The seed comes to us in two essential ways: truth and grace. As truth, God's Word enlightens the intellect to know His eternal mysteries. As grace, God's Word strengthens the will to embrace and live those truths with faith and charity.

The Divine Sower sows lavishly. He casts the seed everywhere—on the path, among the rocks, amidst thorns, and upon rich earth. This is not careless, but the work of Divine Mercy. God desires that all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Even where the ground seems hardened, shallow, or choked with thorns, He still sows. He never ceases to speak, to reach out, to invite. He sows even in places we might deem hopeless—until the final moment, when the time for sowing is ended.

Reflect today on God's generous and continuous sowing in your soul. He never ceases speaking to you, calling to you, and planting His Word within you. How receptive are you? Which soil best describes your soul? It's never too late to respond in this life. God's Word can grow rapidly within us when our souls are fertile and receptive. Remove the rocks, cut down the thorns, and till the hardened path, so that the abundant seed will make its way into your heart.

Divine Sower, You ceaselessly send forth Your truth and grace to enlighten and strengthen us in the mission of building Your Kingdom. Please till the soil of my heart and make it fertile, so that Your Word may take root in me, growing and producing an abundance of good fruit. 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: God's love is sown generously in our hearts and in the world. Trusting in God's goodness and care, we bring our needs in prayer.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders of the Church: may they continue to sow the Word of God with wisdom and courage, helping all to grow in faith and holiness. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for all in leadership positions in our world: may they work to preserve and heal our natural world. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray, on this Seafarers Sunday, for all who work at sea: may our Church be a place of refuge and welcome. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for farmers, and all who work on, and care for, the land: may God bless their labour, as they work to provide food for all. We pray to the Lord.
5. 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 our Creator, hear these prayers we bring today, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



NEWLY INSTITUTED ACOLYTES. Congratulations to Ryan Mallaby (left, in white robe) and Miles Millan (right, in white robe) for having been instituted as acolytes during last Sunday's 10am Mass. We look forward to their ministry to our parish community. Ryan is joined by his wife, Anne, and children, Akemi and Theo. Miles is joined by his wife, Ralou. Ryan and Anne have been serving the parish through our parish outreach's free lunch for the homeless. Both are on the Parish Pastoral Council and are part of the Missionaries of Light. Miles and Ralou are heavily involved with the parish music ministry, the Missionaries of Light and Couples for Christ.



ACOLYTE. John Lewis (centre) formally began his acolyte ministry in the parish during last Sunday's 8am Mass. He was serving the Perth Archdiocese previously. He is currently being mentored by Mick Dixon (right). Both John and Michael are heavily involved with St. Vincent de Paul Society in Bunbury. Stefan Zwickl (left) assisted during Mass.

*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 11 th & 12 th July	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C	Sem Chris De Freitas	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Jenny S Kath F	Wally C	David M
Commentator	Pat G	Greg D	Liz L	Nan M
Reader	Pat G	Daria S	Nilda C	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Lesley S Margaret C Robin W Cheryl N	Elaine T Helen B Marilou C Norrie P	Nan M <i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays	
Altar Servers			Alfonsa Maria J, Leonce L, Aaron J	Matthew G, Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	Alma W	Voices of Hope	Melanie N
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Syro-Malabar & Indian Community	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 18 th & 19 th July	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Kim H	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Kerry H Margaret C	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentator	Brad S	Cathy Y	Helen B	Joan T
Reader	Brad S	Sr Christine	Norrie P	Gobi M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	<i>EMHC Needed</i> Daria S Cheryl N <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Cathy R Sophie L Norrie P Liz L	Gobi M <i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Jean Rose B, Josh Jacob B	
Music	Craig F	J&M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Max & Margaret 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!



The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”
Lumen gentium 11

13 July Monday St Henry	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
14 July Tuesday St Camillus de Lellis	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
15 July Wednesday St Bonaventure	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
16 July Thursday Our Lady of Mount Carmel	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027 – no gatherings during term break
17 July Friday Ordinary Time 15	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Wattle Hill
18 July Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 2pm: Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick’s Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
19 July Sunday 16 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 11:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 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
5th July 2026 – Week 1

First Collection \$ 2,150.90

Sacrificial Giving \$ 3,440.25



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 9pm.

PARISH NEWS

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING



Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service. Learn about the 2026 Josephite Companion Conference- "Seeds of Hope" and participate in a Conversation in the Spirit – What is God asking of Josephite Companions in the world today? At the Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct, 11 Money St, Bunbury, on 15 July at 9.30am for a 10am start. Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal. Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day. H. Brown 0478 783 990 or helenbrown.hb@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to Cathy Rechichi and Churchill Abrio for looking after our special morning last Sunday after the 10am. The morning tea was held to celebrate the institution of our new acolytes, Ryan Mallaby and Miles Millan. Thank you to those who attended the morning tea.

LOST & FOUND REMINDER BEFORE OUR WINTER CLEAN-UP. As part of our

upcoming winter clean-up, we kindly remind parishioners to check with the Cathedral Office if you have misplaced any personal belongings at the Cathedral. We have a number of lost and found items that have not yet been collected. If you believe you may have lost something, please feel free to approach us or drop by the office so we can check whether your item has been turned in and is waiting to be claimed. We encourage everyone to collect their belongings before our winter clean-up begins. Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our Cathedral tidy and organised.

RCIC – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE.

Please note the updated schedule for the RCIC First Holy Communion Program. The **Introduction Meeting**, originally planned for Wednesday, 22 July, has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 29 July, from 3.45pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Hall**. Following the Introduction Meeting, weekly classes will commence on Wednesday, 5 August, and will continue every Wednesday from 3.45pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Hall. The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming during the Sunday 10am Mass, 9 August. The revised class schedule will be published in the Parish News section of the Parish Bulletin. Please keep an eye for further updates.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Students from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, and the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP) will gather at the Cathedral for the Enrolment Mass on Sunday, 26 July at 10:00 am. This marks the formal beginning of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please note a correction to the previously published bulletin regarding the First Holy Communion dates. The corrected First Holy

Communion Mass dates are as follows: **St Joseph's CPS & ASSP: Sunday, 23 August at 10:00 am** and **St Mary's CPS: Sunday, 30 August at 10:00 am**. Please continue to keep all candidates in our prayers as they prepare to receive the Eucharist.

PLANT DONATIONS. We welcome plant donations, preferably native and/or hardy plants, for the gardens around the newly refurbished St. Joseph's House (old bishop's house). Please drop them off at the Parish Office or phone us and we'll collect them. Thank you in advance.



WINTER DONATIONS. We thank the community at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School for their donations of blankets and beanies which were delivered to the Parish Office by Carla Gellard (right) on behalf of the school and the Mission Mates. The donations were received by Maria Abante (left) and Ollen Matinez (centre) of the Parish Office. The donations were handed out at last Saturday's free lunch for the homeless.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FOR ASSEMBLY PARTICIPANTS. As the Cathedral Parish in Bunbury, we look forward to welcoming participants to the Diocesan General Assembly which will

take place on Saturday, the 1st of August 2026 at the Bunbury Catholic College. Close to 150 participants are expected to take part in the assembly. The concluding Eucharist will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.30pm.

Some participants from distant parishes are seeking accommodation in Bunbury. **We would like to assist by inviting parishioners who are willing to host them via billeting.**

Who are the participants? Participants will be parishioners endorsed by their Parish Priest to represent their parish to the Diocesan General Assembly. **What accommodation are they seeking?** A few parishioners from distant parishes have now registered for possible billeting. They will require accommodation either:

- Friday evening for Saturday's assembly which will start at 9am, or
- Saturday evening after the conclusion of the assembly which will finish by 3.30pm, or
- both Friday and Saturday evenings.

If you are able to assist, please phone the Parish Office at 08 9721 2141. Queries are welcome.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

CATHOLICS ENCOURAGED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES IN THE CENSUS

On August 11, Australia will hold its five-yearly national Census.

The Census of Population and Housing, conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), is a “comprehensive snapshot” that reveals the changing economic, social and cultural demographics of the nation. Religious identification is a basic variable used in socio-demographic research.

A question on a person’s religion has been included in all Australian Censuses, along with questions of country of birth and language spoken at home, because it is an important part of a person’s identity and an indicator of Australia’s cultural diversity.

Answering this question has always been optional. Despite this, it has had a high response rate (93% in 2021), with 5,075,910 people describing themselves as Catholic, or 20 per cent of the Australian population.

National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) director Trudy Dantis said data from the religion question was crucial to helping Catholic parishes, schools, dioceses and organisations understand their communities and plan for ministry and mission.

“Census data tells us a great deal about the demographics of self-identifying Catholics in particular regions, and for this reason, it is invaluable to pastoral planning,” Dr Dantis said.

“It is also an important aspect of planning for our Catholic organisations, since many Australians seek assistance from these institutions in times of personal crisis, and for services such as schools, health care facilities and welfare.”

The NCPR and its forerunners have been acquiring and analysing Census data from the ABS since the 1991 Census, making reports available to the Catholic community at national, diocesan and parish level (<https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-catholic-census-project/>)

Census data on religion does not reveal whether a person believes in God, goes to church, or even whether they are a member of a religious organisation, because it is not designed for this purpose.

In recent times, some groups in Australia have tried to encourage people not to identify with a religion unless they are actively practising, inviting them to tick the “No Religion” box instead. However, research shows that many non-practising Catholics continue to identify as Catholic because it remains an important part of who they are.

Dr Dantis encouraged all Catholics to tick the “Catholic” box this year, while noting that some may need to identify in a slightly different manner.

“While the religion question provides tick-box response categories for the major religious groups, the ABS also makes provision for counting members of religious groups with small populations. This option is extremely important for our Eastern Rite dioceses so that they can obtain more accurate demographic statistics about their own individual communities,” she said.

“Catholics from the Syro-Malabar, Chaldean, Ukrainian, Melkite and Maronite communities are therefore encouraged to choose the ‘Other’ option and write in the name of their religious group instead, for example, ‘*Ukrainian Catholic*’.

“This will ensure that they are counted correctly within their own community, rather than assuming them to be Latin Rite Catholics.”

Questions about Catholics in the Census can be directed to the National Centre for Pastoral Research by emailing ncpr@catholic.org.au.



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**

The goodness of God continues this week, in, through, and with, our Parish.

I have met with Fr Joeffrey, who leads our new Vocations Ministry, along with Fr Wayne and myself as co-leads, to begin planning for the future of vocations in our Diocese. Please pray for a renewed appreciation of firstly God's universal call to holiness for everyone, and the vocations of priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and marriage.

As I continue in the Prison Ministry, I am especially grateful that our Tuesday morning Cathedral Mass now includes a special prayer intention for those who are imprisoned: *"Almighty and merciful God, to whom alone the secrets of the heart lie open, who recognize the just and make righteous the guilty, hear our prayers for your servants held in prison, and grant that through patience and hope they may find relief in their affliction and soon return unhindered to their own."*

Finally, I participated in a Conversation in the Spirit at St Mary's School and witnessed another at our Cathedral as part of our preparation for the upcoming Diocesan Assembly. I continue to pray for listening ears, discerning hearts, and docile spirits, so that God's will be done through our Diocesan Assembly.

God bless us all.



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

In today's digital world, communication is essential in building a connected and informed Church. This was the message of Bishop George in his first Pastoral Letter on "Connectedness."

We at the Media and Communication Office of our diocese, we trying our best to maintain such connectedness. Our role focuses on telling the story of the Diocese highlighting parish celebrations, school activities, pastoral initiatives, and community outreach.

You are warmly invited to stay connected with the Diocese by following our official social media platforms: Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicDioceseofBunburyWA> and in our Instagram: [catholicdioceseofbunbury1954](https://www.instagram.com/catholicdioceseofbunbury1954)

We also invite you to read our diocesan publications:

The Grapevine – <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/e680f36945.html>

Fruit of the Vine – <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/297d5864a4.html>

Please scan the QR codes below (for The Grapevine and for The Fruit of the Vine)





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.

13 July Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 St Henry	Is 1:10-17 Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mt 10:34 – 11:1
14 July Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 St Camillus de Lellis, priest	Is 7:1-9 Ps 47:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
15 July Wednesday	St Bonaventure, bishop, doctor	Is 10:5-7, 13-16 Ps 93:5-10, 14-15 Mt 11:25-27
16 July Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Ps 101:13-21 Mt 11:28-30
17 July Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 15	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Is 38:10-12, 16 Mt 12:1-8
18 July Saturday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 15 Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary	Micah 2:1-5 Ps 9B:1-4, 7-8, 14 Mt 12:14-21
19 July Sunday	16 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

PPC Post by Helen Brown, PPC Chairperson

The Parish Pastoral Council extends its sincere gratitude to all parishioners for your continued generosity, commitment, and prayerful support in furthering the mission of the Church within our Bunbury Parish. Together, we are building a welcoming community of faith that responds to Christ's call to serve one another with hope, compassion, and love.

We offer a special and heartfelt thank you to the many volunteers and supporters of St Pat's Free Lunch. As the number of people seeking a warm, hearty meal, care packs, and the simple gift of connection with caring and friendly people continues to grow, your generosity is making a profound difference. We also acknowledge those involved in our Street Ministry, whose compassionate outreach is providing practical support and hope to those most in need beyond the fortnightly lunch.

The Diocesan Assembly Parish Summary Report has now been forwarded to Chancellor Kerrie Merritt. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Conversations in the Spirit. If you would like to receive a copy of the parish summary report, please email ppc.chair@bunburyparish.org.

St Bonaventure Theologian and leader by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

St Bonaventure was a leader of the Franciscans and made significant contributions to theology and philosophy. He was born in Tuscany, Italy about 1221 and joined the Franciscan *Order of Friars Minor* in 1243. He completed his studies in Paris, and while there, he became good friends with St Thomas Aquinas.

In 1257, St Bonaventure became the superior of the Friars Minor, after a time of huge expansion for the order. He worked to **preserve a spirit of unity** and calmed the threat of internal dissension that arose over differences in interpreting the message of St Francis of Assisi. He understood that the study of philosophy and theology did not oppose the call to poverty that was so central to Franciscan spirituality.

In order to present an authentic image of the life and teaching of their founder, he zealously collected documents about St Francis of Assisi and heard testimonies of those who had known him. From this information, he compiled a biography of the saint for the General Chapter of the Order in 1263. He also wrote numerous mystical and ascetical treatises.

He died on July 15, 1274, and was canonised in 1482 by Pope Sixtus IV. In a general audience in 2010, Pope Benedict recalled the great works of literature, art, philosophy and theology that were inspired by the Christian faith during the time of St Bonaventure. "He contributed to **harmony between faith and culture**, as a man of **action and contemplation**, of profound piety and prudent government," Pope Benedict said.

Taken from <https://catholicleader.com.au/life/faith/st-bonaventure-was-a-man-of-action-and-contemplation-who-led-franciscans-to-new-heights/>



Our Synodal Journey



What is God asking of us today?



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.

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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).

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HEARING AID LOOP The Cathedral has an active hearing aid loop. You may need to contact your hearing aid supplier to have your hearing aid adjusted to hear through the sound system in the Cathedral. The hearing aid loop operates within the first 8/9 pews and has very good range across the Cathedral. Sit in these pews to get the best reception.



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Luke 1:37



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

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MASS TIMES

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

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6pm Saturday	BB 10	BB 320	CHANT	BB 59	BB 468
8am Sunday	AOV2 3	AOV2 20	AOV1 6	AOV1 86	AOV1 176
10am Sunday	AOV1 16	AOV1 74	AOV1 164	AOV1 126	AOV1 158
6pm Sunday	AOV1 71	BB 509	AOV1 164	BB 445	AOV1 158
SJOGH	AOV1 57	AOV1 6	AOV2 20	AOV1 86	AOV1 176