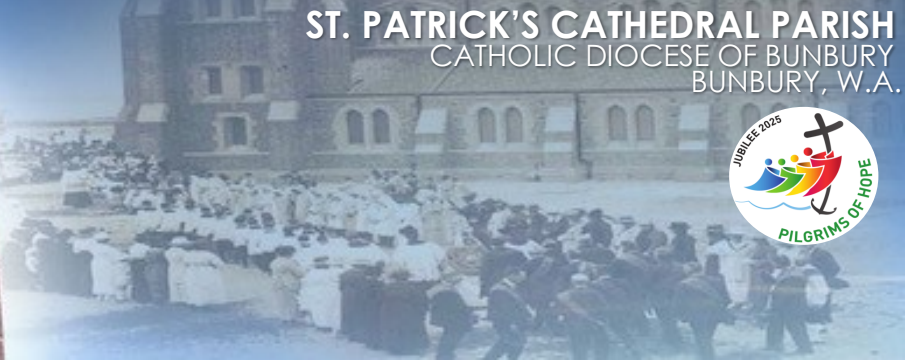


**First Sunday of Lent, C1**  
9th of March 2025

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH**  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY  
BUNBURY, W.A.



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL.

WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.\*

**READINGS AT MASS**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory,  
I will grant him length of days.

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me."

'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

☐ The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

**Second Reading**

Romans 10:8-13

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Scripture says: The word (that is the faith we proclaim) is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel**

Luke 4:1-13

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilder-

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# S A I N T P A T R I C K ' S C A T H E D R A L P A R I S H B U N B U R Y , W E S T E R N A U S T R A L I A

## 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 Bunbury 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 5.00pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6.00pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment  
**Baptism, Wedding, Funeral:** By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

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**Deacon:** Ian Lewis

## POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY INTENTION FOR 2025

## MARCH: FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



## ✠ PRAYER INTENTIONS: "OREMUS" ✠

**Personal Intentions:** Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, Lesley Amadio, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato & Maria Fe Repuyan, Stephanny Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Charlie Sawyer, Angele Haydar, Jackie Reid, Noah Forster & Yvonne Robb

**Eternal repose of the soul of:** Greg Kuleta whose funeral was held on Friday 7th March. May his soul rest in peace.

**Mass Intention(s):** Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Senando G. Libunao and Greg Kuleta.

**General Intentions:** Let us pray for peace in areas where there are armed conflicts, particularly in Gaza, Ukraine, Lebanon and Sudan. Let us pray for the homeless, the lonely, the underprivileged in our community, and those suffering in silence.

*(Please let the Parish Office know if you have any family member or relations whom you would like the Parish to pray for. We advise that their consent be sought prior to the publication of their names.)*

## PRAYER FOR BISHOP-ELECT GEORGE KOLODZIEJ SDS



Eternal God, our Shepherd and guide, we bless and thank you for the appointment of your servant, George Kolodziej, as the fifth Bishop of Bunbury.

May your Holy Spirit grace him with the gifts of wisdom and strength, gentleness and compassion, as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor and teacher.

As Bishop-elect George prepares to make his home among us, may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan community, now entrusted to his care and leadership.

May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Bunbury, through our work and prayer, together bear witness to Christ and the building up of your kingdom.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.**  
**St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.**  
**St. Patrick, pray for us.**

**Blessed Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan, pray for us.**



## 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.

To be a Parish that brings those who do not know Christ into a relationship with Him.



# MASS ROSTERS

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred — or sixty — or thirty-fold!



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Note: Please find someone to replace you if you are unable to do your roster. Please notify the Parish Office of the change. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND Sat 8th; Sun 9th Mar	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Shirley D	Pat G					Laudate Choir	
8am	Peter C	Kath F Margaret C	Kerry H	Malena C	Carmel F Robin W			Pilgrim's Choir	Cathy & Friends
10am	Joel G	Joe DÉS Wally C	Deric D	Nilda C	Joe DEs Rosina I Helen B Liz L	-	Sophie D R Caleb S Shelby C Dionne L Eleanor L Declan K	Diocesan Choir	Southwest Filipino Australian Assoc. Inc.
6pm	Joel G		Nan M				Matthew G Dean S Isaac P M	Melanie N	

<b>OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers:</b>	Lesley & Adrian S	<b>Readers:</b>	Chris L, Ethel N
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NEXT WEEKEND Sat 15th; Sun 16th Mar	Acolyte	Greeters	First Reader	Second Reader	Ext. Min. of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy	Altar Servers	Music	Morning Tea
Vigil Mass	Alfred L Terance O	Shirley D	Eugene D					Sim R	
8am	Kim H	Cherylynn F Robin W	Cathy Y	Daria S	Carmel F Lesley S			Joseline K	
10am	Acolyte Required	Joe DÉS Lynette A	Helen B	Norrie P	Nilda C Liz L	Catechist Required Janet M	Sophie D R Elijah D Abel R Abigail R	Trinity Choir	
6pm	Acolyte Required		Reader Required				Isaac P M	Laudate Choir	

<b>OCEAN STAR AGED CARE / SUNDAY 2PM</b>	<b>Pastoral Care Volunteers:</b>	Max & Margaret M	<b>Readers:</b>	Volunteer
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### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please fill out a 'new parishioner card' found in the Cathedral cloister and hand it back to our Mass greeters, to a Parish Pastoral Councilor or to our Cathedral priest. We'll contact you soon. Welcome to St. Patrick's!

### STEWARDSHIP CALLING

"Give and gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38)

Are you being called to any of our parish ministries? Please have a chat with one of our ministers or to our priests. We'd love to have you on board. We offer training and updating to our ministries.

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM

Thank you for financially supporting our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish by committing to donate a certain amount of money to the parish on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis. If you would like to be part of the program, please fill out a registration form available at the Cathedral cloister. Please check out this web link to register or to know more about our parish sacrificial planned giving programme: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>.

### MASS COLLECTIONS

2nd March 2025 - Week 35

First Collection: \$ 2,142.55 | Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,964.48

THANK YOU.

### our parish life this coming week



<b>10 March</b> Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
<b>11 March</b> Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Funeral, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
<b>12 March</b> Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Dardanup
<b>13 March</b> Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital Chapel 4:15pm: ASSP 2025 - First Reconciliation 5pm: RCIA 2026 6pm: RCIA 2025
<b>14 March</b> Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Ocean Star 11am: Mass, Elanora Villas
<b>15 March</b> Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm Mass, Dardanup
<b>16 March</b> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Parish Feast Day: St. Patrick's	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Dardanup 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital Bunbury 11:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 12:45pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

## LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

**ROSARY:** All are invited to come and pray the Rosary every Tuesday at 6pm in the Cathedral.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 9pm. All welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent starting this Friday the 7th March at 6.00pm in the Cathedral.

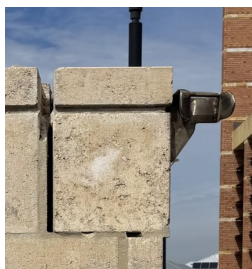
All are welcome to attend. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 9721 2141, option 2. Thank you and God Bless.

## PARISH NEWS

**CATHEDRAL PREPARATION:** Please be advised that the Cathedral will be closed following the 7am Mass on Tuesday the 18th March 2025 until 4pm the following day. This is to prepare for the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Elect George Kolodziej SDS. The Morning Mass due to be held at 7am on Wednesday 19th March will instead be celebrated at 6pm on this day. Thank you in advance for your kind understanding.

**BAPTISM:** We pray for Sonny & Dexter Gitzel, Charlie & Riley Vague and Blair Fiegert who will all be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**ST PARTICK'S DAY FEAST :** we invite you to come along to celebrate our Cathedral Parish's Feast Day next weekend on Sunday the 16th March. We will be having a Parish Morning Tea after the 10am Mass—please bring along a plate to share. Thank you for helping us to make this Feast Day special.



**LIMESTONE BLOCK REPAIR:** Is anyone able to assist in repairing the limestone block shown in photo. It has come loose as a result of the Money St

gate. We envisage that it will need to be joined by rods to the block below. If you have the skills to do this job, please contact the Parish office on 9721 2141. We can help with equipment hire/ cost of consumables. Thank you. Parish Finance Committee

**CATHEDRAL KEYS:** if you have a Cathedral/ Parish Hall key, and the reason for having that key no longer applies, could you please return it to the Parish Office. The security code for the Cathedral and Parish Hall alarms will soon be changed. Watch this space for information about how to obtain the new code.

**PARISH MORNING TEA:** please come and join us for morning tea this weekend after the 8am and 10am Sunday Masses.

**FRIENDS IN PRAYER:** group will meet on Friday 7th March from 4-5pm in the Cathedral Church Children's Liturgy Room (next to the lift) to commencing a Lenten Program. No booking required. All Welcome...come as you are. Enquiry: Ph 0408 236 310 or 0429 814 002

**CATHEDRAL RESTROOMS:** we are seeking volunteers to join our roster to help keep the Cathedral toilets functional and nice. We will be doing a roster for toilet cleaning so that parishioners can have the option of doing it only once a month, and whatever time suits them. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you

**CATHEDRAL CLEANING:** we would like to express a big thank you to the four additional helpers who generously gave their time on Tuesday to assist our regular volunteers with keeping the Cathedral beautiful and clean. Your help was truly appreciated.

**LENTEN PROGRAM:** the Lenten Program has arrived! Please see below invitation from groups who will be running the Lenten Program this year:

**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School:** You are invited to join St. Mary's Lenten Program this year. Gatherings will be held on Fridays at 1:30pm, commencing Friday the 7th of March. Copies of the Lenten Program will be available for purchase for \$5 at the first gathering. Please contact the school office to register your interest on 9726 7500.

**David Maguire:** is planning to run a Lenten Program on Tuesdays at 10am or 6pm. Please contact the Parish Office to register your interest. Thank you.

**PILGRIM'S CHOIR:** The '8am Choir', led by Frances Duce, has found its new name.

The choir is still open for membership. If you would like to join Pilgrim's Choir please contact the Parish Office.

**VINNIES BASKET:** Thank you to all parishioners who faithfully put nonperishable items in the basket. God bless you all.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**ORDINATION OF BISHOP GEORGE KOLODZIEJ SDS:** The Episcopal Ordination Installation Steering Committee (EOISC) is pleased to provide you with the following updates.

Invited representatives from all parishes and schools from across the diocese will gather with bishops (from around the country and overseas), clergy and other invited guests at the Episcopal Ordination Mass on the Feast of Saint Joseph, 19 March 2025 at 10.30am.

The Episcopal Ordination Mass will be livestreamed on the Bunbury Diocese' YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@CatholicDioceseofBunbury> from 9.30 am Wednesday, 19 March 2025.

As we draw nearer to the Ordination date your prayers and support are especially appreciated.

## GENERAL NEWS

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

**KIRUP SPIRITUALITY HUB: Quiet days** 3rd Tuesday and 1st Wednesday of each month: 9.30 – 2pm. **Living Rosary** part of 1st Wednesday Quiet Day (12.00pm – online and face2face). Please see the updated schedule on the Cathedral Notice Board for more details.

**GLOBAL MISSION: NO AGE LIMIT!** Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025

**Time:** 8 am – 9 am

**(02) 9560 5333**

[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)





**CLEANERS.** May I sincerely thank the number of parishioners who have either phoned the parish office or spoke to me after Mass last Sunday regarding volunteering for the cleaning of the toilets and the regular Cathedral cleaning. You will read elsewhere in this bulletin that there were 4 new volunteers who helped with the cleaning of the Cathedral last Tuesday. We are grateful to them. Alongside, we are presently inviting more people to volunteer as once-a-month cleaner to fill up the roster. We are in need of 2 or 3 more parishioners to have a roster of 4 volunteers (individual or group) to complete a monthly rostering. Please contact the Parish Office or speak to our Cathedral priests if you are willing to help.

**LENT.** The Season of Lent calls us to pray, to offer sacrifices, and to do good works. These are practical ways whereby we can make this solemn period truly a meaningful observance that is Christ-centered. What are some of the ways in which we can achieve this while supporting our parish initiatives?

**Pray.** Apart from going to a Vigil or Sunday Eucharist weekly, you may wish to consider attending the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday, 6pm, in the Cathedral. You may also wish to consider joining the **Rosary Group** which prays the holy rosary every Tuesday, 6pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Both these prayer opportunities allow us to meditate on the life-giving sacrifice of Christ on the cross for the sake of humanity. You may also consider offering some of your time for **adoration before the Blessed Sacrament**. Every Friday, we have a rostered adoration that starts from 9am and finishes by 9pm. There are plenty of time to walk into the chapel during the day and to pray to your heart's content before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sacrifice.** We think of 'giving up' something during Lent as a form of sacrifice. This stems from the very act of Christ who gave up his life in order that humanity may regain the promise of eternal life. One way of 'giving up' for Lent is by donating towards our **St. Patrick's Outreach**. Every first Saturday of the month, we offer free hot lunches to the homeless, the alone and lonely, to the less privileged members of our community. When you sacrifice a meal (fasting or to skip a meal) for the purpose of offering what is saved for the less privileged, it will certainly go a long, long way. Donating towards our outreach program also assists in the distribution of toiletries to the homeless. You may kindly wish to consider donating goods which you can leave in the donation box in the Cathedral cloister.

**Good works.** Look nowhere else to offer good works. Our Cathedral Parish is seriously in need of volunteer cleaners. Why not offer your time - 30 minutes or an hour - to help clean the Cathedral? This can be undertaken at your own time and your chosen day. Moreover, there are plenty of gaps in our Cathedral ministries. Would you consider being part of a choir, of being a catechist, one of our Cathedral florists, being a Cathedral cleaner, etc. There are plenty of opportunities to offer your good works within the confines of our home, our Cathedral Parish. Why not make these suggestions your Lenten good work for a start. Let God sort out what would be next! Start somewhere and the Lord will show you the way.

**RITE OF ELECTION (Enrolment of Names).** We welcome all RCIA catechumens and candidates to the Rite of Election this Sunday at the 10am Mass. This liturgical rite is called an election "because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election of God, in whose name the Church acts. The step is called the enrollment of names because a pledge of fidelity the candidates inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation (RCIA no. 119).

A **catechumen** is an unbaptised adult preparing for the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist. A **candidate** is someone who is already baptised and is seeking to be received into the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rite of Election "closes the period of the catechumenate...the lengthy period of formation of the catechumen's

minds and hearts." It also marks the beginning of the period of final, more intense preparation for the sacraments of initiation, during which the elect will be encouraged to follow Christ with greater generosity" (RCIA no. 118).

Our Cathedral Parish is blessed to have the following: Catechumens - **Natasha Ann Strohmman, Ella Kimberley Valois and Julie Nanette King**; Candidate - **Charity Tarisai Madzivire**.

The local bishop is the ordinary celebrant or presider of the Rite of Election. The Archbishop of Perth and our Apostolic Administrator, the Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe SDB DD, will be presiding over the Holy Eucharist.

There will be a special morning tea in the parish hall after Mass. All welcome.



**ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE, SDB DD.** On the 30th June 2023, Pope Francis formally announced the appointment of Archbishop Costelloe as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Bunbury following the resignation of Most Rev Gerard Holohan as Bishop of Bunbury. In his first Pastoral Letter as our Apostolic Administrator, His Grace wrote: "I promise you that I will do my best for and with you all."

Being the Principal Consecrator of Bishop-elect Fr George Kolodziej SDS on the 19th of March where Fr George will be ordained a bishop and installed as the fifth Bishop of Bunbury, Archbishop Costelloe will effectively end his appointment as our Apostolic Administrator. Upon his installation, Bishop George then will 'take possession of the diocese' which means that he will now assume the duties of the episcopate, that is the Office of the Bishop of Bunbury.

Archbishop Costelloe has been a humble servant of the Lord who, in spite of his many other ecclesial roles, has accepted the role of Apostolic Administrator. In fulfilling his 'role' and 'promise,' trusting God's people entrusted to his pastoral care was paramount. He empowered them by acknowledging their gifts and sought their wisdom in prudentially making decisions in the interest of the diocese. People warmed up to him easily because he does care to listen and value people. As we count the days till the episcopal ordination and canonical installation of Fr George, we reminisce with profound gratitude the 21 months of being blessed by His Grace's pastoral care. We are truly grateful for his leadership and for keeping our diocese hopeful for the eventual announcement of our new bishop.

Personally, I am grateful to Archbishop Costelloe for the trust he has placed upon me as his Delegate. It was humbling to have been appointed. When the Lord calls, he gives you whatever is necessary to fulfill the role. Certainly, that was my joyful experience. My role ceases when His Grace ceases to be our Apostolic Administrator. I will be signing off, too, gracefully!

**ST PARICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH FEAST DAY.** The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to hold the Sunday immediately prior to St. Patrick's Memorial Day (17 March) as our Parish Patronal Feast Day. This year, we will celebrate our feast day on Sunday 16 March. Special morning tea after the 10am Mass - please bring a plate to share. To make the event joyful, please come to the Mass with a touch of green or totally in green! Please mark this date on your calendar.

## PPC POST

by Helen Brown, Chairperson - Parish Pastoral Council

On Saturday, members of the Parish Pastoral Council spent the day in personal and collaborative discernment. Attendees were carefully led in this prayerful process by the members of the Pastoral Planning sub-committee. I thank Mrs Liz Lomax and Mr Dave Maguire for their leadership and commitment to formulating a Parish Planning document inspired by the Spirit, that will provide guidance and direction for the next 3-5 years. I also thank Father Pierre for his guidance and prayerful support in this process. His leadership is greatly appreciated.

Southwest Audio-Visual is currently working with the Parish Pastoral Council to design and implement an audiovisual solution for the Cathedral. We look forward to being able to share some progress with you soon.

The Parish Pastoral Council kindly asks that you refrain from bringing pets into the Cathedral to maintain a sacred, peaceful and respectful environment for all. Dedicated and certified support animals are always welcome. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

To help our air conditioning system work more effectively and keep the Cathedral comfortable for everyone, please ensure the doors are closed during services.

Please continue to keep the members of the Parish Pastoral Council in your prayers.

## 2025 JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER

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As Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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## FAITH EDUCATION CORNER

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

### 1st Sunday of Lent

The Church provides Lent as a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal and a fresh start.

In the **First Reading** today Moses speaks to the Israelites at the end of their forty years wandering in the desert, and he prepares them for their new life in the Promised Land. That is what the Lenten season is meant to do for us also.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus' three encounters with the Evil One connected to three key areas where Jesus was tempted to compromise his mission during his public life. He is tempted to change stones into bread and to jump from the top of the Temple. This tries to turn Jesus away from his **role as the Servant-Messiah**. The temptation to worship the devil who can give power and wealth, again tries to entice Jesus away from the **love and service of God and his creation**. Jesus shows himself totally faithful and trusting in God and thus qualified for his role as Messiah.

In the early centuries of the Church, Lent was seen as a time of beginning. It was—and is now—a time for **forming new converts**, preparing them for their formal entry into the Church community by Baptism and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

**Today** our catechumens enter the last six weeks of preparation for Baptism. Let us pray for them and be in solidarity with them during this time.

## QUOTES FROM THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS

by [dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net)

### Daily Quote from the Early Church Fathers:

*Jesus defeats Satan with the word of God*, by Ambrose of Milan (339-397 AD)

"So, look at the arms of Christ with which he conquered for you, not for himself. For he who showed that stones could, through his majesty, be changed into bread by the transformation into a different nature, teaches that you must do nothing at the devil's behalf nor for the purpose of manifesting virtue. At the same time, learn from the temptation itself the ingenious cunning of the devil. The devil tempts that he may test. He tests that he may tempt. In contrast, the Lord deceives that he may conquer. He conquers that he may deceive. For if he had changed nature, he would have betrayed its Creator. Thus he responded neutrally, saying, 'It is written, 'That man lives not by bread alone, but by every word of God.' You see what kind of arms he wields, to defend humanity, surrounded and protected against the inducements of appetite, against the assault of spiritual wickedness (Ephesians 6:12). For he does not wield power as God - for what good would that be to me? So, as man, he summons common help for himself, so that eager for the food of the divine Word, he neglects the body's hunger and obtains the nourishment of the heavenly Word. Eager for this, Moses did not desire bread (Exodus 24:18). Eager for this, Elijah did not feel the hunger of a long fast (1 Kings 19:4.) For he who follows the Word cannot desire earthly bread when he receives the essence of the heavenly Bread (John 6:32,50). There is no doubt that the divine surpasses the human, as the spiritual the physical. Therefore he who desires true life awaits that Bread which through its intangible substance strengthens human hearts (Psalm 103:17). At the same time, when he says, 'Man lives not by bread alone,' he shows that the man is tempted, that is, his acceptance of our flesh, not his divinity." (excerpt from the EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 4.19-20)

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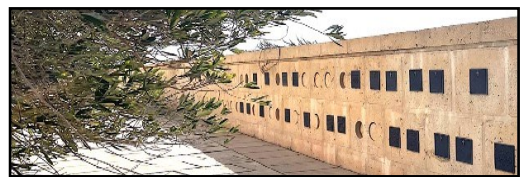
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ness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

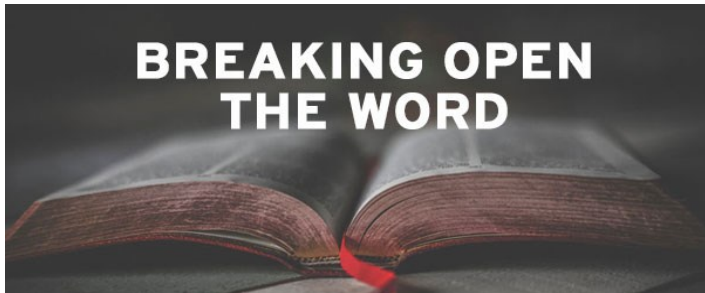
Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

□ The Gospel of the Lord.

**Communion Antiphon**

Mt 4: 4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



*“Going on the Offensive”*

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Luke 4:1-2*

If someone is attacked or feels threatened, it is common to be defensive. For example, if soldiers suddenly find themselves under attack from an enemy, they will most likely take up a defensive position. Similarly, when we feel personally attacked by another or are tempted by the devil, we will often try to defend ourselves. However, within the worlds of games, sports and military activity, there is a common adage that says, “the best defense is a good offense.” In other words, the best way to keep the opponent from winning is to go on the offensive rather than to sit back and take up a defensive position.

In many ways, this is what Jesus did when He entered the desert. He was aware that the evil one wanted to destroy Him. Therefore, when Jesus entered the desert for 40 days to pray and fast, He did so in a sort of offensive

attack upon the devil. Jesus’ temptations in the desert were not primarily difficulties He had to endure and resist. Rather, they were first and foremost ineffective attacks from the evil one, because Jesus had already embraced the opposite virtues.

What temptations and sins are among your greatest struggles? In what ways do you find yourself experiencing defeat? In what ways have you taken up a defensive position to try to overcome your struggles? Too often we approach temptations in the wrong way. We see them as attacks from the evil one that we must resist and defend ourselves against. And though that is true, it is not the full truth. The full truth is that the best way to overcome the struggles we face is to confront them directly in a vigorous and offensive way by choosing the opposite virtue. Consider the three temptations Jesus overcame in the desert: gluttony, vainglory and greed. Jesus’ entrance into the desert for those 40 days was the way by which He destroyed these temptations before they were even presented to Him. By voluntarily choosing to fast from food for those 40 days, Jesus rendered the temptation toward gluttony ineffective. By choosing the humility of entering into the solitude of the desert to be alone with His Father, Jesus robbed the temptation toward vainglory of its power. By choosing a life of poverty and simplicity, He overcame any temptation toward earthly wealth, even before it was offered to Him.

As we begin this forty-day Lenten journey, reflect, today, upon the sins and temptations in your life that need to be overcome. If you find yourself in an ongoing defensive position toward certain struggles, especially if you find yourself losing the battle at times, it’s time to change your strategy. Embrace the opposite virtue of the sins you are most tempted with this Lent. Embrace those virtues in an offensive manner. Choose kindness if you struggle with anger. Choose fasting if you struggle with gluttony. Choose generosity if you struggle with greed. Whatever your struggle, turn to the virtue you need the most and make it your focus this Lent so that you, too, will be well-prepared to reject the evil one and his lies when temptation comes your way.

*My tempted Lord, You resisted all temptation in Your life by choosing every good virtue and living them to perfection. Please help me to see the virtues I need the most right now and give me the strength I need to run toward them this Lent with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*



10 March Monday	Monday of the 1st Week of Lent	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 18:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
11 March Tuesday	Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent	Is 55:10-11 Ps 33:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15
12 March Wednesday	Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
13 March Thursday	Thursday of the 1st Week of Lent	Esther 4:17 Ps 137:1-3, 7-8 Mt 7:7-12
14 March Friday	Friday of the 1st Week of Lent	Ezek 18:21-28 Ps 129 Mt 5:20-26
15 March Saturday	Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent	Deut 26: 16-19 Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48
16 March Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28-36