### A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!



### "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.



#### **READINGS AT MASS**

GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR. John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan river was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power,

a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion feed together,
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

as the waters swell the sea.

faithfulness the belt about his hips.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

### R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

- 1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R.
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
   He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.
- For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak

and save the lives of the poor. R.

 May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.
 Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-9

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Romans

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of

vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out."

### Communion Antiphon

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### BREAK OPEN THE WORD

### "REPENTANCE - THE FOUNDATION OF HOLINESS"

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11–12

This passage comes just before Jesus is baptized and begins His public ministry. John the Baptist had been ministering in the desert of Judea, preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many came to him to be baptized with a baptism of repentance. But when John saw many scribes and Pharisees coming to him, he said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." The passage above is John's warning to them—and to us—about what will happen if we fail to repent.

At that time, when wheat was harvested, it was left to dry. Then, a winnowing fan was used to blow the wheat and chaff into the air. The lighter chaff would blow away, while the grains of wheat would fall to the ground to be gathered, milled into flour, and used for baking. John uses this familiar image to depict what Jesus will do with the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are like the grains of wheat that will be gathered and brought to Heaven. The wicked are like the chaff that, once separated from the righteous, will burn in the unquenchable fire of hell.

Though it is comforting to speak of the glories of Heaven and to anticipate being brought there by our Lord, it is necessary to also consider the reality of the unquenchable fires of hell. Pondering the reality of those unquenchable fires is something we should not neglect.

In his spiritual classic, The Spiritual Exercises, Saint Ignatius of Loyola presents a format for a thirty-day directed silent retreat, considered by many to be the ideal retreat experience. During the first week of that retreat, the retreatant focuses primarily upon mortal sin and its consequences—the unquenchable fires of hell. Why would Saint Ignatius begin his retreat this way? Because he understood that the foundation of our growth in union with God is repentance, and repentance requires an honest and thorough examination of sin and its consequences.

Reflect today on the unquenchable fires of hell, and allow yourself to foster a burning desire to flee from every sin that leads to that end. As we enter the second week of the penitential season of Advent, ponder this warning from Saint John the Baptist. Hear him speak those words directly to you. We must fear sin and avoid it, as much as we want to avoid the unquenchable fires of hell. Start with this foundational truth, so that having fostered deep repentance, you are ready to turn your heart and mind toward the glorious promise of Heaven.

Jesus, our Just Judge, You hold the winnowing fan in Your sacred hand and separate the righteous from the sinner. Please grant me the grace to see my sin clearly, so that I may humbly acknowledge it and turn from it with all my might. May I build this foundation of repentance during Advent, so that Christmas becomes an even greater time of union with You. Jesus, I trust in You.

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## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Personal Intentions: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato & Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcomde, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster & Jake Palandri and Sophie Phelan.

**Eternal Repose of the Soul:** Joan Paul whose funeral was held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Domenico Zoccali whose funeral will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. May their souls rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions:** Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Torreliza and Antonio Carlo "Tony" Cordi.

**General Intentions:** Let us pray for people who are experiencing homelessness, the lonely and the alone, the underprivileged in our community, and those suffering in silence due to domestic violence. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and seasonal workers. Let us pray for peace in our world.

Please let the Parish Office know if you have any family members 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.

### **2025 JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER**

As Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, 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.

THIS WEEKEND 6-7 December	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Kath F Margaret C	Joe DÉs Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	Reader Required	Malena C	Elaine T	Reader Required
Reader	Brad S	Sr Pauline	Sonia B	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	EMHC Required	Cheryl N Margaret C Carmel F	Cathy R Marilou C Rosina I	Terri P
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W Virge R	
Altar Servers			Sophie D R Shelby C Dionne L Declan K	Dean S
Music	Laudate Choir	Joseline K	Diocesan Choir	Music Required
Morning Tea				•

OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM Pastoral Care Volunteers Elaine G Readers Volunteer

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.

NEXT WEEKEND 13-14 December	Vigil /	Mass	8am		10am		6pm
Acolyte	Alfre	ed L	Peter C Melvin		lvin S	Joel G	
Greeters	Shirle	ey D	Jenny S Irene R Kerry H Wally C			David M	
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	Reader R	equired	Greg D Norrie P		Reader Required		
Reader	Pat	G	Reader Require	ed	I	iz L	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	ЕМНС В	equired	Cora C Lesley S <i>EMHC Require</i>			Terri P	
Children's Liturgy						nelle L ndall L	
Altar Servers	Sophie D R Caleb S Shelby C Dionne L Declan K		Matthew G Evan B				
Music	Laudate	Choir	Joseline K		Parish Choir		Melanie N
Morning Tea							
OCEAN STAR / SUN	DAY 2PM	Pastoral C	Care Volunteers	Lesley	y S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

<b>CLEANERS</b>	1st week	2 <sup>nd</sup> week	3 <sup>rd</sup> week	4th week	5 <sup>th</sup> week
Toilets	Ella V	Sally B	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
Cathedral	Group 1: 1st week, Fri 5pm Leaders: Bruddie P./Jhoe B.		•	week, Thu 6pm J./Veronica O.	Thank you!



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

Lumen gentium 11

8 December	Zam: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathodral
	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Monday	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
Solemnity of the	9am: St. Mary's Thanksgiving & Graduation Mass, St. Mary's Primary School
Immaculate	6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Conception of the Blessed Virgin	
Mary	
9 December	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Tuesday	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
lucsday	11am: Thanksgiving Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
10 December	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
Wednesday	11am: Catechists' Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
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	1:30pm: Yr 6 Graduation & Thanksgiving Liturgy, Our Lady of Lourdes PS
44 D	9am: Mass, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Dardanup
11 December	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Thursday	8:45am: Final Mass, Bunbury Catholic College
	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
	10am: End of Year Mass, St. Joseph Catholic Primary School
	11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel
	2pm: Liturgy, Dalyellup Bethany
	5pm: RCIA 2026
12 December	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Friday	7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College
	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
	11am: Mass, Elanora Villas
	12:41pm: "Chat with the Chap", Bunbury Catholic College
	3pm: Columbarium Interment, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	9am-9pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel
13 December	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Saturday	9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
-	10am: Closing of the Jubilee Year Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	2pm/3pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
	6pm: Vigil Mass, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dardanup
14 December	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
Sunday	8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
	9am: Mass, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dardanup
THIRD	10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
SUNDAY of	10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel
ADVENT	2pm: Mass, Ocean Star
VDAFIAI	6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS: 30th November 2025 - Week 22

First Collection \$ 2,476.00 Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,704.55

THANK YOU

# LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

**HOLY HOUR:** Join us to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every Tuesday at 6pm. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards. All are welcome.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** An invitation is extended to Parishioners to join our Relief Roster, or, you may want to join someone at a specific time either weekly, fortnightly or monthly. For more info contact Barbara 0409 585 889 Rosemary 0402 459 678. Due to Parish closure. the **Eucharist** Office Adoration's last day for 2025 will be on of December recommence on Friday, the 9th of January 2026.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** We pray for Asaiah Soriano and Sofia De Marte who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF).** We welcome back Evan Balkinson of the Cathedral Parish who attended the recently concluded ACYF in Melbourne from 30 November – 2 December together with around 50 youths from around the Diocese and around 6,000 participants from around Australia.

COMMISSIONING OF THE DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR (DLC). We welcome the DLC under the leadership of lan Mills. They will be commissioned by Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD during our Sunday's 10am Mass. The awarding of two music scholarships sponsored by the diocese will also take place during the Mass.

2025 ADVENT PROGRAM: Copies of this year's Advent Program are available in the Cathedral cloister. Parishioners are invited to partake in the program by either joining an existing parish group, by forming your own group, or to do it on your own or with family. Electronic copies are available by calling the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2026 CALENDARS: Columban & Josephite Calendars, Christmas Cards and small gifts are available for purchase from the Parish Office Piety Store between 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

#### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2026 (8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> January) Catholic Youth Camp Busselton: Children Aged 13 – 18 are invited to connect with us this summer. Join us for epic outdoor adventures, faith-focused talks and workshops, personal reflection and growth and community building. Please see the notice in the cloister for more information.

spirituality Hub Kirup. On Wed 3rd of December 10am to 2pm at the Spirituality Hub Kirup we will host a women's retreat "Advent-Waiting in Hope" led by Sr Pauline Dundon. On Tues 16th December we celebrate our end of year Mass and lunch after a reflection on Our Lady of Guadalupe and "Building a Culture of Life". See flyers for details or contact Deborah 0419939864.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

YOUTHCARE 2025: A huge thank you to the parishioners who supported YouthCARE this year - buying raffle tickets, attending our High Tea, and assisting in fundraising efforts. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of Bunbury's youth. With gratitude, Rita and Lib Piparo.

### ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY

Date	Advent Liturgies	Time
29 Nov; 6,13, 20 Dec	Reconciliation (1 <sup>st</sup> Rite)	5pm-5.40pm
5 Dec	Advent Twilight Retreat	5.30pm-8.30pm
15-23 Dec	9-Days Advent Novena Masses ('Simbang Gabi')	6pm

Date	Christmas Liturgies	Time	
24 Dec - Wednesday	Christmas Carols	6pm	
24 Dec - Wednesday	Christmas Vigil Mass	6.30pm	
24 Dec - Wednesday	ay Christmas Midnight Mass 9pm		
25 Dec - Thursday	Christmas Day Mass	8am, 10am	

### **CARMELITE MONASTERY, GELORUP**

Date	Liturgy	Time	
24 Dec - Wednesday	Christmas Midnight Mass	7pm	
25 Dec - Thursday	Christmas Day Mass	8.30am	

# ST JOHN OF GOD BUNBURY HOSPITAL DALYELLUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Date	Liturgy	Time
25 Dec - Thursday	Christmas Day Mass	10am

### The Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

cordially invites you

# JUBILEE OF HOPE

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE & CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

"Hope does not disappoint..." - Romans 5:5

### SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2025

### Pilgrimage Walk

**9 AM** - Hayward Street Carpark, Ocean Road, South Bunbury

### **Jubilee Mass**

10 AM - St Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

DEAN'S LIST



#### POPE RAISES AUSTRALIAN SISTER MARY GLOWREY TO VENERABLE

Australian-born sister, doctor and missionary in India Mary Glowrey, has had her cause for sainthood advanced by Pope Leo XIV, recognising her heroic virtues and becoming just the second Australian after St Mary Mackillop to be afforded the status of "Venerable".

Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey as she is now titled, was born in the Victorian town of Birregurra in 1887 and was an experienced doctor in Melbourne.

Inspired by a pamphlet about the life of Agnes McLaren, a pioneering Scottish missionary doctor, and the need for women doctors in India, she discerned the call to religious life. At 32, she travelled to India, joined the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph and took the religious name Mary of the Sacred Heart. She would dedicated 37 years of her life to the service of marginalised women and children in India, and would never return to her native Australia.

Drawing on her experience as a doctor, she provided direct medical care for hundreds of thousands of patients, and trained local women to be compounders (dispensers), midwives and nurses. She also founded what is now India's largest non-government healthcare network, the Catholic Health Association of India (CHAI).

"A proud daughter of Melbourne, Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey was a trailblazer — one of our early female doctors — before answering the call to serve in India," Archbishop of Melbourne, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said.

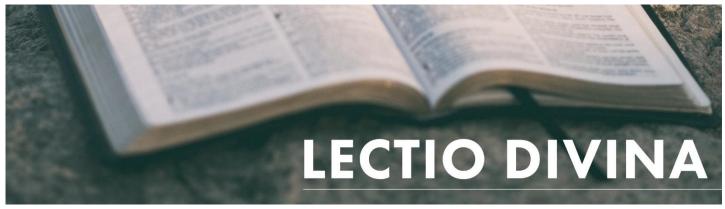
"Her healing hands, her compassion, and her bold spirit were a living sign of God's tenderness. May her example and intercession continue to inspire Aussies and people everywhere to live lives of service and holiness."

Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey passed away in 1957 in Bangalore. The cause for her canonisation was initiated in India by the Bishop of Guntur, where she spent much of her life. It continues to be supported by the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph, the religious society to which she belonged.

Pope Leo's decree marks the second major step in the formal process toward sainthood, signifying that the Church has officially found evidence of a life marked by extraordinary virtue. The next phase, beatification, will require the approval of a miracle attributed to her intercession.

Source: https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/pope-raises-mary-glowrey-to-venerable

LECTIO DIVINA



#### THE 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.

8 December Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
9 December Tuesday	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit	Is 40:1-11; Ps 95:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14
10 December Wednesday	Our Lady of Loreto	Is 40:25-31; Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>11 December</b> Thursday	St Damasus I, pope	Is 41:13-20; Ps 144:1, 9-13; Mt 11:11-15
<b>12 December</b> Friday	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
13 December Saturday	St Lucy, virgin, martyr	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:10-13
<b>14 December</b> Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT	Is 35:1-6, 10; Ps 145:6-10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### A season of anticipation

Advent is a little like Lent, but also quite different. There is a sense of both waiting and preparation, ideas that are both captured in the concept of anticipation.

Anticipation is not simply a feeling of waiting or expectation. It is a *doing*, even if it's a *slow* doing. The word *anticipation* comes from the Latin word *anticipare*, which means 'to take possession of beforehand' or 'take care of ahead of time'.

In the context of Advent, we can think of someone like Martha or Mary in the Gospel of Luke. Luke tells us, 'In the course of their journey he came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house' (10:38). How did Martha prepare her home for Jesus? Ahead of his arrival, how did she ready the home so that it was fit for a divine guest? From another gospel story, how did Zacchaeus prepare for Jesus' arrival? Or all the other people who found themselves with Jesus under their roof?

Those people who welcomed Jesus might not have fully understood the situation, but they sensed he was really significant.

So, what does anticipation mean in Advent: it means to actively prepare our home in the knowledge that Christ approaches.

As Jesus told Martha, he doesn't want us to be 'distracted' or to worry over many things (10:40–41). He wants us to discover the 'better part' of spending time with him, listening deeply to what he has to say.

Taken from <a href="https://melbournecatholic.org/news/advent-a-guide-for-the-perplexed">https://melbournecatholic.org/news/advent-a-guide-for-the-perplexed</a>

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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.



4 PARISH MATTERS

#### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome to St. Patrick's! 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 one of our Cathedral priests. We'll definitely contact you soon!

### **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 program: <a href="https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving">https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving</a>.

### DON'T HAVE CASH ON YOU FOR COLLECTIONS TODAY?

Using your mobile phone or computer simply go to <a href="www.bunburyparish.org">www.bunburyparish.org</a> or our Mobile App and Select "Online Offering." Thank you for your support.

### WE HAVE AN ELECTRONIC 'TAP' DEVICE FOR YOUR DONATION!

Our Cathedral has a "Donation Point Tap" located near the statue of St. Patrick in the Cathedral cloister. This electronic device allows you to donate to our parish by simply tapping your contactless enabled card, mobile or wearable to donate. Any parishioner may also conveniently use the device to fulfill their weekly financial contribution most especially when you have left your wallets or purses at home.



### HAVE YOU JOINED THE PARISH 'FLOCKNOTE'?

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### STEWARDSHIP CALLING

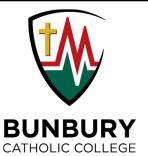
"Give and gifts will be given to you" (Luke 6:38) Are you being called to any of our parish ministries? Please have a chat with one of our ministers or to our Cathedral Priests. We'd love to have you on board. We offer training and updating to our ministries.

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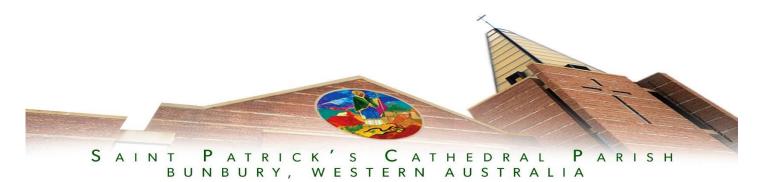


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#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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.

#### **PARISH DETAILS**

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#### **MASS TIMES**

Weekdays: 7.00am; Saturday: 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel

Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month St John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: 11am every Thursday

**Reconciliation**: Saturdays 5pm to 5.40pm prior to the 6pm Vigil Mass; or by appointment **Baptism, Wedding, Funeral**: By arrangement - please phone the Parish Office

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)**

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	BB 384	BB 516	Chant	BB 498	-
8am Sunday	BB 106	AOV2 003	-	AOV2 043	BB 418
10am Sunday					
6pm Sunday	AOV1 71	AOV1 158	AOV1 137	AOV2 62	AOV1 57