

A W A R M W E L C O M E T O A L L !

Third Sunday of Advent, A2
'Gaudete Sunday'
14 December 2025

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.



READINGS AT MASS

THE BLIND SEE AGAIN. Many of the Jewish people did not expect a Messiah like Jesus. Many wondered: 'Are you the one who is to come?' Jesus came not to exercise sovereignty and power over the people but to bring blessing to the poor and needy. Let us celebrate his birth this Christmas by being good news for the poor.

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,

the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St. James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the

Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

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“REJOICING IN THE CROSS”

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

Matthew 11:4–6



Suppose a priest came to your church to put on a parish mission, and during that mission he miraculously healed the blind, crippled, terminally ill, and deaf. What if he even raised the dead to life? How would you respond? Most likely with amazement! You’d contact everyone close to you and tell them about those miracles, encouraging them to attend the next session.

Though Jesus’ ministry was filled with miracles, they were far from the most important part of His mission. His miracles healed bodies that would eventually die, but His preaching healed souls that would live forever because His preaching ultimately pointed to His greatest work—to suffer and die for the salvation of souls.

If you were alive as Jesus walked the earth, performed miracles, preached the Good News, suffered death and rose again, which of His actions would have the

greatest effect on you? When we consider our Lord's mission, we must consider it all as one unified whole, not missing the most important aspects. From a faith perspective, Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are clearly His greatest acts. By freely embracing suffering and death, He transformed the worst into the best: the consequence of sin—which is death—into the instrument of eternal life. When Jesus said, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me," He was identifying those as blessed who discovered the great value of His Cross.

If we were to ask Jesus' first followers whether they would prefer to see Jesus perform miracles or suffer and die, most likely they would prefer the miracles. Such a question might have even left them confused. Why would anyone want to see a great prophet suffer and die? Yet, today, from a theological perspective, it is clear that Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection are the greatest acts in human history.

Imagine being our Blessed Mother who witnessed it all, stood by her Son as He endured His Cross, and rejoiced with Him when He rose. Unquestionably, if we asked our Blessed Mother whether she preferred to see a few miracles from her Son or to witness His perfect sacrifice that brought salvation to the world, her holy and sorrowful heart would choose the latter.

Reflect today on these questions within the context of your own life. When you pray, do you primarily ask for favors, blessings, or miracles? Or do you primarily pray for the Cross? Do you see greater value in having God remove some suffering from your life or in transforming your suffering by the power of His Cross? Ask for the grace to die with our Lord, to become a living sacrifice of love, and to have the strength to lay down your life for others. By choosing that which has eternal value, you choose the better part and will rejoice in that better part forever.

My sacrificial Lord, You invite me to take no offense at Your suffering and death; to see beyond the pain, blood, and physical death; and to discover the unfathomable riches of Your Sacrifice. Please give me the eyes of faith to see the value of not only accepting Your Cross, but also to see the value of living Your Passion in my own life by laying down my life with You. Jesus, I trust in You.



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.

Mass Intentions: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Maria Villacorta, Grace Chiappalone and Ellen Mercene.

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, 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.

STEWARDSHIP ROSTER

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| THIS WEEKEND 13-14 December | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Acolyte | Alfred L | Peter C | Melvin S | Joel G |
| Greeters | Shirley D | Jenny S Cherylynne F | Irene R Wally C | David M |
| Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful | <i>Reader Required</i> | Greg D | Norrie P | <i>Reader Required</i> |
| Reader | Pat G | Cathy Y | Liz L | Nan M |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | <i>EMHC Required</i> | Cora C Lesley S <i>EMHC Required</i> | Joe DÉS Nilda C Helen B | Terri P |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Ronelle L Kendall 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 / SUNDAY 2PM | Pastoral Care Volunteers | Lesley S | Readers | Chris L, Ethel N |

**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 20-21 December | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Acolyte | <i>Acolyte Required</i> | Kim H | <i>Acolyte Required</i> | Mark J |
| Greeters | Shirley D Ester L | Kath F Cherylynne F | Joe DÉS Lynette A Verna H | David M |
| Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful | <i>Reader Required</i> | Cathy Y | Nilda C | <i>Reader Required</i> |
| Reader | Brad S | Kerry H | Helen B | Joanie T |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | <i>EMHC Required</i> | Cheryl N Peter C <i>EMHC Required</i> | Marilou C Rosina I Cathy R | <i>EMHC Required</i> |
| Children's Liturgy | | | School Holidays | |
| Altar Servers | | | Sophie D R Elijah D Abel R Abigail R | Dean S |
| Music | Sim R | 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 | Ella V | Sally B | Julie K | Jan G | Shirley D |
| Cathedral | Group 1: 1 st week, Fri 5pm Leaders: Bruddie P./Jhoe 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

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| 15 December Monday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Simbang Gabi Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 16 December Tuesday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Simbang Gabi Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral – CANCELLED during December |
| 17 December Wednesday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:45am: Staff End of Year Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Dardanup 6pm: Simbang Gabi Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 18 December Thursday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 6pm: Simbang Gabi Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral |
| 19 December Friday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Year 10 Mass, Bunbury Catholic College, Chapel 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, Wattle Hill 12:00pm: Parish Office Closes for 2025 6pm: Simbang Gabi Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am-9pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chapel |
| 20 December Saturday | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass (Simbang Gabi), St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dardanup |
| 21 December Sunday FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Mass, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dardanup 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass (Simbang Gabi), St. Patrick's Cathedral |

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

MASS COLLECTIONS:

7th December 2025 - Week 23

First Collection \$ 1,960.90

Sacrificial Giving: \$ 3,299.82

T H A N K Y O U



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS AROUND THE PARISH

HOLY HOUR SUMMER SCHEDULE: The Tuesday Rosary prayer group will not be gathering for the remainder of December. In January, meeting at Koombana Bay Beach (down the west end of the café, near the sailing club). All are welcome to join us when we resume on **Tuesday 6th January 6pm**. BYO food and drinks. BBQ facilities are available.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION. Due to Parish Office closure, the Eucharist Adoration's last day for 2025 will be on the 19th of December and will recommence on Friday, the 9th of January 2026.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: We pray for Miguel Ignacio Le-Feuvre Teran and Lucie Margot De Robillard who will receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE: The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas and New Year period from 12pm, Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January. The Parish Office staff would like to wish everyone a safe and joyful Christmas and New Year!

9-DAYS NOVENA MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS (SIMBANG GABI): Everyone is invited to attend the 9-days of Novena Masses for Christmas from Monday, 15th December until Tuesday 23rd December. Holy Rosary is prayed at 5.30pm. Mass starts at 6pm. The tradition of holding novena Masses before Christmas is drawn from the Filipino tradition called "Simbang Gabi" meaning "Night Masses".

MUSIC MINISTRY FEEDBACK SURVEY.

Parish musicians and choristers are invited to take part in the Music Ministry Feedback Survey to assist the Parish with the formulation of a renewal program for our Music Ministry in the Cathedral Parish. Survey forms are available in the Cathedral cloister or ring the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND 2026

CALENDARS: We still have a small number of Columban & Josephite Calendars, Christmas Cards and Nativity books and gifts available at the Parish Piety Store. Located at the Parish Office Monday – Friday 9am – 3pm.

COME AND SEE MARY POPPINS: The Bunbury Catholic College production of 'Mary Poppins – The Broadway Musical' will run from February 26-28 in 2026 at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, starring many talented students in a stage show that has captivated generations. Ticket sales for our much anticipated production are available from bunburyentertainment.com or 1300 661 272. A supercalifragilisticexpialidocious experience is guaranteed!

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2026 (8th – 11th 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 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.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY

| Date | Advent Liturgies | Time |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 29 Nov; 6,13, 20 Dec | Reconciliation (1 st 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 | 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 |

ADVENT RECONCILIATION.

Cathedral Priests will be in both Confessionals during the Saturday regular Confession from 5pm till 5.40pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. We encourage you to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a way of preparing yourself for the Birth of Christ this coming Christmas.

ADVENT NOVENA MASSES will be celebrated from 15 December until 23 December 6pm in the Cathedral. At 5.30pm, the Holy Rosary will be prayed. The tradition of going to novena Masses for nine consecutive days is drawn from Filipino spirituality. Everyone is invited. After every Mass, there is dinner served in the Parish Hall. Dinner is sponsored and organised by parishioners, including members of the South West Filipino-Australian Association, Incorporated.

An invitation SIMBANG GABI 2025 at St. Patrick's Cathedral

9-Days Advent Novena Masses in Preparation for Christmas



'Simbang Gabi' is a Filipino tradition which involves attending 9-days of Novena Masses leading up to Christmas. The tradition provides the faithfuls to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

MASS SCHEDULE

15 - 23 December 2025, 6pm

Join the praying of the Holy Rosary at 5.30pm.

A sponsored meal takes place in the Parish Hall after each Novena Mass.
Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate. All welcome.



TWILIGHT ADVENT RETREAT. Parishioners gathered last Friday, 5 December, for our parish twilight Advent retreat which was held from 5.30pm-8.30pm in the Parish Hall. The twilight gathering started with a shared meal. Fr Pierre Repuyan, Dean of the Cathedral, led the retreat by inviting retreatants to pray over and reflect on the two Scripture texts on 'The Lord's Prayer.' Thank you to those who attended the retreat. Our gratitude to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising this important parish event. There will be a Twilight Lenten Retreat next year...watch out for it!



PPC END-OF-YEAR DINNER. Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) annually concludes the year with a dinner gathering. It is a way to celebrate their faith journey together as church leaders and to give thanks to God for the wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord in and through our Cathedral parish. Some of our Councilors didn't quite make it due to existing commitments. The PPC had dinner at the China City Garden Restaurant last Wednesday, 10 December, commencing at 6pm. Special guest was **Seminarian Chris de Freitas**, one of our seminarians studying for the priesthood at St. Charles Seminary at Guildford. He is from Pemberton. He is serving his pastoral placement in the Cathedral Parish during the Christmas break.



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.

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| 15 December Monday | Monday of 3 rd week of Advent | Num 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 21:23-27 |
| 16 December Tuesday | Tuesday of 3 rd week of Advent | Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 33:2-3, 6-7, 16, 18-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32 |
| 17 December Wednesday | Wednesday of 3 rd week of Advent | Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 71:1-4, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17 |
| 18 December Thursday | Thursday of 3 rd week of Advent | Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-24 |
| 19 December Friday | Friday of 3 rd week of Advent | Judges 13:2-7, 24-25; Ps 70:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25 |
| 20 December Saturday | Saturday of 3 rd week of Advent | Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 1:26-38 |
| 21 December Sunday | FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT | Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24 |

Rejoice Sunday

In the gospel today Jesus tells John the Baptist of the **signs of the kingdom** that are being worked through him, and praises John as more than a prophet.

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**, 'Gaudete' being the Latin word meaning **"rejoice."** The first word in today's entrance antiphon is "Rejoice" - taken from Philippians 4:4,5: **"Rejoice in the Lord always;** again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." You will usually see a pink candle in the Advent wreath for this Sunday. It is a joyful reminder of our salvation.

John the Baptist is now in prison. He wants to know if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus points to the miracles he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that **all of those who work for the Kingdom of God** will be as great as John and even greater.

The passage from the prophet Isaiah speaks of salvation being already mysteriously present to us, but **waiting to be fulfilled**. Salvation is already there in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. As we observe our world today, we can find **glimpses of God's work among us**. Even more, we help to **prepare the way for God's kingdom** by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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*Feel free to talk to any of these officers
about any Safeguarding queries or concerns that you may have.*

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



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

St. Patrick's 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.



This week our Parish Council gathered for our end-of-year meal, and it was a truly wonderful evening. It gave us the chance to slow down, share stories, and come to know one another more deeply. Moments like these remind us how blessed we are to serve together in this faith community.

Thank you to all who attended and to everyone who continues to support the life and mission of our parish. May the spirit of gratitude and fellowship carry us into the year ahead.

The Advent Retreat provided those who attended with the space for silence, reflection, and a deeper encounter with God. Thank you, Father Pierre, for your guidance and expertise in leading imaginative prayer.

The Bunbury Parish hosted the Diocesan Pilgrimage Walk and the Mass closing the Jubilee Year of Hope. It was an opportunity to come together from all parts of the Diocese, journey in solidarity and celebrate as the body of Christ. A truly blessed occasion.

Parish News

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA). Are you an adult interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? Were you baptised but have been away from the Church for a while? Do you need to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please phone us at Parish Office and we will assist you with your interest or queries about parish program. The RCIA 2026-27 will begin in February 2026. An inquiry evening will be held on Thursday, 29 January 2026, 6pm in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN (CIC) OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our Cathedral Parish will be running the program, Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age, commencing in February 2026. The parish CIC program is a sacramental preparation program for non-baptised children and baptised non-Catholic children of catechetical age. The catechetical age is around 7 years old. The Sacraments of Initiation involve Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also included in the sacramental program. If you wish to have your child or children go through the program, please fill out an enrolment form available in the Cathedral cloister or ring the Parish Office to request a copy. You may also phone the Parish Office to speak with Fr Pierre about your inquiries.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026. Enrolment forms will be made available in the coming weeks in the Cathedral cloister. Eligibility: First Reconciliation Year 3+, First Communion Year 4+, and Confirmation Year 6+. If your child or children missed out on their respective academic years for receiving the sacraments, please speak with Fr Pierre, Dean of the Cathedral, or speak with Ollen Martinez who is our sacramental program preparation specialist in the Parish Office.

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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 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 384 | BB 516 | Chant | BB 498 | Alma Redemptoris Mater |
| 8am Sunday | AOV1 174 | AOV2 43 | - | AOV2 101 | BB 183 |
| 10am Sunday | | | | | |
| 6pm Sunday | BB 462 | AOV1 55 | AOV2 20 | BB 106 | AOV2 123 |