

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
16th August 2026

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



"WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA."

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive.
To be a community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

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

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Antonio "Tony" Gianfrancesco, Ernest Fagan and Lesley Amadio.

Eternal Repose of the Soul of: Kathleen Davidson and Tresslyn Smith whose funerals will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 10am and Thursday 20th August at 1pm respectively here at St. Patrick's Cathedral. May their souls rest in peace.

General Intentions: Let us pray for peace in our world. Let us pray for the homeless, the underprivileged, those suffering in silence due to domestic violence, for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Let us pray for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: Lynette Amonini, Fr Roy Pereira, Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Freya Dealino, Wade Godsell and Adrian Seale.

Diocese: Let us pray that the fruits of the Diocesan General Assembly be well-received by parish communities across the Diocese of Bunbury.

We invite you to request prayers from our parish community for any of your family members, relations and friends and we will include them on our prayer list. Their consent, however, is required for publication.



“WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!”

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 83: 10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!



Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your Spirit.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord.**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Ps 129: 7

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



Divine Humiliation

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Christ and the Canaanite woman by Annibale Carracci, 1594-95

“It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Matthew 15:26–28

Imagine the Son of God referring to you as a dog. For most people, that would be deeply offensive. So why would Jesus do such a thing? He did so, in part, to draw forth from this woman an act of profound humility and faith. Through this moment of divine humiliation, Jesus invited her to rise to a heroic response, prompting Him to exclaim, “O woman, great is your faith!” He desires to do the same with each one of us.

When Jesus first encountered this woman, He saw into her soul and perceived the depth of her faith. As God, He knew everything about her—her suffering, her love for her daughter, her perseverance. He also knew He would heal the girl, yet He did not do so immediately. Instead, He engaged in what theology refers to as divine pedagogy—a method of instruction by which God teaches slowly, carefully, and with purpose. In this case, Jesus used the moment to teach His disciples—and us—a profound lesson about humility and unwavering faith. He tested her, and she passed the test marvellously.

The location of this encounter is also significant. It took place in the region of Tyre and Sidon, in modern-day Lebanon—a Gentile territory known for its Greek-speaking population and pagan customs. The woman is specifically identified as a Canaanite, evoking the memory of Israel’s ancient enemies. And yet, it is precisely this outsider—this woman of seemingly little spiritual privilege—who becomes a model of the faith the chosen people were meant to embody.

She first approaches Jesus, crying out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” By calling Him, “Son of David,” she reveals her belief in His messianic identity. But what does Jesus do? Nothing. He appears to ignore her—not because He is displeased or uncaring, but because He is testing her faith, knowing full well she will persevere and shine.

God often allows similar experiences in the lives of the faithful. It’s easy to assume that if we follow Christ, we will be shielded from difficulty. On the contrary, one of the most powerful ways God forms His saints is by allowing them to undergo trials. These trials, far from being signs of abandonment, are invitations to heroic virtue. They are divine tests. And God never permits more than we can endure by His grace.

If that seems confusing or difficult to accept, we need only look to the Son of God Himself. Though Jesus was perfect, it was the Father’s will that He endure the deepest depths of humiliation: rejection, persecution, suffering, and death. Through this ultimate “divine pedagogy,” the Son not only conquered sin and death but also taught us how to follow Him—by transforming our humiliation into humility, our weakness into strength, and our suffering into sanctification. In this way, God’s power is made perfect in our weakness (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9).

As the conversation with the woman unfolds, Jesus continues to appear distant, yet He knows she will not give up. Her faith and her love for her daughter drive her to persevere. She humbly persists through every trial, and in doing so, she wins grace—not only for herself and her daughter, but also for the disciples who witnessed the exchange and for all who read her story today.

Reflect today on the ways God may be inviting you to a deeper faith through silence, delay, or trial. Could He be calling you, like this woman, to heroic humility and steadfast trust? Embrace those moments of divine testing, for they are often the very means by which His greatest works of grace are accomplished—in you and through you.

Divine Teacher and Guide, You teach us through Your Word, Your actions, and even through Your silence. When You are silent in the midst of trials and tribulations, grant me the grace to persevere in faith, trusting that You will never abandon me. Help me to understand that every trial You permit is an invitation to deeper trust, so that Your grace and glory may be revealed in me, and through me, shine forth to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



ST. FRANCIS, PRAY FOR US.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Following the example of the woman in today's Gospel reading, we come with confidence to God with our needs:

1. We pray for all leaders of our Church, especially Pope Leo and Bishop George: may they listen to the Holy Spirit and continue to bring God's blessings to all. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders in our public and political spheres: may they see that their power is to serve all, especially the weak and lowly. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for the Church throughout the world: may Christians faithfully reflect the mercy of Christ, and welcome all. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who feel abandoned: may our communities discover the healing love of Christ, to help them in their need. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those in need in places of war and conflict: may the faith community be attentive to such needs and respond in loving action. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of mercy and compassion, you hear the prayers of all who call upon you in faith. Hear our prayers through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

THIS WEEKEND 15 th & 16 th August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Kim H	Melvin S	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Verna H	<i>Greeter Needed</i>
Commentator	Brad S	Charlotte S	Norrie P	Joan T
Reader	Brad S	Sr Christine	Deric D	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Margaret C Cheryl N Janelle N <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Cathy R Helen B Marilou C Liz L	Pauline H Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			Ralou M Ollen M	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Shelby C, Jean Rose B, Josh Jacob B, Abel R, Abigail R	
Music	Craig F	J&M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Max & Margaret M	Readers	Volunteer

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

CLEANERS	1st week	2nd week	3rd week	4th week	5th week
Toilets	A Parishioner	A Parishioner	Julie K	Jan G	Shirley D
Cathedral	Group 1: 1 st week, Fri 5pm Leaders: Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B.		Group 2: 3 rd week, Thu 6pm Leaders: John J./Veronica O.		Thank you!



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people. Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, legal and ethical standards in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated.

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

17 August Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
18 August Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:30pm: FHC Workshop, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
19 August Wednesday St John Eudes	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Funeral, St. Patrick's Cathedral 3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 3), Parish Hall
20 August Thursday St Bernard	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Yr 1 Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: Yr 2 Liturgy, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 1pm: Funeral, St. Patrick's Cathedral 4:15pm: ASSP First Holy Communion (Lesson 7), Parish Hall 4:15pm: ASSP Reconciliation Special Class 6pm: RCIA 2027
21 August Friday St Pius X	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 9:30am: St. Mary's CPS FHC Retreat, Cathedral & Parish Hall 10:30am: Mass, Wattle Hill 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
22 August Saturday The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10:45am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 12nn: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
23 August Sunday 21 st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME Anniversary of death of Most Rev. Peter Quinn, 2008	8am: Commissioning Mass for St. Patrick's Care, Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: First Holy Communion (SJGPS & ASSP), Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS COLLECTIONS

9th August 2026 – Week 6

First Collection \$ 2,577.25 | Sacrificial Giving \$ 7,059.45



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. You are all welcome to join the weekly praying of the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 6pm on Tuesdays in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Fellowship in the Parish Hall afterwards, all welcome to attend. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.



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

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM. We pray for Theo, Indie and Polly Higgins who will be received into the Church this weekend and receive the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism respectively.

RITE OF INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Congratulations to all our RCIC candidates who made their First Reconciliation on the 12th of August. Please continue to pray for our young people as they journey towards and prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in October. Please note that the RCIC calendar has been updated. The Rite of Acceptance has been rescheduled, and a new date will be published very soon. RCIC Candidates meet on a Wednesday from 3.45pm till 4.30pm in the Parish Hall.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY. Will be selling raffle tickets for their 'Footy Rug Raffle' after all Masses next weekend – Sat the 22nd & Sun the 23rd of August. Let us come together as a parish to support the wonderful work that Pregnancy Assistance does in our community!



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

Please pray for all our young people preparing and being prepared to receive their First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion dates: 23

August, 10am Mass – St. Joseph's CPS, After School Sacramental Program; 30 August, 10am Mass – St. Mary's CPS. Please check out our First Holy Communion display boards and pray for all our candidates.



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

DIOCESAN NEWS

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2026 – 2027.

Thank you! Representatives from across the Diocese gathered for our Diocesan Assembly which was held from the 31st of July to the 1st of August. The Assembly was called by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury to plan for the future.

To all representatives that participated in the Assembly - thank you for being part of our Synodal Journey so far. Thank you for your time, efforts, prayers and taking part in this new conversation. The Holy Spirit was truly present and moving with us, in us and between us during the Assembly. We hope you found it a fruitful experience.

The Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved and especially to those present over the three-day Diocesan Assembly. The DST will now enter a period of reflection, discernment and writing for the next phase of the Assembly – the second consultation. More information about the next phase of journey will be released soon. We encourage everyone to continue Conversations in the Spirit as the next stages of our synodal journey continues.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026.

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly



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

SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PRESENTATION SISTERS – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER – 10AM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. This year marks 250 years since the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Cork, Ireland, by Venerable Nano Nagle. There have been special celebrations

around the world wherever the Presentation Sisters have ministered. On Sunday 6 September Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the cathedral to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese, since 1902. Please come along and celebrate this occasion.

HEARTH - YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT A PLACE OF WARMTH, A PLACE OF CONSOLATION.

We invite young adults to take a step back from the “busyness” of the day to day. This retreat seeks to deepen the spirituality of young adults through talks, guided prayers and reflections, silent time, discussions, conversations and activities. All food and materials are provided in registration costs. Retreat will begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday. Please note retreatants must be present for the full duration of the retreat. Retreat is open to young adults +18. Registration closes 17th August 2026. Follow the link below to register and more information.

<https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/631859>

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



Bunbury, on 0423 219 665. To register, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKPE>

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Save the date for St Phoebe's Day which will be held on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at The Spirituality Hub at Church of the Holy Family (27 Capel St, Kirup) between 9.30 – midday. Refreshments provided. Attendance via Zoom is possible – contact Deborah further details 0419939864. Register via deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com

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

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



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

THE PHILIPPINES: In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of

violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific. 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567 www.simplicityseptember.org.au



A moment to believe. Join up and be part of the journey to Eucharist28. Cf.: <https://eucharist28.org/>

FREE LUNCH FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS: now every Saturday starting in September



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

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

As St. Pat's Outreach grows, we also need to grow our volunteer roster. You can assist by either cooking meals, providing street outreach, or by offering hospitality during the actual Saturday of serving free lunches.

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

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

IF YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.

MONETARY DONATION IS WELCOME BY USING THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:
**BSB: 086 006, Account #: 155314936, Account Name: Roman Catholic Bishop
– Bunbury Parish, Narration: OUTREACH**

DONATIONS for the **Care Packs** (toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorants, soaps, etc.) can be placed in the St. Pat's Outreach basket in the Cathedral cloister.

For more information, please contact Anne and Ryan Mallaby 0455 570 623.

THANK YOU!



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

Over the last five weeks I have had the joy of preparing a group of children for their First Reconciliation. Over the past few weeks, we have explored what sin is, why we need God's mercy, and the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I have been amazed by the understanding, thoughtfulness, and eagerness of these children. Their questions have often been insightful, and their willingness to learn has been a real joy. It is easy to underestimate how deeply children can understand the things of God when we take the time.

This coming week they will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to encounter the mercy of God in a very personal way. May they discover not simply a "first" Sacrament to be completed, but the beautiful truth that whenever we turn back to God, we are met by a Father who is ready to forgive, heal, and welcome us home.

As we pray for them, perhaps we adults can also remember the gift we have received in this Sacrament. Confession is not something we outgrow. We all need the mercy of God, and there is something beautiful about being able to come before Him honestly, receive His forgiveness, and begin again.

God bless us.



August 15, 2011, I professed the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Congregation of the Oblates of Saint Joseph. As I celebrate this 15th anniversary, I am reminded of the daily invitation to give myself more completely to God.

In **poverty**, Mary teaches me to depend on God and to recognise that everything I have is a gift. Her humble "Let it be done to me according to Your word" reminds me that true freedom comes when I place my life in God's hands. In **chastity**, Mary shows me the beauty of a heart completely given to God. Her life was a life of loving service, undivided, faithful, and generous. As a religious and priest, I am called to love not possessively, but with a heart that is available to God and to His people. In **obedience**, Mary is my model. She trusted God even when she did not understand everything. Her yes became the doorway through which Christ entered the world. Likewise, my obedience is a daily yes to God's will, expressed through the Church and through the mission entrusted to me.

On this anniversary, I renew my yes to God. Our Lady of Assumption, Mother of Priests, pray for me. Help me to remain faithful to my "yes" until the end.





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.

17 August Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 20	Ezek 24:15-24 Deut 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
18 August Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 20	Ezek 28:1-10 Deut 32:26-28, 30, 35-36 Mt 19:23-30
19 August Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 20 St John Eudes, priest	Ezek 34:1-11 Ps 22 Mt 20:1-16
20 August Thursday	St Bernard, abbot, doctor	Ezek 36:23-28 Ps 50:12-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
21 August Friday	St Pius X, pope	Ezek 37:1-14 Ps 106:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
22 August Saturday	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ezek 43:1-7 Ps 84:9-14 Mt 23:1-12
23 August Sunday	21 st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME <i>Anniversary of the death of Most Rev. Peter Quinn, 2008</i>	Is 22:19-23 Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Commentary Prior to Mass

by Helen Brown, Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) heeded the call from parishioners to think about creative ways in which we, as a parish, can have a joyful and welcoming parish celebration of the Eucharist. Almost a year ago, the Mass Commentary was introduced prior to each Mass on an experimental basis with the hope that it will create a welcoming and joyful space as parishioners prepare for Mass. Since its inception, PPC has been receiving feedback from parishioners and we thank all of them for their support.

In keeping with the PPC's commitment to review the efficacy of commentary as a means of welcoming the People of God to the Eucharist and deepening our understanding of the Word of God, **we have prayerfully discerned that commentary will no longer be provided prior to each Mass.** This decision follows the consideration of feedback received from parishioners, prayerful deliberation and careful listening to the views shared around the table.

The change will take effect from the weekend of 22/23 August. The PPC looks forward to strengthening the ministries of greeting, hospitality and formation, so that together we may continue to grow as an inclusive, welcoming and joyful Church, where all are encouraged to participate fully in the celebration of the Eucharist and in the life of our parish.

Celebrations this week

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

This week is a **typical week in Ordinary Time** – an Optional memorial saint (not well known in our region), two **Memorials** of saints – **St Bernard** and **St Pius X**, and one Memorial for the Blessed Virgin Mary – the **Queenship of Mary**.

Bernard was born in 1090 at Fontaine, in France, and at the age of 22, entered the monastery at Citeaux (in Latin, Cistercium – from where we get the name Cistercians). A number of his friends and relatives also entered religious life. For Bernard, the monastic life involved work, contemplation, and prayer; and it can revolve around Jesus and Mary. Christ is all: and Mary, St Bernard writes, leads us to Jesus.

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the **frequent reception of Holy Communion**, especially by children, and the **active participation** of the faithful in the liturgy. He was born Joseph Sarto, the second of 10 children in a poor Italian family in 1835, and was always very mindful of his humble origins. He became Pope at age 68. He encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. Among his works, St Pius X denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, he sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

The **Queenship of Mary** is a Marian title connected to the belief that, after her Assumption, Mary was crowned Queen of Heaven. This feast is observed as a Memorial on the octave (eighth day) of the Solemnity of the Assumption.

**Do you have a desire to grow in and share the Catholic faith?
Is God calling you to serve and you wish to respond?
Do you have the gift in caring for children?**



Our Parish is looking for parishioners who are willing to be trained as Parish Catechists.

Our Parish Catechists are involved with:

Children's Liturgy

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

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

After School Sacramental Program (ASSP)

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

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

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

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

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ST. PAT'S OUTREACH

offers some practical support and accompaniment to members of our wider community particularly to those who are experiencing homelessness. We commit to following the example of Jesus Christ who reminds us that: "Whatever you did to one of the least sisters and brothers of mine, you did it also to be" (Matthew 25:40).

WE ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR OUR CARE PACKS WE GIVE TO THE HOMELESS. Kindly leave your donations in the basket found in the Cathedral cloister: e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information, please contact **Anne & Ryan Mallaby – 0455 570 623.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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



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



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Luke 1:37



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

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MASS TIMES

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

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	AOV1 71	AOV2 155	AOV1 185	AOV1 164	AOV2 59
8am Sunday	BB 30	BB 28	AOV1 49	AOV1 76	BB 159
10am Sunday	AOV1 71	AOV1 06	AOV1 129	AOV2 31	AOV1 182
6pm Sunday	BB 456	BB 365	CHANT	BB 498	BB 468
SJOGH	AOV1 151	AOV1 164	AOV1 185	AOV1 40	AOV1 188