

WELCOME TO ALL CATECHUMENS AND CANDIDATES FROM ACROSS THE DIOCESE

1st Sunday of Lent, A2
22 February 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 FEBRUARY



“Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.”

Mass Intention: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Gavino Sr & Gavino Jr Generalao, Rosa DeMarte, Joe (Giuseppe) & Grace (Grazia) Mustica.

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

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our RCIA 2026 Catechumens and Candidates; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: 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 Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster & Jake Palandri, Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez, Monica Alcock and Freya Dealino.

Diocese: Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan General Assembly to be held on the 1st of August 2026.

*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.*

‘A TIME OF PREPARATION’

The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus’ time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Ps 90:15-16

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

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?’ The woman answered the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, “You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

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

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the

good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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 was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

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

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4:4

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

Battling the Temper this Lent

First Sunday of Lent (Year A)



The Temptation of Christ (1481-1482) by Sandro Botticelli

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread.” Matthew 4:1–3

In His great humility and compassion for us, Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God, allowed Himself to endure something that we sinful human beings encounter every day—temptation. God’s glorious plan from the beginning included the creation of both humans and pure spirits—angels—to form one glorious Kingdom of God. Original Sin, the fall of the angels, and our struggle against temptation were not part of God’s original intention, but they became realities due to the misuse of free will, both by angels and by humans. Free will was necessary for both angels and humans to love God freely, which led to a third of the angels and many humans turning away from Him.

Theologians such as Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Augustine offer profound insights into God’s original plan for His Kingdom. In that plan, angels were believed to have been tasked with assisting humans in their journey toward perfection through enlightenment and contemplation. Some choirs of angels were tasked with the governance of the cosmos, guiding the physical world in harmony with God’s will.

Tragically, the fall of a third of the angels, along with the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has resulted in a world filled with struggle and sin. The fallen angels—now demons—use their natural gifts to deceive, confuse, and tempt. Those who were once responsible for guiding the cosmos now seek to sow chaos, contributing to the existence of natural disasters, disease, and death. While Catholic angelology is speculative, based on a limited amount of biblical revelation, it is important to recognize the role of angels and demons as we enter this sacred season of Lent.

Today's Gospel focuses on the activity of the most powerful fallen angel—satan, originally named Lucifer, meaning "Light-Bearer." Tradition holds that he was among the highest of the angels, possibly a Seraphim. According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, Lucifer's fall resulted from pride: He desired to be a god unto himself, to create and govern according to his own will, refusing to serve God. This cosmic reality, of which both Jesus and satan were fully aware, sets the stage for and adds profound significance to their encounter in the desert.

In this dramatic confrontation, Jesus, by allowing Himself to be tempted, begins the ultimate defeat of satan, a victory that will culminate in Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is the only recorded instance in which Jesus permits satan to tempt Him directly. While satan remained active throughout Jesus' ministry, seeking to disrupt His mission, this moment in the desert addresses temptation specifically. By rejecting each temptation, Jesus not only demonstrates how to overcome the devil but also empowers humanity with the grace needed to resist temptation through His triumph on the Cross.

As we enter into the first full week of Lent, reflect today on the temptations you face in your own life. Though satan is powerful and highly intelligent, he is no match for the grace of God. By uniting ourselves to Christ, we are strengthened to resist all that satan and his demons throw at us. Victory over temptation is not achieved by our own strength but through Christ's grace, which He freely offers to all who turn to Him.

My victorious Lord, You faced satan with courage, the once-beautiful angel who fell from grace through pride and envy. Now he seeks to destroy those whom You love. Give me Your strength and courage this Lent as I confront my own temptations, so that united with You, I may share in Your victory. 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.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection
of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.



Pentecost, c.1545, Titian

1st Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: On this first Sunday of Lent, we turn to God and offer our needs in prayer.

Petitions

1. We pray for the leaders of the Church, especially Pope Leo and Bishop George, and our priests: may the Holy Spirit renew, strengthen and protect them on their journey. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for leaders in our world: may they lead with justice and truth, and resist temptations of wealth, power and control. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for places where the evil of injustice causes suffering and fear: may the Holy Spirit move hearts to efforts for peace. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all of us as we begin this season of Lent: through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, may we grow in faith. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for RCIA candidates and catechumens on their journey: may they be filled with the light of God's love during this Lenten season. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who grieve: may they deepen their trust in God. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, we thank you for strength against temptation.
We ask this through the Holy Spirit in the name of 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 21 st & 22 nd February	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	Joel G	David M
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Kath F Cherylynne F	Wally C	Required
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful	Required	Malena C	Nilda C	Terri P
Reader	Pat G	Sr Pauline	Liz D	Gobi M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	EMHC Required	Daria S Cheryl N	Helen B Elaine T Liz L	Terri P
Children's Liturgy			Melissa M Jean G	
Altar Servers			Matthew G, Shelby C, Caleb S, Dean S, Elijah D, Sophia R, Jayden S, Evan B, Tiger J, Lion J	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	Mark J
Morning Tea		Margaret C & Connie B	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Pauline H	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 28 th Feb & 1 st March	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Cathy Y Kerry H	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful		Kerry H	Liz L	
Reader	Brad S	Daria S	Elaine T	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion		Cheryl C Cora C	Cathy R Marilou C Nilda C	
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W & Virge R	
Altar Servers			Shelby C, Matthew G, Caleb S, Dean S, Elijah D, Sophia R, Jayden S, Evan B, Tiger J, Lion J	
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Diocesan Liturgical Choir	Music Required
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	David M	Readers	Volunteer

CLEANERS	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Toilets	Required	Sally B	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!

STEWARDSHIP

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

Lumen gentium 11

23 February Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
24 February Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
25 February	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 3, Parish Hall
26 February Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 4.15pm: ASSP 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 3, Parish Hall 5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall
27 February Friday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, Opal Gardens 5.30pm: Twilight Lenten Retreat, St. Patrick's Parish Hall 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel
28 February Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
1 March Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel 12noon: Filipino Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

15th February 2026 – Week 33

First Collection: **\$3,012.45**

Sacrificial Giving: **\$3,180.61**

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY. The Rosary, which has been temporarily held at Koombana Bay during January, has resumed back at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 17th February. All are welcome to join us at 6pm on Tuesdays. For more information contact Rosemary 0402 459 678.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every **Friday** from **9am to 10pm**. If you wish to be rostered, please contact Barbara 0409 585 889.

LENTEN PROGRAM. *Connected in Christ, Walking together as One.* The 2026 Diocesan Lenten Program is now available in the Cathedral cloister. Please email the parish office if you would like to receive an electronic copy of the booklet.

LENTEN PRAYER GROUP. All are warmly invited to join facilitator Helen Brown for prayer and reflection during this Season of Lent. Commencing Saturday, 21st February, the group will meet each Saturday at 2pm in the Children's Liturgy Room at St Patrick's Cathedral.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Will be held in the Cathedral at 6pm every Friday during Lent, starting on 27th February until 27th March. All are welcome.

PARISH NEWS

RITE OF ELECTION MASS (Enrolment of Names). At this Sunday's 10am Mass, RCIA catechumens and candidates from across the Diocese will be taking part in the Rite of Election. During this liturgy, they will be presented to Bishop George and will be formally recognised as 'Elects' and 'Candidates' as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. We ask our parish community to keep our Elects and Candidates in your prayers as they enter the Lenten period of Purification and Enlightenment.

COMMISSIONING MASS. We thank the principals, teachers and staff of our Catholic schools for joining us at the Commissioning Mass last Sunday. May the Lord continue to bless your vocation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. We request parents and guardians to register your child or children for attendance. Attendance keeping is for Safeguarding purposes. Please see rostered catechist or parish assistant.



PROJECT COMPASSION: Support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as they help support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitization and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. Please take a box or an envelope from the Cathedral cloister. You can also donate by scanning the QR code or at caritas.org/au/project-compassion.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM 2026. Couples for Christ invite you to discover a deeper relationship with God and experience the joy of Christian fellowship. Join us for a meaningful program designed to strengthen faith, build community and live a Christ-centred life. Whether you are new to the faith or seeking renewal, this program is for you. Come, connect and grow in faith- together as One in Christ. Held every Saturday 1pm during March at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Miles 0449 187 602.

CATHEDRAL RESTROOMS. We are seeking a volunteer to assist once a month with the care of our Cathedral restrooms, helping to keep the facilities

fresh and welcoming for parishioners and visitors. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates continue their formal instruction last Thursday learning the theme, "God Wants All People to Live in Heaven." Next Thursday's theme on Baptism: "Cooperating with One Another." The catechetical classes start at 3.45pm and go on until 4.30pm. Please pray for all our candidates. These young people will be journeying during this Term 1 and a few weeks after Easter before celebrating their baptism. Their First Holy Communion will be later in Term 3 and their Confirmation in Term 2 next year.

GENERAL NEWS

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE. Pregnancy Assistance helps pregnant and new mums, dads, grandparent and other carers. We provide emotional, material and informational support to those in need. Our service is in great demand, so we are very grateful to parishioners who regularly leave donations of items in the bassinet in the foyer. If anyone would like to donate, we are particularly in need of consumables such as wipes, nappies, baby wash, maternity pads and breast pads. We are at 151 Spencer Street in Bunbury, and our opening hours are 11am-5pm Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Janet Mazza 0431 833 947.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026. World Day of Prayer will be held at Christ the Living Vine in Australind on Friday 6th March at 1.30pm. The host country is Nigeria. This is an inter-denominational service, and several Christian churches will be taking part. All are welcome and afternoon tea will be served. Contact Margaret for more info on 9795 7878.

PRAYER & PETITIONS



SPECIAL YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Special Year of St. Francis to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. This Jubilee Year, running from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, aims to renew the message of peace and holiness of life. The decree, issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary, includes plenary indulgences for those who participate in pilgrimages to Franciscan conventual churches or places of worship dedicated to St. Francis. The Jubilee also encourages the faithful to live authentically as peacemakers, reflecting St. Francis' teachings on peace, care for creation, poverty, and humility. You are invited to offer the **Prayer of St. Francis**, which is a **Prayer for Peace**. You may wish to offer daily this prayer and pray for peace in the different parts of the world where there are conflicts:

Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek

to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life

SEASON OF LENT. As our Church calls upon us to pray, seek forgiveness, and engage in corporal works of mercy during this Lenten period, let us be aware of what opportunities there are in the parish to make our Lenten journey truly meaningful and Christ-centred.

- (1) Pray the **Stations of the Cross** with the rest of the community in the Cathedral during Fridays in Lent.
- (2) Avail of the **Lenten Program** and reflect on the Sunday Gospels for Lent. Copies are available in the Cathedral cloister.
- (3) Join a parish group who is following the **Lenten Program**. Phone the Parish Office to know what parish groups are around.
- (4) Seek the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Confessions are held every Saturday, 4-4.45pm in the Cathedral.
- (5) Take part in our parish **communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** on the 25th of March at 6pm in the Cathedral.
- (6) Step forward and become a **St. Pat's Care** volunteer. Or, join the **Outreach Team** who provides free hot lunches every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall.
- (7) Share your blessing and help thru **Project Compassion**. Donation boxes are available in the Cathedral cloister.
- (8) Reflect on the Holy Scriptures. Use the **Lectio Divina** found elsewhere in this parish bulletin.

NEW PPC MEMBERS. Please welcome our new appointees to our Parish Pastoral Council: **Stephen Hinton** and **Joffy Joseph**. We congratulate **Liz Lomax** for being elected as Vice Chairperson – Secretary of the PPC. Liz also represents St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School on the PPC. She is one of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We would also like to welcome **Paul Cronin**, Principal, who represents St. Mary's Catholic Primary School on the PPC. **Simon**

Jones, Deputy Principal, represents Bunbury Catholic College on the PPC.



Stephen Hinton: "I am a physician, specialist in General Medicine. I have been in private practice in St. John of God Bunbury from early 2002 to December 2022 when I retired from private practice. I continue to work in Bunbury Hospital as a clinician and medical administrator. I have been teaching medical students in the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia from 2018 to 2023."



Joffy Joseph: "I have been part of St. Patrick's Parish since 2014. I previously served on the parish council of the Syro-Malabar Community. I look forward to contributing to the spiritual growth and unity of our parish community."

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS. Our Parish Pastoral Council has considered the question regarding reinstating the reception of holy communion under both kinds, i.e., the Body and Blood of Christ. After serious consideration and discussion, holy communion under both kinds will be reinstated starting the weekend of Palm Sunday, 29 March. If parishioners wish to receive the Blood of Christ, please approach an Extraordinary Minister of the Cup. Helen Brown and Liz Lomax, Co-Leads of the Worship Pillar community, will be overseeing the implementation of this reinstatement. Certainly, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be briefed accordingly, even a training renewal could be in order.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
25 March, Wednesday	Parish Lenten Reconciliation (1 st Rite)	6pm
28 March, Saturday	Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	6pm
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Masses	8am, 10am, 6pm
30 March, Holy Monday	Mass	7am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Mass	7am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Chrism Mass	11am
1 April, Holy Wednesday	Mass	7am
2 April, Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)	7pm
3 April, Good Friday	Stations of the Cross	10am
3 April, Good Friday	The Passion of the Lord	3pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Reconciliation (1 st Rite)	5pm-5.40pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	7pm
5 April, Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday Masses	8am, 10am, 6pm

CARMELITE MONASTERY, GELORUP

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass	8.30am
30 March, Holy Monday	Mass	9am
31 March, Holy Tuesday	Mass	9am
1 April, Holy Wednesday	Mass	9am
2 April, Holy Thursday	Mass of the Last Supper (Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)	7pm
3 April, Good Friday	Passion of the Lord	3pm
4 April, Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil Mass	7pm
5 April, Easter Sunday	Easter Sunday Mass	8.30am

DALYELLYUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel)

Date	Liturgy / Event	Time
29 March, Sunday	Palm Sunday Mass	10 am
5 April, Sunday	Easter Sunday (nb: limited seating)	10 am



The Diocese of Bunbury will be hosting the migrant jubilee cross from 4-17 May 2026. Aaron Faure, Diocesan Evangelisation Coordinator, and Fr. Pierre Repuyan, Vicar General, have been planning for the arrival of the pilgrimage of the migrant jubilee cross. It will be travelling to parishes and schools around the diocese. This is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) to continue acknowledging and celebrating the faith, gifts, contributions and resilience that migrant communities bring to our local Church and the wider world. More information coming soon.



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.

23 February Monday	Monday of the 1 st week of Lent	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 18:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46
24 February Tuesday	Tuesday of the 1 st week of Lent	Is 55:10-11; Ps 33:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15
25 February Wednesday	Wednesday of the 1 st week of Lent	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 50:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk11:29-32
26 February Thursday	Thursday of the 1 st week of Lent	Esther 4:17; Ps 137:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12
27 February Friday	Friday of the 1 st week of Lent	Ezek 18:21-28; Ps 129; Mt 5:20-26
28 February Saturday	Saturday of the 1 st week of Lent	Deut 26:16-19; Ps 118:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48
1 March Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	Gen 12:1-4; Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, Ps 32:4-5, 18-20,22; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

This Lent: Abstain from harsh words and rash judgement

As Lent begins, Pope Leo XIV invites people to be open to **listening, fasting, and community**. He urges us to **abstain from words of hatred** in order to make space for words of hope and peace.

Lent offers Christians an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the centre of our lives. Every journey of conversion begins by **letting God's word touch our hearts**, so that we may **renew our commitment to follow Jesus**.

Pope Leo focused on the importance of listening to God and to those around us, allowing ourselves to enter into authentic relationships.

Fasting helps open us to the deep desire for justice, which can free us from complacency. We must fast in faith, humility, and communion with the Lord, and not in a way that leads to pride. An under-appreciated form of abstinence is refraining from hurtful words. ... let words of hatred "give way to **words of hope and peace**."

By listening to the cry of the poor and setting our hearts on a path of conversion to Christ, we train our conscience and improve the quality of our lives and relationships, Pope Leo said. "... allowing ourselves to be challenged by reality and recognizing what truly guides our desires—both within our ecclesial communities and as regards humanity's thirst for justice and reconciliation."

The 2026 Lenten Message concluded with a call for Christian communities to become places where those who suffer find welcome.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-02/pope-leo-xiv-lent-2026-message-disarm-words-embrace-peace.html>

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- **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.
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- **HAVE YOU JOINED THE PARISH 'FLOCKNOTE'?** Flocknote helps our parish to easily keep in contact with parishioners. *For example:* the parish news is sent out each Friday to parishioners via a Flocknote email. We can also let you know of the latest parish happenings as they come to hand. To join simply go to: www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com or our parish website www.bunburyparish.org.
- **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.
- **ST. PATRICK'S CARE.** Scriptures tell us that we are our sisters and brothers keepers. Our parish community is calling you to reach out to fellow parishioners in times of their emergency needs or crisis. Are you able to share your time and talents in offering the following pastoral care to members of our parish community: home visitation, transportation, lawn mowing, emergency meals, and grief accompaniment. Help us grow this parish program by growing the love that comes from your heart. If you are able to help, please phone the Parish Office to speak with the Dean of the Cathedral – 08 97212141.
- **CARING FOR THE HOMELESS.** Our Parish Outreach Team offers free hot lunch every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month to members of our wider community who are experiencing homelessness. You can help by either becoming a volunteer or a donor. You may volunteer by either helping cook a dish, handing out flyers around the city, assisting serve the meals, helping with the setting up and the cleaning up, etc. You can also help by donating money towards the groceries. The approximate cost of running a free lunch event is \$350.00 We do hope you can help us in some ways. Thank you.

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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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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	BB 455	BB 327	Chants	BB 498	Ave Regina Caelorum
8am Sunday	AOV1 30	AOV1 126	AOV1 115	AOV1 158	AOV2 3
10am Sunday					
6pm Sunday	AOV2 3	AOV1 115	AOV1 17	AOV1 29	AOV1 179
SJOGH	AOV1 115	AOV1 158	AOV1 126	-	AOV1 153