

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8<sup>th</sup> 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:** for the repose of the soul of Giovanina Galati.

**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 2025 Catechumens and Candidates; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP); for the new academic year.

**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, Sophie Phelan & Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez.

**Diocese:** Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan Synodal General Assembly to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

**'LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE'**

We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. This is never true. As Jesus says; 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

*Entrance Antiphon*

Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

*First Reading*

Isaiah 58:7-10

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and do not turn from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.

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 said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.



# Flavour, Preservation and Purity

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



*The Sermon on the Mount (Cosimo Rosselli, 1439-1507)*

*Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." Matthew 5:13*

Sodium chloride, also known as salt, is one of the most commonly used substances in the world, used for seasoning, preserving, and purifying. Sodium chloride is a very stable compound and cannot lose its flavour unless there is a chemical reaction or dissolution. Why, then, did Jesus suggest that salt could lose its taste? One likely explanation is that the salt used in ancient Palestine could indeed lose its flavour due to impurities and the conditions in which it was stored.

The Dead Sea, located in modern-day southeast Israel, contains a massive deposit of salt and other minerals. According to biblical history, Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt in this region. Because of the vast salt and mineral deposits, the area surrounding the Dead Sea is desolate.

Salt extracted from the Dead Sea was never pure sodium chloride. Gypsum and other minerals were also present, making the salt impure. If this salt were stored improperly or came into contact with water, the sodium chloride could dissolve and wash away,

leaving behind the solid residue of minerals. These residual substances, like gypsum, had the appearance of salt but were tasteless and useless for flavouring, preserving, and purifying purposes. When this happened, the “salt” lost its taste. In light of this explanation, Jesus’ teaching becomes especially clear.

The first notable feature of salt is its ability to add flavour to food. By calling His disciples the “salt of the earth,” Jesus was instructing them to enhance the “flavour” of the world by bringing the truth of the Gospel and the joy of His message to others. A Christian life lived in fidelity to Christ would make the world a better and more virtuous place, just as salt enhances the flavour of food.

Salt is also commonly used for preservation. Before the age of refrigerators and freezers, salt was mixed with food to prevent corruption, by drawing out moisture and hindering bacteria and other microorganisms. Though this practice is still used today, it was especially vital in ancient times. By being the “salt of the earth,” Jesus was calling His disciples to preserve the world from moral decay. Through their witness and proclamation of the Gospel, they were to act as a preservative against sin and spiritual ruin. If they were to “lose their taste,” they would become indistinguishable from the rest of the world and ineffective in their mission. Hence, Jesus was exhorting them—and us—to avoid becoming watered down and bland in our witness to the Gospel.

Lastly, salt held a significant role in Jewish religious practices, symbolizing purity and consecration. In sacrificial rituals, salt was used to consecrate offerings, as commanded in Leviticus: “You shall season all your grain offerings with salt. Do not let the salt of the covenant with your God be lacking from your grain offering. On every offering you shall offer salt” (Leviticus 2:13). By seasoning their offerings with salt, the Israelites preserved the sacrifices from decay, making them pure. This practice reflects the disciples’ role in purifying the world through their example of holiness, their lives of self-sacrifice, and their participation in Christ’s redemptive work. They were to live lives of integrity, leading others to God through the purity of their hearts and their unwavering commitment to His will.

Reflect today on this powerful metaphor of being the salt of the earth. The world desperately needs the enriching “flavour” of God’s grace. Without Him, the world is left to corruption and decay. With God, we, and those we serve, are preserved as pure and holy offerings, adding to His glory and growing in holiness. Be the salt of the earth. Do not become watered down in your faith. Remain steadfast in your fidelity to Christ and His Gospel, and you will transform the world around you. In doing so, you will not only glorify God but will also share in His eternal joy.

*Most pure and enriching Lord, You alone enrich and enhance our lives, preserve us from sin, and make us a pure offering to Your Father. Please use me to be an instrument of Your grace to the world, making me the “salt” that remains pure and effective, to bring Your saving truth to the ends of the earth. 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



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Celebrant:** Jesus commissions us to be salt and light for our world: we offer our needs to God as we pray.

**Petitions**

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders in the Church: may they be a light showing good works for the poor and the marginalised. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for world leaders in all aspects of the life of their nations: may they make every effort to help their countries become better places to live in. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all those who work towards ecological awareness and justice: may they be strengthened in their resolve and make a difference. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit: may this week's World Day of Prayer bring comfort and reassurance. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those in our community grieving the loss of loved ones: may they be comforted in the knowledge that God's kingdom is close at hand. We pray to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Loving God, watch over us, and keep us safe in your care.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.





| THIS WEEKEND<br>7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> February | Vigil Mass            | 8am                 | 10am  | 6pm                 |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>   | Alfred L<br>Terance O | Peter C             | Mark J  | Joel G              |
| <b>Greeters</b>  | Shirley D<br>Ester L  | Kath F<br>Sue R     | Irene R<br>Wally C                            | David M             |
| <b>Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful</b>               | <i>Required</i>       | Greg D              | Sonia B                                       | Terri P             |
| <b>Reader</b>  | Pat G                 | Charlotte S         | Liz L   | Nan M               |
| <b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>            | <i>EMHC Required</i>  | Robin W<br>Lesley S | Cathy R<br>Nilda C<br>Helen B                 | Terri P             |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                  |                       |                     | Ronelle L<br>Kendall L                        |                     |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                                       |                       |                     | Sophie D R<br>Caleb S<br>Shelby C<br>Dionne L | Matthew G<br>Evan B |
| <b>Music</b>   | Laudate Choir         | Alma W              | Voices of Hope                                | Melanie N           |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>   |                       | Cathy & Friends     | Syro-Malabar &<br>Indian Community            |                     |

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| <b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b> | <b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b> | Pauline H | <b>Readers</b> | Chris L, Ethel N |
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**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<br>14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> February | Vigil Mass            | 8am                             | 10am                                       | 6pm             |
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| <b>Acolyte</b>   | Alfred L<br>Terance O | Kim H                           | John I                                     | Mark J          |
| <b>Greeters</b>  | Shirley D<br>Ester L  | Cathy Y<br>Kerry H              | Joe Des<br>Lynette A<br>Verna H            | David M         |
| <b>Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful</b>                 | <i>Required</i>       | Daria S                         | Norrie P                                   | <i>Required</i> |
| <b>Reader</b>  | Brad S                | Kerry H                         | Deric D                                    | Joanie T        |
| <b>Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion</b>              | <i>Required</i>       | Carmel F<br>Lesley S<br>Daria S | Joe Des<br>Nilda C<br>Rosina L             | <i>Required</i> |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b>                                    |                       |                                 | Ralou M<br>Ollen G                         |                 |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>   |                       |                                 | Sophie D R<br>Elijah D<br>Abel & Abigail R | Dean S          |
| <b>Music</b>   | Sim R                 | J & M Group                     | Trinity Choir                              | Laudate Choir   |
| <b>Morning Tea</b>   |                       |                                 |  |                 |

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| <b>OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM</b> | <b>Pastoral Care Volunteers</b> | Elaine G | <b>Readers</b> | Volunteer |
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| <b>CLEANERS</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> week   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> week | 3 <sup>rd</sup> week   | 4 <sup>th</sup> week | 5 <sup>th</sup> week |
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| <b>Toilets</b>   | <i>Required</i>  | Sally B              | Julie K  | Jan G                | Shirley D            |
| <b>Cathedral</b> | <b>Group 1:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> week, Fri 5pm<br><b>Leaders:</b> Bruddie P./Jhoemarie B. |                      | <b>Group 2:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> week, Thu 6pm<br><b>Leaders:</b> John J./Veronica O. |                      | <b>Thank you!</b>    |

# STEWARDSHIP

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

*Lumen gentium 11*

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| <b>9 February</b><br>Monday     | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery   |
| <b>10 February</b><br>Tuesday   | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>6pm: Rosary, Koombana Beach  |
| <b>11 February</b><br>Wednesday | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 2, Parish Hall  |
| <b>12 February</b><br>Thursday  | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel<br>4.15pm: ASSP 1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, Lesson 2, Parish Hall<br>5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall<br>6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall |
| <b>13 February</b><br>Friday    | 7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>7.45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>9am: Mass, Ocean Star<br>11am: Mass, Bethanie Elanora Villas<br>9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel                                   |
| <b>14 February</b><br>Saturday  | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral   |
| <b>15 February</b><br>Sunday    | 8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery<br>10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral<br>10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel<br>2pm: Mass, Ocean Star<br>6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral                             |

*“God loves a cheerful giver.”*

2 Corinthians 9:7

## MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

28<sup>th</sup> December – Week 26: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,300.45 / Sacrificial Giving \$2,686.65

4<sup>th</sup> January – Week 27: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,125.60 / Sacrificial Giving \$3,321.60

11<sup>th</sup> January – Week 28: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,082.35 / Sacrificial Giving \$3,152.00

18<sup>th</sup> January – Week 29: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,423.60 / Sacrificial Giving \$2,895.76

25<sup>th</sup> January – Week 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,105.40 / Sacrificial Giving \$3,090.30

1<sup>st</sup> February – Week 31: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection \$2,430.15 / Sacrificial Giving \$2,112.00

## LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

**HOLY ROSARY GROUP** will continue to meet at Koombana Bay Beach (down the west end of the café, on the sailing club side). BYO food and drinks. BBQ facilities are available. All are welcome to join us at 6pm every Tuesday. For more information contact Rosemary on 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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February.** Ash Wednesday Masses: 7am and 6pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral; 9am at the Carmelite Monastery. Please be advised that there will be Masses held at St. Mary's Primary School, St. Joseph's Primary School and Bunbury Catholic College.

## PARISH NEWS

**BAPTISM.** We pray for Ellie Anne Buck who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**2026 IMMIGRATION APPEAL.** Thank you to all who generously donated to the Immigration Appeal last weekend. A total of \$428 was collected.

**PARISH MORNING TEA.** Our fortnightly parish morning teas will resume this weekend after the 8am & 10am Masses. All are welcome. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for organizing these morning teas.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY.** Will resume this weekend after the Sunday 10am Mass. We request parents and guardians to register your child or children for the attendance. Attendance keeping is for Safeguarding purposes. Please see rostered catechist or parish assistant.

**BLESSED PALMS.** If you have blessed palms from previous Palm Sundays, you can drop them off in the allocated basket

at the Cathedral cloister in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

**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 at 1pm, 7<sup>th</sup> March at St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Miles 0449 187 602.

**THANK YOU** to all those who were involved with our liturgy and parish events last weekend. We successfully celebrated the first Bishop's Mass during the Sunday 10am Eucharist. This will be happening during most of this year's first Sunday of the month 10am Masses. The Pontifical Servers were polished and solemn. Congratulations to brothers, Lion' and 'Tiger' who both made their first service on the altar as Pontifical Servers. They did their roles as if they have been doing it for a long time. Thank you to Joel Gragasin for leading and guiding our Pontifical Servers and the assistance of John Italiano. Thank you to the Diocesan Liturgical Choir for their beautiful hymn singing.

We also would like to thank all our parish volunteers who organised and contributed towards our parish morning tea to welcome Fr Joel Villanueva OSJ and Fr Edcel Silva OSJ to our parish. It was heartwarming to see many people for the morning tea. Thank you, Cathy Rechichi, Grace Monka, Irene Rodgers for the undertaking and many other volunteers. Thank you to Helen Brown and Liz Lomax for their planning and organisation. It was indeed a solemn Eucharist and a memorable gathering of our community.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA).** After the inquiry evening on 29 January, the new RCIA group began their journey last Thursday. This group will receive the Sacraments of Initiation and those who already baptised – welcomed into the Catholic Faith, during Easter Vigil in 2027. There are now therefore two groups gathering every Thursday 5pm and 6pm respectively in the Parish Hall. Let us pray for the RCIA 2026: Verna-Lee Hansen, Kate Victoria Back, Rebecca Berry, Peter Anthony Lomax and Dylan Eli Wilson.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE.** Thirteen young people of catechetical age turned up for the initial meeting last Wednesday, 4 February, 4pm in the Parish Hall. Parents were also in attendance to learn about our parish CIC program. 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. In the coming weeks, the catechetical classes will start at 3.45pm until 4.30pm. Please pray for all our candidates.

### DIOCESAN NEWS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE:** The Bunbury Diocesan Social Justice Committee is having a follow-up Zoom meeting to our Social Justice Symposium last September to share developments in addressing the homeless issue in the Bunbury Diocese. We invite you to participate and hear what is being done and contribute your knowledge and experience in this area on Monday 16th February 4 - 5.30 pm. Please RSVP by Thursday 12th February if you wish to participate [deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com](mailto:deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com)

**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 daily to say 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





On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2 February, Bishop George Kolodziej, SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury, celebrated Mass at the Carmelite Monastery to observe the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Women and Men**. Priests from our diocese belonging to different orders, the Sisters of the Order of Carmelites Discalced (OCD), Sr Christine Clarke PBVM (Mercy Sisters) and Sr. Pauline Dundon RSJ (MacKillop Sisters) were in attendance.

In 1997, Saint John Paul II called for a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life and to be promoted throughout the universal Church.<sup>5</sup>

Some Christian women and men respond to God's call to become followers of Jesus through profession of vows and a life of dedicated to prayer and service.

Contemplative nuns, religious sisters and brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through the profession of the evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and live as part of a community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins and hermits, make private vows to the local bishop as they live out their vocation in various walks of life. Secular institutes are another form of living the consecrated life as single people. Those who become followers of Jesus through the consecrated life bless the Church.

The celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candle Mass; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Those who choose to live a consecrated life give public intentional witness to the universal call to a life of holiness.





Bishop George celebrates World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Women and Men on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, held last Monday, 2 February, at the Carmelite Monastery in Gelorup. Fr. Vincent Comble OSJ and Fr Albin Odippattil OCD were the principal concelebrants representing their leadership amongst the OSJ priests and the OCD priests respectively present in the diocese.



Fr. Joel Villanueva OSJ (left end) and Fr. Edcel Silva OSJ (right end) were both delighted by the welcome morning tea that was organised for them after the Bishop's Mass last Sunday, 1 February.



# Media Release

## New Chancellor

### Introducing the New Chancellor of the Diocese of Bunbury



Kerrie's primary responsibility as Chancellor will be the fulfilment of these canonical duties. In addition, and as delegated, she will support the Office of the Bishop, by providing pastoral and strategic oversight of staff and their functions in collaboration with the Episcopal Council. Kerrie will also oversee particular projects that serve the mission of evangelisation.

A principal focus of Kerrie's work in the coming months will be the preparation and coordination of the Diocesan Synodal Assembly to be held in August, when representatives from our parishes, schools, and diocesan agencies will gather for prayerful listening and discernment. This Assembly will be an important step as we work together to prepare a pastoral plan for the future of our Diocese.

Kerrie takes up this role on a part-time basis. I am grateful to Kerrie for her willingness to serve the Diocese of Bunbury at this important time in our synodal journey. I ask you to join me in warmly welcoming Kerrie and in supporting her with your prayers.

The office of Chancellor is an important canonical role within the life of the Diocese. In accordance with the law of the Church, the Chancellor is entrusted with ensuring that diocesan acts and decrees are properly prepared, issued, and securely archived, and that official Church documents are accurately recorded and certified. In this way, the Chancellor serves the good order, transparency, and pastoral governance of the Diocese.



In her work, Kerrie will collaborate closely with the Vicar General, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, and the staff of the Chancery and diocesan agencies. Her role is intended to support and strengthen our shared ministry, fostering communication, collaboration, and synodal practice across the Diocese.

Entrusting this appointment and the life of our Diocese to the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and with gratitude for your faithful service to God's people.

Yours sincerely in Christ  
Most Rev George Kolodziej SDS DD  
Bishop of Bunbury





## 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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| <b>9 February</b><br>Monday  | Weekday, Ordinary Time 5                | 1 Kg 8:1-7,9-13; Ps 131:6-10; Mk 6:53-56                              |
| <b>10 February</b><br>Tuesday  | St Scholastica, virgin                  | 1 Kg 8:22-23; 27-30; Ps 83:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13                      |
| <b>11 February</b><br>Wednesday<br><small>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER<br/>FOR THE SICK</small> | Weekday, Ordinary Time 5                | 1 Kg 10:1-10; Ps 36:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23                     |
| <b>12 February</b><br>Thursday   | Weekday, Ordinary Time 5                | 1 Kg 11:4-13; Ps 105:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30                       |
| <b>13 February</b><br>Friday   | Weekday, Ordinary Time 5                | 1 Kg 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 80:10-15; Mk 7:31-37                         |
| <b>14 February</b><br>Saturday   | Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop  | 1 Kg 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 105:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10                 |
| <b>15 February</b><br>Sunday<br><small>PROJECT COMPASSION</small>                      | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sir 15:15-20; Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 |

## Understanding the documents of Vatican II – Pope Leo

Recently Pope Leo began a series of talks at the Wednesday General Audience, with catechesis on the documents of Vatican Council II. He began with the Dogmatic Constitution Dei Verbum, on the divine Revelation: an important document of the Council. In the words of Jesus: “No longer do I call you servants ...”, (Jn 15:15). Jesus Christ has transformed our relationship with God to a relationship of friendship. The only condition of the new covenant is love.

In the Christian Revelation, that is, when God took human form in his Son, the Covenant is new and eternal, and nothing can separate us from God’s love. As in the experience of human friendship, the relationship is nurtured by the exchange of true words.

The document reminds us that God speaks to us, and by speaking to us, God is revealed as one who invites us into friendship. So, the first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and hearts. At the same time, we need to speak with God, to reveal ourselves. Prayer calls us to live and cultivate friendship with the Lord.

For community liturgical prayer, the readings of the Word of God are already chosen for us, because we follow the liturgical cycle. So we need to make time for prayer, meditation and reflection on those readings, as an important part of the Christian’s day and week.

Read the full text of Pope Leo’s address at

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260114-udienza-generale.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.
- **SACRIFICIAL GIVING PROGRAM.** Thank you for financially supporting our Cathedral Parish via our sacrificial giving program. It is a way of helping our parish by committing to donate a certain amount of money to the parish on a weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual basis. If you would like to be part of the program, please fill out a registration form available at the Cathedral cloister. Please check out this web link to register or to know more about our parish sacrificial planned giving program: <https://www.bunburyparish.org/sacrificial-giving>.
- **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. 
- **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](http://www.stpatricksbunbury.flocknote.com) or our parish website [www.bunburyparish.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, hand out flyers around the city, assist serve the meals, help 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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Luke 1:37



### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

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### MASS TIMES

**Weekdays:** 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
**Sunday:** 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm  
**Gelorup Carmelite Monastery:** 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday  
**Dalyellup Catholic Community:** 10am every Sunday - St. John of God 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 130    | BB 610    | Chant     | BB 176     | Ave Regina Caelorum |
| 8am Sunday   | AOV1 016  | AOV1 129  | AOV1 090  | AOV2 126   | AOV1 124            |
| 10am Sunday  | AOV2 20   | AOV1 164  | AOV2 3    | AOV1 143   | AOV2 59             |
| 6pm Sunday   | AOV2 60   | AOV1 63   | BB 763    | BB 160     | BB 547              |