

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

The Ascension of the Lord
17th May 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 MAY

“Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Shinner, Maitland Mascarenhas, Helena Kozyrski and Dorothy Benari.

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

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for all migrants and asylum seekers. Let us pray for our new members of our parish community from the RCIA 2026; 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 and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez, Joan Grainger and Freya Dealino.

Diocese: Let us pray for Bishop George, the Diocesan Synodal Team and the Diocesan General Assemblies in 2026 and 2027.

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.

'I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS'

When Christ ascended into heaven he did not abandon his disciples. Matthew's Gospel begins with the angel's words that Jesus will be called Emmanuel, which means God-is-with-us, and it ends with Jesus' promise: 'Know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time.' In a special way Emmanuel is with us in this Eucharist for 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Entrance Antiphon

Acts 1: 11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or

R. Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**
3. God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

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.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Evangelizing All Nations

Ascension of Our Lord (Year A)



The Ascension of Christ by Pietro Perugino (c. 1495-1498)

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18–20

What a monumental task the Apostles were given! These are Jesus’ parting words as He stands on the Mount of the Ascension, the final words recorded in Matthew’s Gospel. They are powerful words by which Jesus entrusts extraordinary responsibility to eleven of His closest companions. Their mission was not merely to gain new followers but to proclaim the Gospel to every nation. Additionally, they were to baptize all nations and teach them everything Jesus had commanded.

This incredible task would have seemed daunting, if not impossible. Yet it is grounded in divine authority: “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go,

therefore...” These are not mere words of encouragement but a divine command, rooted in the authority entrusted to Jesus by the Father. With this declaration, Jesus equips the Apostles with the grace to fulfill their mission, knowing they act under His authority.

The Ascension marks a fundamental transition in salvation history. Before the Incarnation, God established covenants with His people and sent prophets to call them to fidelity and prepare them for the coming of the Messiah. With Jesus’ Incarnation, a new era of salvation history began. Through His Passion and Resurrection, Jesus opened the floodgates of grace and inaugurated the final phase of God’s eternal plan. This phase continues today and will only reach its fulfillment when Christ returns in glory to judge the living and the dead and establish the new Heaven and new Earth.

Because we live in this final phase of salvation history, Jesus’ words to His Apostles also apply to us. We are not only among the “all nations” called to be disciples, but we also share in the Apostles’ mission to evangelize the world. While the Apostles, as the first bishops, had a unique role, every baptized person participates in Christ’s mission through the priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices conferred at baptism.

The recently canonized Saint John Henry Newman beautifully illustrates this shared mission in a prayer he wrote: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons....” Each of us has a unique role to play, and we can be certain that God has given us some definite service to act as a link in a chain and a bond of connection between God and others.

Newman continues: “If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.” This reminds us that Jesus, the all-powerful God who holds “all power in heaven and on earth,” can use every aspect of our lives for His glory and mission—if we let Him.

Reflect today on two truths. First, consider your place among the “all nations” called to become disciples. Second, reflect on your duty as a disciple to share in Christ’s mission to evangelize the world. As we celebrate our Lord’s Ascension, hear His commission spoken to you. Embrace the privilege and responsibility of His command, allowing His authority and presence to guide your life and your mission.

Lord of all power in Heaven and Earth, You have called all people to Yourself. I accept that call and open myself to Your gift of eternal salvation. With my “Yes” to You, I also accept the responsibility to share in Your mission of evangelization. Please reveal Your will to me and empower me to fulfill my duty so that all nations will hear Your saving Word. 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: Jesus promises to be with us always and calls us to be disciples to the ends of the earth. With confidence we turn to God with our needs:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all leaders of our Church: may they be given strength and courage to lead the Church in its missionary call, in the difficult realities of our modern world. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the Church in Australia: may we work diligently as disciples of Christ, to renew our nation with the love of God. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for leaders in industry, education and public service: may they help to shape our world as a place of justice and truth, using their authority to bring hope and life to all in their care. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all of us gathered here today: may we heed the call to go out into our world to make the living presence of Jesus real and join in prayer for Christian unity. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, you provide for all that we need to be your disciples. Hear these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



Thank you to all parishioners for supporting the journey of the Migrant Jubilee Cross in our parish and in our diocese. This Sunday, 17 May, the cross will leave the diocese and will head to the Diocese of Geraldton. I've heard wonderful testimony from parishioners, both personal and communal. Some felt drawn to the cross in a very special way, particularly experiencing some form of healing and hopefulness. Others felt our parish gatherings were very solemn, special and deeply moving. We are publishing photos from the Gelorup Monastery event and from our Multicultural Mass and Dinner held last Tuesday, 12 May, 9am and 6pm respectively.



*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 16 th & 17 th May | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Acolyte | Terance O | Peter C | John I | Mark J |
| Greeters | Shirley D Ester L | Jenny S Kerry H | Wally C | David M |
| Commentator | <i>Commentator Needed</i> | Greg D | Nilda C | Terri P |
| Reader | Pat G | Kerry H | Liz L | Joanie T |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | <i>EMHC Needed</i> | Daria S Maragaret C | Elaine T Norrie P Marilou C | Terri P |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Ralou M Ollen M | |
| Altar Servers | | | Sophie D R, Elijah D, Abel R, Abigail R | Dean S |
| 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 23 rd & 24 th May | Vigil Mass | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Acolyte | Joel G | Mick D | <i>Acolyte Needed</i> | Joel G |
| Greeters | Shirley D | Kerry H Robin W | Lynette A Verna H | David M |
| Commentator | Saint Joseph Primary School | Daria S | Saint Mary's Primary School | Terri P |
| Reader | Saint Joseph Primary School | Malena C | Saint Mary's Primary School | Gobi M |
| Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion | Cathy R <i>2 EMHC needed</i> | Robin W Cora C | Cathy R Rosina I Marilou C | Terri P |
| Children's Liturgy | | | Tricia W Virge R | |
| Altar Servers | | | Sofia R, Gabriel R, Shelby C, Dionne L | Matthew G, Evan B |
| Music | Saint Joseph Primary School | Craig F | Saint Mary's Primary School | 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 | 1 st week | 2 nd week | 3 rd week | 4 th week | 5 th week |
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| Toilets | Seminarian Chris Fr Pierre | Fr Joel Fr Edcel | 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

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| <p>18 May Monday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery</p> |
| <p>19 May Tuesday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick’s Cathedral</p> |
| <p>20 May Wednesday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery</p> |
| <p>21 May Thursday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 4.15pm: ASSP Confirmation (Lesson 7), Parish Hall 5.00pm: RCIA 2026 “Mystagogia” 6.00pm: RCIA 2027</p> |
| <p>22 May Friday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration: Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:45am: Mass, Opal Bunbury Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - ‘Chat with the Chap’</p> |
| <p>23 May Saturday of the 7th week of Easter</p> | <p>8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 2pm Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6.00pm: St. Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral</p> |
| <p>24 May PENTECOST SUNDAY</p> | <p>8.00am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.00am: St. Mary’s Catholic Primary School and ASSP Confirmation Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 10.00am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2.00pm: Mass, Ocean Star 2:30pm: Praying with Icons, St. Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Hall 6.00pm: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral</p> |

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS COLLECTIONS

10th May 2026 – Week 45

First Collection \$2,466.55

Sacrificial Giving \$3,822.20



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 10pm.

PARISH NEWS



FR JAYAN JOHNSON HGN. Let us celebrate Fr Jayan's priestly ministry and his time spent in our parish as he bids farewell to us and welcomes his new pastoral placement in the Busselton Parish. He will be offering the 10am Mass this Sunday after which a special morning tea will take place in the parish hall. All welcome. We wish him every God's blessing and pray for his priestly ministry.

BAPTISM. We pray for Jezelle Jade Singson and Havana Capri Dhu who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. St. Joseph's CPS will be having their Confirmation on Saturday, 23 May 6pm at

the Vigil Mass while St. Mary's CPS and the ASSP will be on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

PRIESTS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Priests in active ministry in the Diocese of Bunbury will be having their annual conference from 19-21 May in Busselton. This is an opportunity for our priests to undertake updating and upskilling in certain aspects of their priestly ministry. During this period, **Fr Geoff Aldous**, a retired priest from the Perth Archdiocese, will be offering our weekday Masses, including attending to emergency and sick calls. **For emergency and urgent calls outside office hours (9am-3pm), please ring the Parish Office at 9721 2141 and select option 1.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027. World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, Korea on 3-8 August 2027. The WYD theme is lifted from John 16:33 – "Take courage! I have overcome the world."

Beginnings: The First WYD. The Palm Sunday directly following the very first World Youth Day, coinciding with the United Nation's International Year of the Youth, Our Holy Father took the opportunity to welcome the youth of the world to Rome again. Later, announcing the institution of World Youth Day on December 20, 1985, and the first official WYD was held in 1986.



International WYDs. The following year brought about a new tradition when the second event and first international WYD took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Every Palm Sunday has since been

designated as a World Youth Day, alternately celebrated at the diocesan and international levels. There have been 15 International World Youth Day celebrations, where the youth continue to answer the invitation of the Holy Father in staggering numbers and carry home the message received there to be Christ's light to the world. While these events are organized by the clergy and laity of the Catholic Church, youth of all faiths are invited to attend and encounter Christ, making this gathering truly universal.

Source: <https://worldyouthday.com/about-wyd/>



Pilgrimage with us to
World Youth Day Seoul
Jul–Aug 2027
Register your interest now by
scanning the QR Code!

This is where every pilgrimage begins. Not when everything is clear. Not when life is perfectly in order. Not when you are calling to itself. Just as we are with Christ. Our persecutions, you do not need to have everything figured out. The only road that matters is to take the first step.

The Most Reverend, George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury.

WYD Leased Mail



DIOCESAN NEWS

KSC WA GALA DINNER 2026: The 2026 Gala Dinner sponsored by the Knights of the Southern Cross (WA) is on Friday 22nd May at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral parish hall, with guest speaker, His Lordship, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, giving a post-dinner address. Register online at <https://go.kscwa.au/gala-dinner-22May26> Contact Laurie Sutherland for further information on 0488 966 400.

WORLD MISSION ROSARY. Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission Rosary. Scan QR code for more information.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL. Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



PRAY FOR PROSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA. Christians in Nigeria continues to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26.



YOUTHCARE RESILIENCE SEMINAR Dr Justin Coulson, co-host of Channel Nine's Parental Guidance and founder of Happy Families, is coming to Bunbury to hold a Resilience Seminar: Building Stronger Kids Through Life's Challenges on Monday, 8th June. Tea and Coffee from 6.30pm 7.00pm start (90 minute presentation) Dreambuilders Auditorium 38 Vittoria Road, Glen Iris. See flyer for information for tickets

REMEMBERING SR IRENE. The annual remembrance of Sr Irene McCormack will be held on Thursday 21 May at The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Catholic Church, Kirup, and **ONLINE** from 10am to 12 noon. For further details or to register, email deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or call Shendelle 0423 219 665.

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED. Calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East.









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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| 18 May Monday | Monday of the 7 th Week of Easter St John I, pope, martyr | Acts 19:1-8 Ps 67:2-7 Jn 16:29-33 |
| 19 May Tuesday | Tuesday of the 7 th Week of Easter | Acts 20:17-27 Ps 67:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11 |
| 20 May Wednesday | Wednesday of the 7 th Week of Easter St Bernardine of Siena, priest | Acts 20:28-38 Ps 67:29-30, 33-36 Jn 17:11-19 |
| 21 May Thursday | Thursday of the 7 th Week of Easter St Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs | Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26 |
| 22 May Friday | Friday of the 7 th Week of Easter St Rita of Cascia, religious | Acts 25:13-21 Ps 102:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 Jn 21:15-19 |
| 23 May Saturday | Saturday of the 7 th Week of Easter | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 10:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25 |
| 24 May Sunday | PENTECOST SUNDAY | Acts 2:1-11 Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23 |

By Helen Brown, PPC Chairperson

The Bunbury Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all parishioners to keep in your prayers the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. We remember especially the candidates from St Joseph's Catholic Primary, St Mary's Catholic Primary, and those participating in our after-school sacramental program. As these young people prepare to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we ask you to support them, their families, and their teachers with your prayerful encouragement. May the forthcoming Confirmation Masses be a joyful celebration of faith for our whole parish community.

Let us hold them close in prayer as they take this important step in their faith journey. As a prayer community, we acknowledge Father Edcel Silva and Father Jayan Johnson and their selfless ministry, bringing the love of God to all. Thank you for being our spiritual guides. We welcome Father Nathan Barrie home and look forward to sharing our mission to be the hands, feet and heart to the world.

Reflecting on the Ascension

By Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

The Ascension is part of the Paschal Mystery, which has four interrelated parts: **suffering and death; resurrection; ascension;** and the **sending of the Spirit**. If the **Resurrection says** that the crucified Jesus is alive, the **Ascension says** that the living Jesus has entered into glory. This is expressed in many different ways in our Christian (New) Testament - three of these viewpoints/understandings are in each of today's readings.

Basically the meaning of the Ascension is that **Jesus, our triumphant Messiah-King,** reigns in glory over all creation – **Ephesians** reading.

In **Acts** we see the apostles come to understand themselves as the agents, not of restoring the Kingdom of Israel, but much more importantly, **helping to establish the Kingship of God** all over the world.

The **gospel** is set in Galilee, for it is in the **familiarity of home,** not up in the skies, that **Jesus is to be found.**

Jesus gives the command to **"make disciples"** of people everywhere. He is passing on much of his own authority to his disciples. Pentecost will be the confirmation of this. They are to do what he did. The community is to be a **living and credible witness of Jesus** and his gospel.

The gospel says **'... I am with you always...'** a reminder of the promise made at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel, and later when Jesus says: **'...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there** among them. (Matt 18:20).

Today's feast is a **celebration of Jesus' glory after his suffering and death**—a glory in which we also hope to share.

Read more detail at Living Space <https://livingspace.sacredspace.ie/ea071/>



ST. PATRICK'S CARE

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS
BY BECOMING A ST. PATRICK'S CARE VOLUNTEER

St. Patrick's Care is the Pastoral Care Program of St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Bunbury. The program is operated by parishioners who volunteer time to help others in **short term** need. St. Patrick's Care offers the following care programs to parishioners: **home visitation, transport, lawn mowing, emergency meals and grief accompaniment.**

If you would like to join St. Patrick's Care as a volunteer, please pick up a commitment form in the Cathedral cloister. **Please note that all that we ask of you is to commit for one year.** It will be up to you to decide whether to continue or not. The most important thing is that you are open and prepared to help fellow parishioners in their time of emergency or crisis.

IF YOU WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S CARE, PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE AND REQUEST TO SPEAK WITH THE OVERALL COORDINATOR, SEMINARIAN CHRIS DE FREITAS.



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY PRAYER

Loving and faithful God, as we walk along the road of our lives, help us to recognise that you are with us. Stay close to us. Open our hearts when we hear your word. In the blessing and breaking of the bread and of our lives together, help us to recognise you and know that you are near. Fill us with your Spirit and joy, so we may go and share your Good News. Send your blessing on all the people of our Diocese as we prepare for our Assembly in August. May your Spirit of wisdom inspire and guide all our conversations and gatherings. May your Spirit of living communion unite us more closely in our parishes and diocese. May our walking together be fruitful and be a sign of your presence in our world.

Amen.

Our Lady of the Way – Pray for Us

St Joseph, Protector of the Church – Pray for Us.

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COLUMBARIUM



St. Patrick's Cathedral Parish offers the opportunity to parishioners for the remains of their loved ones - their families and relatives, or themselves - to be laid to rest in the limestone wall Columbarium situated around the eastern-end of the sacred grounds of St. Patrick's Cathedral. For more information, collect a brochure from the Cathedral cloister or call the Parish Office at 9721 2141 during office hours.



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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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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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| 8am Sunday | BB 10 | AOV1 63 | AOV1 40 | BB 735 | BB 159 |
| 10am Sunday | AOV1 124 | AOV1 40 | AOV1 81 | AOV1 126 | BB 183 |
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