

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
28th June 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 JUNE

“Let us pray this June that sport may be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that it may promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of Catarina & Nazzareno Comito.

General Intentions: Let us pray for those seeking the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and those celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month of June. Let us pray for peace in our world. Let us pray for the homeless, the underprivileged, those suffering in silence due to domestic violence, for migrants, refugees and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for all migrants and asylum seekers. Let us pray for 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, Freya Dealino, Marjorie and family.

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.



Christ carrying the Cross by Tiziano Vecellio, Ca.1565

“HARD SAYINGS”

Today’s Gospel includes a number of so-called ‘hard sayings’ of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, ‘Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: “Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?”’ But she replied, ‘I live with my own people about me.’ ‘What can be done for her then?’ he asked. Gehazi answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,’ he said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



Receiving and Expressing Love

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Sermon on the Mount by Carl Bloch, 1877

Jesus said to his apostles: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”
Matthew 10:37–38

When a scribe approached Jesus and asked Him which of the commandments was the greatest, He replied: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:30–31).

Today’s Gospel offers a similar teaching: We must love God above all else—even more than father, mother, son, or daughter. By contrasting love for God with love for family, Jesus is not diminishing familial affection; rather, He is revealing that the only way to truly love others is by loving God first.

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches: “God must be loved above all things and before all others out of charity, for He is loved as the source of happiness, whereas our neighbour is loved as one who shares in that happiness along with us” (Summa Theologiae II-II, Q.26, A.2). In other words, God must be loved first because He is the ultimate cause and source of beatitude—the only true happiness. Though we are called to love our families and our neighbours, Christian charity dictates that we love them in relation to God—as fellow recipients of divine happiness.

One reason this Gospel is challenging is that our natural affections, though good, must be transformed by divine charity. It is natural to love our parents and children—God designed us with these affections. Even animals instinctively care for their offspring. But Jesus calls us to something higher: a love that is perfected by divine charity, transcending mere emotional attachment or duty. His teaching does not negate natural love; rather, it purifies, elevates, and directs it toward the highest good—God Himself.

When Jesus speaks of loving “father or mother” or “son or daughter” more than Him, He is addressing the inner conflict we sometimes experience in our emotions. When natural affection is not transformed by spiritual charity, the love we offer another can do more harm than good. Disordered affection replaces the ultimate good—God—with the lesser good of emotional attachment and human consolation. The real danger arises when our loved ones stray from God’s will, and we, out of misguided affection, affirm them in their error, thereby confirming them in a state lacking true beatitude.

The foundation of true love is this: God alone is the source of perfect happiness, for us and for our loved ones. Our belief in God transforms the way we love others. No longer do we merely seek their earthly comfort or emotional well-being; rather, we direct them to the eternal Good—God Himself—who alone fulfills every longing.

When we love God first, all our relationships are purified. Instead of loving others with human affection alone, we love them with the very love of God, seeking their ultimate good: eternal life in Him. This purified love does not exclude human affection; rather, it elevates and directs it, ensuring that our love is not merely sentimental but truly transformative through divine charity.

Reflect today on those closest to you—those whom God calls you to love with the highest form of love. Are your affections rightly ordered, or do they sometimes compete with the charity God desires to instil in you? If so, turn your heart to God. Seek to love Him above all else. Let Him become the object of your deepest love and desire. When God is first, His love will transform you from within, enabling you to love others not just with natural affection, but with the very love of Christ, leading them to the eternal joy of union with Him.

Lord of perfect charity, Your love is pure, holy, and beyond all understanding—so vast, so encompassing, that I will never fathom its depths. Draw me into this love, O Lord, that I may love You above all things. From that love, let the charity of Your Sacred Heart flow through me to others, so that in loving them, I love You. 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: Trusting in Christ's words, we turn to God knowing that only God's love can bring us all we need. So, with confidence we pray:

1. We pray for those called to leadership in our Church, especially Pope Leo and Bishop George: may they fully embrace the call to empty themselves, as they guide the Church as a true family of God. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the leaders of our nation and those in power in our society: may they govern with care for all people. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those burdened with illness and hardship: may they find strength and comfort in the love of Christ, and the support of others. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who show hospitality and care to others: may their kindness reveal the presence of Christ, and inspire deeper charity within our community. 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 of mercy, you call us to follow your Son in faith and love. Hear the prayers we offer today in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the Cathedral Parish in Bunbury, we look forward to welcoming participants to the Diocesan General Assembly which will take place on Saturday, the 1st of August 2026 at the Bunbury Catholic College. Close to 150 participants are expected to take part in the assembly. The concluding Eucharist will be at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.30pm.

Currently, 'Conversations in the Spirit' are taking place around the Diocese of Bunbury. People are gathering to discern on the synodal question: 'What is God asking of us today?' The collated responses will be presented at the Diocesan General Assembly.

Some participants from distant parishes are seeking accommodation in Bunbury. **We would like to assist by inviting parishioners who are willing to host them via billeting.**

Who are the participants? Participants will be parishioners endorsed by their Parish Priest to represent their parish to the Diocesan General Assembly.

What accommodation are they seeking? A few parishioners from distant parishes have now registered for possible billeting. They will require accommodation either:

- Friday evening for Saturday's assembly which will start at 9am, or
- Saturday evening after the conclusion of the assembly which will finish by 3.30pm, or both Friday and Saturday evenings.

If you are able to assist, please phone the Parish Office at 08 9721 2141. Alternatively, you may respond to this Flocknote message. When you call, you will be asked of your specific preferences in regard to the billeting, e.g., number of participants you are able to host, the evening you are able to host, etc.

We thank you in anticipation for your consideration of this matter and for your generosity in welcoming our sisters and brothers in faith from different parishes.

Please feel free to send your query and we will endeavour to respond to them as soon as we can.

God bless you sincerely.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Fr Pierre, VG
Dean of the Cathedral



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 27 th & 28 th June	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	Joel G
Greeters	Kate Back Farra, Lara & Stevie Back	Kerry H	Wally C	David M
Commentator	Pat G	Kerry H	Liz L	Terri P
Reader	Pat G	Greg D	Deric D	Malena C
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	<i>EMHC Needed</i> Robin W Cheryl N	Nilda C Liz L Helen B	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W Virge R	
Altar Servers			Shelby C, Dionne L, Sofia R, Gabriel R	Matthew G, Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Couples for Christ	Mark J
Morning Tea		Margaret C & Connie B	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Volunteer	Readers Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 4 th & 5 th July	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	John I	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentator	Brad S	Malena C	Sonia B	Nan M
Reader	Brad S	Sr Pauline	Peter L	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Carmel F Daria S Peter C David N	Cathy R Sophie L Nilda C Liz L	Gobi M <i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			School Holidays	
Altar Servers			Elijah D, Abel R, Abigail R, Hannah A	
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Diocesan Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers Volunteer

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



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

Lumen gentium 11

29 June Monday Sts Peter and Paul	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
30 June Tuesday First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:40am: Year 8 Retreat, Bunbury Catholic College Hall 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Funeral Service (William Barret and Sons Chapel) 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
1 July Wednesday Ordinary Time 13	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
2 July Thursday Ordinary Time 13	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:40am: Year 9 Retreat, Bunbury Catholic College Hall 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9:30am: Yr 3 Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: Pre-Primary Liturgy, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 11am: Liturgy, Bethanie Dalyellup 4:15pm: ASSP First Holy Communion (Lesson 3), Parish Hall 5pm: ASSP Reconciliation Special Class, Parish Office 6pm: RCIA 2027
3 July Friday St Thomas	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Confirmation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11am: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
4 July Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Elizabeth of Portugal	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
5 July Sunday 14 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral - Institution of New Acolytes 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 12nn: 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS COLLECTIONS

21st June 2026 – Week 51

First Collection \$ 2,072.15 | Sacrificial Giving \$ 2,690.70



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

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



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

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM. We pray for Elena Rosemary Vinci who will be receiving the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.



INSTITUTION TO THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE. During the 10am Mass next Sunday, 5 July, **Ryan Mallaby** and **Miles Millan** will be instituted as Acolytes. They have undertaken training and formation and subsequent to their institution, they will initially serve at Mass with a fellow acolyte for mentoring. We welcome **John Lewis** to the parish acolyte ministry. He was instituted in the Perth Archdiocese and now wishes to continue to serve in our parish after seeking residence in the Bunbury area.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:

5 JULY: "Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years on!" We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey.

Our theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.



RCIC – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Faith-formation gatherings will resume on Wednesday, 22 July, 3.45pm-4.30pm for the Introduction to the RCIC First Holy Communion. Venue: Parish Hall. Following this will be 10 gatherings/classes held every Wednesday, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the Parish Hall. Class dates: 29 July; 5, 12, 19 26 August; 2, 9, 16, 23 September;

Term break no classes; 14, 21 October. 26 July – Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming during the Sunday 10am Mass at the Cathedral. **25 October, Sunday, 10am Mass – Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

August at 10am. The Catechist for this program is Ralou Millan. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR THE PRESENTATION SISTERS – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER – 10AM ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. This year marks 250 years since the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Cork, Ireland, by Venerable Nano Nagle. There have been special celebrations around the world wherever the Presentation Sisters have ministered. On Sunday 6 September Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the cathedral to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese, since 1902. Please come along and celebrate this occasion.

PERSECUTION & FAITH: A WITNESS OF COURAGE AND FORGIVENESS FROM PAKISTAN.

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre. In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God." Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you? Read more testimonies of faith from Aid to the Church in Need at: aidtochurch.org/welcome



SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Contemplative Practices Quiet Day Wednesday 1st July 10am-2pm: "Way of the Body: Pilgrimage, Walking meditation, Creativity". Guest facilitators Paul Cannon and Simon Holthurst. See flyer for further details or contact Deborah 0419939864.



WILL YOU HELP CARE FOR OUR SACRED LINENS AND PARISH TEA TOWELS? We are seeking volunteers to join a small roster to wash and care for the sacred linens used at Mass, as well as the tea towels used for our Parish morning teas following Mass. This important ministry helps ensure that all liturgical and hospitality items are cared for with respect and attention. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9721 2141 (Option 2). Your generous help is deeply appreciated.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING. Thank you to everyone who has already collected their Planned Giving envelopes from the cloister. If you have not yet picked yours up, they are still available for collection at the cloister. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information Evening last 11 June. It is wonderful to see your support as the children begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Enrolment Mass, which includes students from St Mary's CPS and St Joseph's CPS, will be held on Sunday, 26 July, at the 10am Mass. The **ASSP 1st Holy Communion Mass** will be on **Sunday 30**

PARISH ‘CONVERSATIONS IN THE SPIRIT’

Thank you to all our facilitators and participants for taking part in the parish-wide Conversations in the Spirit. In addition to our parish-organised conversations, including the Parish Pastoral Council led by Helen Brown, conversations were also held at our schools involving students and staff members. For your information, below is the timeline for our diocesan journey towards the General Assembly:



MARCH 19: LAUNCH OF DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY BY BISHOP GEORGE



APRIL/ MAY: PARISH FACILITATOR TRAINING



JUNE: PARISH MINI CONVERSATIONS



JULY 30 – AUGUST 1: DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY



OCTOBER – DECEMBER: OPPORTUNITY FOR PARISHES TO REVIEW ASSEMBLY REPORT



MAY 2027: DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: PRESENTATION OF DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

Photos from some of the Conversations in the Spirit held in the parish:





**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**

Dear Friends,

Firstly, thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me in our Parish.

As many of you know, following my appointment by Bishop George from Busselton to Bunbury, I moved into the Cathedral Presbytery shortly before attending the annual Priests' Conference.

This meant that I was able to be with you for only one Sunday before departing for my annual leave in the Philippines.

Since my return, I have had the opportunity to offer Masses at both the Cathedral and Ocean Star, share in the hospitality of our welcoming morning tea, bless a home, hear confessions, read a story book with students at St Joseph's Primary School, meet with those enquiring about the RCIA, visit the inmates at Bunbury Regional Prison, and begin preparing two students for their First Reconciliation.

There is certainly never a dull moment in the life of a Priest, and I am grateful for the many opportunities to serve God and His people. I will continue to share updates on my ministry and Parish life in the weeks ahead.

May God continue to bless us all.



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

For my first article in our parish bulletin, I would like to introduce our congregation, the Oblates of Saint Joseph (OSJ). The Oblates of Saint Joseph is a religious congregation of priests and brothers founded in 1878 by St. Joseph Marelllo in Asti, Italy. Inspired by the quiet and faithful example of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, the congregation was established to promote devotion to St. Joseph, provide Christian education for youth, care for the elderly, support diocesan clergy, and carry out the will of God wherever Divine Providence may lead us. St. Joseph Marelllo was Bishop of the Diocese of Acqui in Italy. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on November 25, 2001.

Today, the Oblates of Saint Joseph serve in many countries across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Australia.

The Oblates of Saint Joseph first arrived in the Diocese of Bunbury on January 12, 2009, with Rev. Fr. Concord Bagoisan, OSJ, as the first OSJ missionary.

Today, the Oblates serve in the Diocese of Bunbury in the parishes of Albany, Denmark, Mount Barker, Dawesville, Margaret River and Bunbury. We also have missionary presences in the Dioceses of Ballarat, Wagga Wagga, and Armidale.

The congregation's motto is *Salus Nostra in Manu Tua*, which translates as "Our Salvation is in Your Hand." This reflects our devotion to St. Joseph and our recognition of Jesus as our Savior.



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.

29 June Monday	Sts. PETER and PAUL, apostles	Acts 12:1-11 Ps 33:2-9 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
30 June Tuesday	First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church	Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12 Ps 5:5-8 Mt 8:23-27
1 July Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 13	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 Ps 49:7-13, 16-17 Mt 8:28-34
2 July Thursday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 13	Amos 7:10-17 Ps 18:8-11 Mt 9:1-8
3 July Friday	St Thomas, apostle	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 116 Jn 20:24-29
4 July Saturday	Saturday Mass of Virgin Mary St Elizabeth of Portugal	Amos 9:11-15 Ps 84:9, 11-14 Mt 9:14-17
5 July Sunday	14 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday	Zech 9:9-10 Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Rom 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30

PPC Post by Helen Brown, PPC Chairperson

The Bunbury Parish Pastoral Council thanks all parishioners who gave of their time to participate in one of the Conversations in the Spirit held over the past three weekends. The group summary reports will be collated and a parish report written and sent to Kerrie Merritt, Chancellor of the Bunbury Diocese. A heartfelt acknowledgement of our Parish facilitators who prayerfully led each session, sharing their stories. guiding spirit filled conversations and skilfully drawing threads together.

Finally, we'd like to thank Father Pierre for his leadership in this process. Time and again Father places the needs of his flock above his own. We are truly thankful for your ministry and commitment to the Bunbury Parish.

Progress is being made towards the purchase and installation of screens for the Cathedral.

The PPC invites and encourages parishioners to come together for a cuppa after offering Mass. By sharing a plate of food, prepared with love, we open ourselves to be known and to know others. Who have we been truly present for this week?

Pope Leo's Encyclical ***Magnifica Humanitas*** by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

Pope Leo presented his first encyclical recently at the Vatican. The Latin name is *Magnifica humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity), and its purpose is to **safeguard “the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.”**

An encyclical is addressed to “all the Catholic faithful, to all Christians and to all men and women of goodwill” (MH 16).

This encyclical traces the development of the **Social Doctrine of the Church** beginning with *Rerum Novarum* (1891). The basic foundations are the **dignity of the person**, the **common good**, the universal destination of goods, **subsidiarity**, solidarity and **social justice**. It presents a choice between a new Tower of Babel or the rebuilt Jerusalem of the Book of Nehemiah (MH 7 to 10).

Magnifica Humanitas is not hostile to technology. The text says the opposite: it is not “a force antagonistic to humanity”; nor is it “inherently evil” (MH 4, MH 9).

Pope Leo writes on shared human governance of AI, on integral ecology, on structures of sin, and on the rejection of war.

This encyclical is in the tradition that produced documents like *Rerum Novarum*, *Quadragesima Anno*, *Laborem Exercens*, *Centesimus Annus*, *Caritas in Veritate*, *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* – all described in paragraphs 28 to 44.

Pope Leo writes that humanity is “magnificent” even in its woundedness, and that human limits, including illness, ageing and vulnerability, are not defects to be eliminated by upgrades but the very places where relationship, care and openness to God mature (MH 118).

Taken from <https://therecord.com.au/news/international/pope-leo-xiv/magnifica-humanitas-why-pope-leos-first-encyclical-is-not-just-about-ai/>



Our Synodal Journey



What is God asking of us today?



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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ST. PAT'S OUTREACH

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

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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



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



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Luke 1:37



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

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MASS TIMES

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

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	BB 27	BB 35	CHANT	BB 428	BB 468
8am Sunday	AOV1 71	AOV1 185	AOV1 115	AOV1 158	AOV2 4
10am Sunday	AOV1 71	AOV1 115	AOV1 185	AOV1 81	AOV1 11
6pm Sunday	BB 712	BB 141	BB 400	BB 413	BB 480
SJOGH	AOV1 158	AOV1 164	AOV1 60	-	AOV1 185