

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

5th Sunday of Lent, A2
22nd March 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 MARCH



“Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.”

Mass Intention: Let us remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Jozo (Joe) Bebic, Queenie and Armin Mascarenhas & Victor Pereira.

General Intentions: Let us pray peace in our world, particularly in the Middle east. 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 our RCIA 2026 Catechumens and Candidates; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato 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, Monica Alcock and Freya Dealino.

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

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

‘THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE’

The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

R. With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25.26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Holy Gospel

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your Spirit.**

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

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

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,

but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

cf. Jn 11: 26

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Jesus' Human and Divine Love

The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



The Raising of Lazarus by Sebastiano del Piombo, incorporating designs by Michelangelo (1517-19)

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. John 11:32–35

Jesus' humanity shines clearly in today's Gospel. In the face of Lazarus' death, Jesus is deeply moved by the grief around Him. The Gospel says He “became deeply distressed and troubled” and eventually “wept.” The Greek word for “deeply distressed,” *embrimaomai*, suggests a strong emotional disturbance, even indignation or anger. It could be translated as “He snorted in spirit,” indicating an involuntary, visceral response from the depth of His soul. Some commentators suggest Jesus' anger wasn't directed at the people weeping but at the reality of death itself, caused by sin. As God, Jesus knew death was never part of the Father's original plan for humanity. From a divine perspective, He saw death as a consequence of sin. From this point of view, death provoked righteous indignation and deeply troubled His human heart.

As the passage continues, Jesus' humanity is powerfully portrayed in the shortest verse in the Bible: "And Jesus wept." Why did He weep? Saint Paul reminds us in Hebrews: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus' tears show us that the Holy Trinity knows human pain firsthand. The Incarnate Son allowed Himself to experience sorrow, and the Father and the Holy Spirit shared in this sorrow through Him.

It's important to note that Jesus' sorrow was different from the weeping of Lazarus' sisters and the others present. Jesus' weeping uses the Greek word *edakrysen*, which means "to shed tears" or "weep silently." His tears were personal, controlled, intimate, heartfelt, and full of divine compassion. In contrast, the weeping of the others is described by the Greek word *klaió*, meaning loud wailing, a typical expression of communal and ritualistic mourning at the time. Jesus' grief was neither ritualistic nor excessive; it was intimate and heartfelt, born from personal sorrow and divine compassion.

We must never forget Jesus' deep compassion, empathy, and sorrow. His human heart feels the same emotions we do—He grieves when we grieve, shares in our pain, and is moved by the hold sin has on us. After feeling these emotions at Lazarus' death, Jesus stood outside the tomb and "cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" (John 11:43). We can imagine the passion behind His command. In our lives, when we are trapped in sin or burdened by human weakness, we must hear Jesus calling us to freedom with the same divine authority and human passion.

Reflect today on Jesus' humanity and how He perfectly understands everything we experience. His deep empathy for our suffering and His joy when we rise with His grace show us how intimately He knows us. God became one of us in every way, sharing in our human condition—though without sin—so that we might share in His divinity. Ponder His humanity and let His closeness draw you to Him, giving you a share in His divine life.

Most compassionate Lord, You experienced human nature in its fullness. Though You never sinned, You allowed Yourself to feel the effects of our sin and suffering, filling them with Your divine compassion. Help me to always remember Your humanity, knowing that through it, I come to share in Your divinity. 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.

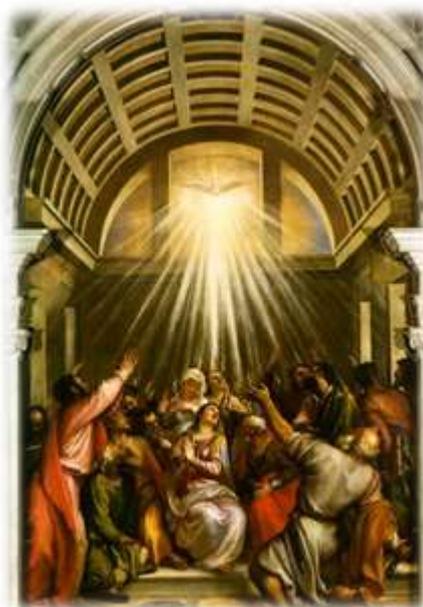
THE NICENE CREED

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Celebrant: In these last stages of our Lenten journey, let us further depend on the Lord, as we voice our needs and concerns:

Petitions

1. We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop George and all Church leaders: through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the synodal process, may their teaching and guidance lead us out of darkness and into fullness of life. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for the leaders of nations, especially in times of turmoil and unrest: may they open their hearts to the words and actions of Jesus and be guided by his way of peace. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who suffer through illness: may the love and care shown to them by family and friends, bring them strength, hope, and a closeness to God. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for those who struggle in their faith and are challenged by doubt and fear: may they find the love of Christ in their darkness, leading them to a life of joy. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for the community gathered here today: may they be bearers of the life of Christ to those around us, bringing a sense of hope. We pray to the Lord.
6. We pray for those who grieve: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving Father, as Jesus showed us, you hear our prayers.
We offer these prayers in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amen.



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

THIS WEEKEND 21 st & 22 nd March	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L Terance O	Mick D	Melvin S	Joel G
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Jenny S Robin W	Wally C	Matthew M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful		Cathy Y	Nilda C	
Reader	Pat G	Greg D	Liz L	Gobi M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Robin W	Elaine T Marilou C Helen B	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			Melissa M Jean G	
Altar Servers			Sophie D R, Shelby C, Dionne L	Matthew G Evan B
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	Couples for Christ	Mark J
Morning Tea		Margaret C	Couples for Christ	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Pauline H	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 28 th & 29 th March	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Mick D	Melvin S	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>
Greeters	Shirley D	Kerry H <i>Greeter Needed</i>	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentary and Prayer of the Faithful		Charlotte S	Deric D	
Reader	Brad S	Kerry H	Sonia B	Nan M
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Pat D Cora C	Cathy R Norrie P Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>
Children's Liturgy			Marina S Kath F	
Altar Servers			Sophie D R, Caleb S, Shelby C, Dionne L	Dean S
Music	Laudate Choir	Craig F	<i>Music Needed</i>	Youth for Christ
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	David M	Readers	Volunteer

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



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

Lumen gentium 11

23 March Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
24 March Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, St. Patrick's Cathedral
25 March Wednesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3.45pm: RCIC, Lesson 7, Parish Hall 6pm: Parish Communal Lenten Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral
26 March Thursday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital, Chapel 2pm: Liturgy, Dalyellup Bethany 4.15pm: ASSP Group 1, 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 7, Parish Hall 4.15pm: ASSP Group 2, 1 st Reconciliation, Lesson 4, Parish Office 4.15pm: ASSP Confirmation Class, Lesson 3, Upstairs Room 5pm: RCIA 2026, Parish Hall 6pm: RCIA 2027, Parish Hall
27 March Friday	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’ 6pm: Stations of the Cross, St. Patrick's Cathedral
28 March Saturday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 2pm: Wedding, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
29 March Palm or Passion Sunday	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8:30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel 12:30pm: Syro Malabar Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

MASS COLLECTIONS | THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

15th March 2026 – Week 37

First Collection: \$ 2,252.25 Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,865.31

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**. We are currently seeking someone to commit to one hour at 11am – 12noon each fortnight. An invitation is also extended to Parishioners to join our Relief Roster. Or you may want to join someone at a specific time either weekly, fortnightly or monthly spending time with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Eucharist. For more information please contact Barbara 0409 585 889.

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

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

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

PARISH NEWS

MORNING TEA: Please join us for fellowship in the parish hall after the 8am

and 10am Sunday Masses this weekend. All are welcome.

PALM PREPARATION (CUTTING): In preparation for Palm Sunday on 29th March, we are still seeking two more volunteers who can help with cutting the palms on Friday, 27th March at 11am in the parish office. If you are able to help, kindly contact the parish office. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

SYRO-MALABAR MASS: Please note the Syro-Malabar Mass has been re-scheduled from 22nd March to 29th March.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION. A warm congratulations to all our young students who made their First Reconciliation this weekend. We extend our sincere thanks to Liz Lomax (St. Joseph's CPS) Carla Kay (St. Mary's CPS) and our ASSP Catechist, Ronelle Lewis, for their commitment and guidance in preparing the children for this sacrament. We also thank the families and friends who continue to support and accompany them on their sacramental journey. We are grateful to our assisting confessors: Fr. Jijo Rockey OCD, Fr. Bony Rebera OCD, Fr. Victor Lobo, Mons. John Finlayson and Fr Pierre Repuyan.

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 on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION. We invite and encourage parishioners to approach the Sacrament of Confession on Wednesday, 25 March, commencing at 6pm, for our parish communal reconciliation. Please mark your calendar for this important event.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. Our candidates continue their formal instruction. Last Wednesday learning theme was, "God Loves Each Person" Next topic: "The Great Commandment". Please pray for all our fifteen (15) candidates. Our candidates will be baptised during the 10am Mass on 26 April.

HOLY WEEK PREPARATIONS

REINSTATING DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST. As has been advertised some weeks ago, our Parish Pastoral Council have considered and recommended the reinstatement of Communion under both kinds, that is, Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ. On Palm or Passion Sunday, 29 March, we will have two communion distribution points at the base of the sanctuary for those who wish to receive the Blood of Christ. The liturgical way, as has been the way before covid struck, is by drinking from the cup or chalice. Intinction or the act of dipping the Body of the Christ into the chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is not permitted. Our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be stationed in-between the middle aisle communion distribution point and the side aisle communion distribution point. We have decided to start first with two distribution communion points. We will monitor the number of those receiving the Precious Blood and if there is a need to increase the communion distribution points, we will do so. To refresh your memory of the procedures in receiving the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, please read the Dean's List.

HOLY WEEK WASHING OF THE FEET. We'd like to invite any parishioner who would like to be part of the reenactment of Christ's washing the feet of his disciples

on Holy Thursday, 2 April, 7pm. If you are able to be part of this, please contact the Parish Office.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Our Worship Pillar, led by Helen Brown and Lix Lomax, will be organising our Stations of the Cross this year. If you would like to have your school-age child be part of the tableau – a solemn way of acting out the different mysteries of the Passion of Jesus Christ - please contact the Parish Office. As Holy Week is fast approaching, please let us know as soon as convenient. Please contact the Parish Office for more information, including practice sessions.

DIOCESAN NEWS

2026 BUSSELTON MAY ROSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY. Sunday, 3 May 2026, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Rosary Procession followed by Benediction commences at 1pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Bishop George Kolodziej commences at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow - bring a plate to share. All welcome.



TOURS | PARENT
INFORMATION EVENING
9:30AM – 6PM | 5:30 – 6:30PM



REGISTER NOW



What is the proper way to receive Holy Communion?



There are clear guidelines on receiving Holy Communion. We are presenting these guidelines in view of our parish intention to reinstate the reception of Holy Communion under both species, i.e. the Precious Body and Blood of Christ, starting on Passion or Palm Sunday, 29 March. This will be implemented across the parish.

- There will be two communion distribution points for the Precious Blood. It will be at the base of the Cathedral sanctuary, in-between the middle aisle communion distribution point and the side aisle distribution points.
- When receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the ministers.
- Each Communicant should refrain from eating or drinking anything (except for water) for one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist, although exceptions are made for those who are sick and for the elderly. (Canon Law no. 919 - *“Whoever is to receive the blessed Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before Holy Communion from all food and drink, with the sole exception of water and medicine.”*)
- One may receive the Sacred Host either in one’s hand or one’s tongue. The choice is yours. You can either have the host fed to you or handed to you. If receiving on the tongue, open your mouth and extend your tongue so that the host does not fall. The host will be placed on your tongue. Close your mouth and allow the host to dissolve on your tongue while thinking of the sacrifice made. If you wish to have the host handed to you, hold out your hands, left on top of right. Do not take the host from the priest but rather allow them to place it in your hand.

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"...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32 (NRSVCE)



Join our
**PARISH LENTEN
RECONCILIATION**

**ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 6PM
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**



STEPS OF *LECTIO DIVINA*

1. **Prepare (Silencio):** Take a few moments to quiet yourself, get in a comfortable position, and become aware of God's presence.
2. **Read (Lectio):** Read the Scripture passage slowly, out loud if possible. Listen for a nudge: What words or images is the Spirit drawing you toward today?
3. **Meditate (Meditatio):** Re-read the Scripture passage, lingering over the person/word/phrase that captured your attention. Let your imagination engage the story/text. Reflect on how it might intersect with your life today.
4. **Pray (Oratio):** Read through the Scripture passage another time, allowing the Scripture to lead you into a prayer/response to God. Talk to God about what has come to mind, and how He might be inviting you to respond.
5. **Contemplate (Contemplatio):** Rest in the awareness of God's presence, remaining open to anything else the Holy Spirit might stir in your heart. If your mind wanders, gently redirect your thoughts toward God. Simply be still. Expect nothing. Enjoy a moment of fellowship with God that goes deeper than words. God loves you.

23 March Monday	Monday of the 5th week of Lent	Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps:22; Jn 8:1-11
24 March Tuesday	Tuesday of the 5th week of Lent	Num 21:4-9; Ps 101:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
25 March Wednesday	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 39:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
26 March Thursday	Thursday of the 5th week of Lent	Gen 17:3-9; Ps 104:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
27 March Friday	Friday of the 5th week of Lent	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 17:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
28 March Saturday	Saturday of the 5th week of Lent	Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
29 March Sunday	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Entrance: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26: 14 – 27:66

Welcome to this week's PPC Post

- Thank you to all EMHC's and Acolytes who attended the Ministry Renewal Workshop last Saturday. Father Pierre led us in prayer and we had the opportunity to reflect on the gospel reading for the fourth Sunday of Lent. Those in attendance were able to ask questions and offer suggestions for parish procedures regarding the distribution of the Precious Body and Blood.
- Cathedral sound system/Audio Visual update. Father Pierre Liz and I met with Chris from Totally Sound this week. More information to follow in upcoming weeks.
- The PPC wish to congratulate the students from St Joseph's, St Mary's and the After School Sacramental Program who step into a deeper friendship with Jesus this weekend. Congratulations and we pray that you will always feel God's merciful love and compassionate care in your lives.

St Patrick: faith and conversion

In the opening paragraphs of the autobiography attributed to St Patrick (the *Confessio*), it offers a meditation on **the gift of faith** and the praise that we owe in return to God for such a gift. St Patrick's evangelising zeal comes from knowing that he must speak to others of Christ:

That is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so – about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven.

Throughout the *Confessio* St Patrick speaks about his feelings of unworthiness and sinfulness, but he also recounts the **story of his conversion** and his change of life as an act of thanksgiving to God. Patrick teaches us that **the Christian life is one of continual conversion**, and that conversion requires a **change of heart** and a renewal of action in our lives. While the feast of St Patrick comes in the middle of Lent, it reminds us of our need for **conversion and repentance**.

Remember Christ's call to conversion in your life; a call to conversion and change that St Patrick felt so strongly that he left behind everything he had and followed Jesus in order to **bring the gospel to others**.

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ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BUNBURY

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

CARMELITE MONASTERY, GELORUP

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

DALYELLYUP CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

(St John of God Bunbury Hospital Chapel)

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



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

- If you are receiving the Sacred Host in your hand, extend both hands palms up toward the Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte, placing one hand directly on top of the other hand. If you are right-handed, the right hand goes on the bottom so you can receive the Host in your left hand and then pick it up with your right hand. If you are left-handed, the other way around.
- The Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte will hold the Host in front of you and say, "The Body of Christ". The correct response is simply "Amen". No other response should be said. Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte will then place the Host on your open palm. Do not attempt to grab the Host from the minister with your fingers.
- Once the Host has been placed in your hand, step aside (to allow the person behind you to come forward to receive) and immediately consume the Host as you stand facing toward the altar. You should pick up the Host from the palm of your hand with the fingers of your other hand and reverently place the Host in your mouth. However, if you would like to receive the Host in your mouth, after the Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte holds the Host in front of you and says The Body of Christ and you respond Amen, tilt your head backwards, slightly open your mouth and stick out your tongue. The Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte will then place the Host on your tongue. Once you feel the Host on your tongue, take the Host into your mouth with your tongue.
- If you wish to receive the Precious Blood - the choice is yours; bow your head and shoulders slightly as the person before you is receiving from the chalice. Approach the Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte and he will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ, to which you respond, "Amen". The Priest/Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) or acolyte will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips, taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood within. Take a small sip of the Precious Blood and hand the chalice back to the minister who will wipe its rim to prepare it for the next communicant. Do not carry the Host with the intention of dipping it into the Precious Blood. Communicants may not dip the Sacred Host.
- After receiving Holy Communion, return to your seat and pray as you kneel. This is a time to reflect and thank Jesus for coming to you in the Holy Eucharist.



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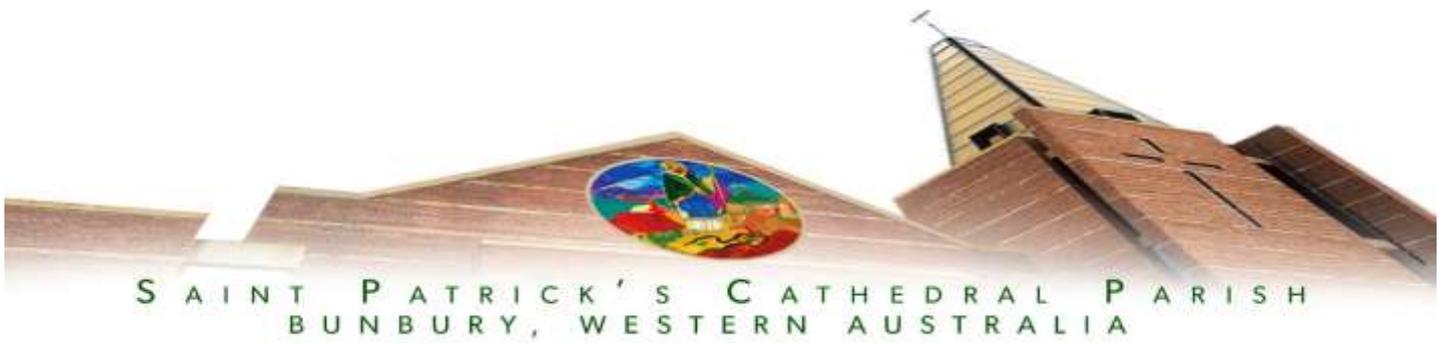
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Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar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

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MASS HYMNS	Gathering	Offertory	Communion	Reflection	Mission
6pm Saturday	BB 150	BB 4	Chant	BB 498	BB 327
8am Sunday	AOV1 92	AOV2 155	AOV1 49	AOV1 153	AOV1 158
10am Sunday	AOV1 92	AOV2 155	AOV1 49	AOV1 153	AOV1 158
6pm Sunday	AOV2 165	AOV2 155	AOV1 49	AOV1 110	AOV1 94
SJOGH	AOV1 158	AOV1 49	AOV2 155	-	AOV1 153