

HAPPY VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK!!

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
2nd August 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 AUGUST

“Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.”

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the souls of all our faithfully departed loved ones.

General Intentions: 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, asylum seekers and seasonal workers.

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for our young people who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Let us pray for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: Lynette Amonini, Fr Roy Pereira, Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, 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 & Wade Godsell.

Diocese: Let us pray for the fruits of the Diocesan General Assembly be well-received by parish communities across the Diocese of Bunbury.

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.



“GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELVES”

With the five loaves and two fish that Jesus had blessed, the disciples fed a vast crowd. Our acts of service and love towards others may often seem small but, blessed by Jesus, they too can have a great impact. We need Jesus to bless our work, and Jesus needs us to feed the hungry and comfort the lonely of our world. Together, we can do great things.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:35,37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



God's Providential Care

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes by Jacopo Tintoretto (Jacopo Robusti), ca. 1545–50

“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Matthew 14:17–20

In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, there are two distinct miraculous feedings of large crowds. Today's Gospel depicts the first one, given primarily to Jewish people near the Sea of Galilee. Five thousand men (not counting women and children) were fed from five loaves and two fish, resulting in twelve baskets left over. This feeding of the five thousand is notably the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels, underscoring its significance. Matthew and Mark also recount a second miraculous feeding—this time of four thousand people—in the largely pagan region of the Decapolis, using seven loaves and a few fish, with seven baskets left over.

This first miracle takes place within the context of Jesus' sorrowful heart, as He mourns the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. Jesus knew that John's death occurred for the Father's glory and according to His permissive will. Yet this divine perspective did not eliminate His human sorrow. Holy sorrow is a profound expression of love in the face of suffering.

Because Jesus' love was perfect, His sorrow was genuine and deep. The depth of His sorrow is evident from His deliberate choice to withdraw by boat to be alone, to fully embrace His grief. It is beautiful to note that Jesus' divinity does not overshadow or diminish His humanity. Rather, with divine love, He fully accepts John's death, and with a genuinely human heart, He properly mourns. In Jesus, humanity and divinity intertwine perfectly.

Upon disembarking, Jesus finds that a large crowd has followed Him on foot, anticipating His arrival, hungry for His teachings and miracles. Here we encounter a second revelation of Jesus' divinity shining through His humanity. Seeing the crowd and perceiving their brokenness, sinfulness, and suffering, "his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick." The Greek word translated here as "pity" indicates a deeply felt, visceral compassion. This compassion, divine in origin, flows perfectly through Jesus' sacred humanity. His compassionate gaze vividly reveals God's merciful love: Jesus does not merely sympathize; He acts decisively, healing the sick and alleviating their suffering. His divine love compels Him to act for the good of His people.

The miracle itself recalls God's providential care for the Israelites during their forty years in the desert, when manna appeared each morning, providing sufficient food for each day. That miracle, coupled with today's Gospel, teaches us a consistent truth: God always provides for us when we turn to Him, seeking Him earnestly as the crowd did.

The multiplication of the loaves and fish also foreshadows the Eucharist, likely the reason it is recorded in all four Gospels. In the Eucharist, God provides abundantly for our spiritual nourishment. When received with faith and trust in God's providence, Jesus' Body and Blood nourishes every virtue within us, empowering us to flourish spiritually. The Eucharist prepares us for eternal life, where we anticipate sharing in the eternal Wedding Banquet of Heaven—a perfect, everlasting celebration free from all sin, sickness, and suffering.

Reflect today on Jesus' tender care. He looks upon your needs with the same compassion He showed to the crowds in the wilderness. Consider especially how He desires to feed you daily through the Most Holy Eucharist, the true Bread from Heaven. Bring to Him whatever you have, even if it seems small or insufficient—your struggles, weariness, prayers, and hopes—and trust that in His hands, they will be multiplied for the good of your soul and the souls of others. Let this miraculous feeding stir within you a deeper faith in God's providence and a more fervent desire for the Eucharist, where Christ Himself is our sustenance, our healing, and our foretaste of eternal joy.

My Eucharistic Lord, the Gift of the Eucharist is beyond my comprehension. Just as the crowds were amazed at the multiplication of the loaves and fish, astonish me with an understanding of the Eucharist and Your providential care that fills my heart with openness and gratitude to 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: Today's psalm turns to God in the confident hope that our needs will be met. We offer our prayers to the Father of goodness.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George, our priests, and all leaders of the Church. During this Vocations Awareness Week: may God's people be given faithful preaching and compassionate service. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray during this Vocations Awareness Week that the Holy Spirit may inspire people to respond generously to God's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and faithful Christian service. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for those in political, economic and educational leadership: may they create communities where all people are valued. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for those who feel helpless in our world today: may they come to accept that God values them and their contribution. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for the community gathered here today: may we respond to the call to love and serve those in need. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, nothing can come between us and your love. We confidently bring these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

THIS WEEKEND 1 st & 2 nd August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C	John I	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Cathy Y Robin W	Lynette A Verna H	David M
Commentator	Brad S	Daria S	Nilda C	Nan M
Reader	Brad S	Malena C	Liz L	Jean G
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Margaret C Cheryl N David N <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Cathy R Sophie L Marilou C Liz L	Gobi M Nan M
Children's Liturgy			Tricia W Virge R	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Abigail & Abel R, Godwin J, Gabriel R, Sophia R, Shelby C, Lion & Evan B	
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Diocesan Choir	Recorded Music
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Elaine G	Readers Volunteer

NEXT WEEKEND 8 th & 9 th August	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	John L	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Joel G
Greeters	Ester L	Jenny S Kath F	Wally C	David M
Commentator	Pat G	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Peter L	Gobi M
Reader	Pat G	Sr Pauline	Helen B	Terri P
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cora C Daria S Lesley S Robin W	Elaine T Nilda C Norrie P Rosina I	Stephen H Terri P Nan M
Children's Liturgy			<i>Catechist & Volunteer Needed</i>	
Altar Servers			Alfonsa Maria J, Leonce L, Aaron J	Matthew G, Evan B, Earl T
Music	Laudate Choir	<i>Music Needed</i>	Voices of Hope	Melanie N
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Southwest Filipino Australian Assoc. Inc	
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers Chris L, Ethel N

CLEANERS	1 st week	2 nd week	3 rd week	4 th week	5 th week
Toilets	A Parishioner	A 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!



STEWARDSHIP

The Eucharistic sacrifice “is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life....”
Lumen gentium 11

3 August Monday St Dominic	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
4 August Tuesday St John Vianney	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10:30am: Healing Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
5 August Wednesday Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 3:45pm: RCIC (Class Meeting 1), Parish Hall 5pm: PPC Executive Meeting
6 August Thursday The Transfiguration of the Lord	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Whole School Mass, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: Whole School Mass, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 4:15pm: ASSP First Holy Communion (Lesson 6), Meeting Room 5pm: ASSP Reconciliation Special Class 6pm: RCIA 2027
7 August Friday St Sixtus II & St Cajetan	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11am: Mass, Regis Forrest Gardens 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College - 'Chat with the Chap'
8 August Saturday St Mary of the Cross	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.30am: St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
9 August Sunday 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 11:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 1:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
MASS COLLECTIONS

26th July 2026 – Week 4

First Collection \$ 2,708.30 | Sacrificial Giving \$ 3,015.95



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

DIOCESAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. More than 150 parishioners gathered at Bunbury Catholic College for the Diocesan General Assembly on Saturday, 1 August 2026. Cathy Richichi and Ryan Mallaby were our parish representatives to the assembly. Both Helen Brown (PPC Chairperson) and Fr Piere Repuyan are on the Diocesan Synodal Team. Liz Lomax (PPC Deputy Chair and Secretary) was a school representative. After the diocesan-wide Conversations in the Spirit, the collated fruits of the conversations were presented to assembly attendees. From the outcomes of these conversations, participants engaged in further conversations in the spirit to initially discern the pastoral priorities of our diocese and of our parishes. The fruits of these conversations will be sent out to parishes for further discernment. For several months until Pentecost 2027, parishioners across the diocese will have the opportunity to continue with the synodal journey through conversations in

the spirit leading to the 2027 General Assembly when Bishop George Kolodziej will present the 5-year Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Please continue to pray for our diocese that we may continue to listen to the voices of the Holy Spirit in our communities.

RCIC – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN OF CATECHETICAL AGE. The RCIC candidates resumed their gatherings last Wednesday, 29 July. They have resumed their classes on the Sacrament of Reconciliation will proceed to the Sacrament of the Eucharist in the weeks after. Please pray for each one of our candidates.



Please note the revised RCIC First Holy Communion Program schedule: Introductory Meeting: Wednesday, **29 July, 3.45–4.30pm**, Weekly Classes: commence Wednesday, 29 July, then every Wednesday, 3.45–4.30pm, Parish Hall. Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming: Sunday, 9 August, during the 10am Mass.

PLANT DONATIONS. We continue to receive plants from generous parishioners. Thank you to all of you.

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026.

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3–4 September 2026. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for \$20. Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



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.

250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Presentation Congregation. On Christmas Eve 1775 in Cork, Nano Nagle, with her three companions – Mary Ann

Collins, Mary Fouhy and Elizabeth Burke, founded a religious community in response to God’s call to them to become consecrated women who would dedicate themselves to bearing the light of hope ‘to a people who walked in darkness’.



As a Congregation, we will officially mark the 250th Anniversary of the Foundation on 24 December 2025. This date also will mark the launch of a Year of Celebration in Honour of the 250th Anniversary: 24 December 2025 – 24 December 2026.

In collaboration with the Presentation Society of Australia & Papua New Guinea and the Conference of Presentation Sisters of North America, we plan to mark this special occasion in a variety of ways with Presentation people across the globe.

Cf.: <https://pbvm.org/250th-anniversary-of-the-founding-of-the-presentation-congregation/>

**HEARTH - YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT
A PLACE OF WARMTH, A PLACE OF
CONSOLATION.** We invite young adults to take a step back from the “busyness” of the day to day. This retreat seeks to deepen the spirituality of young adults through talks, guided prayers and reflections, silent time, discussions, conversations and activities. All food and materials are provided in registration costs. Retreat will begin on Friday evening and conclude on Sunday. Please note retreatants must be present for the full duration of the retreat. Retreat is open to young adults +18. Registration closes 17th August 2026. Follow the link below to register and more information.

<https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/631859>

2026 KIRUP CAMINO. Registrations for the 2026 Kirup Camino are now open. Held on the 1st of October each year to launch World Mission Month, the Kirup Camino also celebrates the feast day of St Therese of the Child Jesus, patron saint of the missions. The 16km pilgrimage commences with a pilgrims' blessing at the Church of St Therese, in Balingup, and finishes with a pilgrims' mass, presided by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury, at the Holy Family Church in Kirup. This year, the Church celebrates 100 years of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius 11th in 1926. We invite you to celebrate a century of prayer, generosity, and shared mission, by joining the Kirup Camino on Thursday 1 October 2026. For more information, contact Shendelle Mullane, Catholic Mission Province Director for WA and Diocesan Director for Bunbury, on 0423 219 665. To register, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNKPE>



THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP. You are invited to celebrate. Saturday, 8 August, 10.30am. Refreshments after Mass. St Patrick's Cathedral, 11 Money Street, Bunbury.

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP. Peace Vigil Quiet Day, Thursday 6th August Hiroshima Day. 9.30am-2pm. Please join us for all or part of the day to pray for peace in these difficult times. The contemplative practice of the labyrinth will be part of our prayer. Also, save the date for St Phoebe's Day on 3rd September. Contact Deborah for further details 0419939864.

48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUQUET: In September we'll come together in prayer in preparation for Our Lady's birthday gift. The 48 HOURS will commence on Saturday 5th September at 6pm concluding Monday 7th September at 6pm with the Rosary being said continuously throughout the State during these hours. All are invited to take part in this event for Our Lady. Please see the notice board for more information.



A moment to believe. Join up and be part of the journey to Eucharist28. Cf.: <https://eucharist28.org/>

A TIME OF GRACE:

Preparing for Our First Diocesan Synodal Assembly*



In the coming days, our Diocese will gather for our first Diocesan Synodal Assembly - an important milestone in the life of the Church in Bunbury. I invite every member of our diocesan family to accompany us with your prayers as we embark on this sacred journey together.

This Assembly is not simply a meeting or a planning exercise. It is an opportunity for all of us to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit, to one another, and to the hopes and needs of the people entrusted to our care. Through prayer, respectful dialogue and discernment, we seek to discover where God is calling us as a local Church and how we can respond with faith, courage and hope.

Our diocesan theme for this year, *Connected in Christ, Walking Together as One*, will guide all that we do. We gather as one family of faith - bishop, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful - recognising that each person has gifts to offer and a voice that deserves to be heard. Synodality invites us to journey together, trusting that the Holy Spirit speaks through the whole People of God.

While only some are able to participate in the Assembly itself, every member of our Diocese has an important part to play. I ask you to pray that we may be open to the Spirit's guidance, speak with honesty, listen with humility, and seek not our own preferences but God's will for our Diocese.

May this Assembly be a time of grace that renews our commitment to Christ and strengthens our mission to proclaim the Gospel throughout the South West. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, may the Holy Spirit lead us into a future filled with hope, unity and joyful service.

+ Bishop George Kolodziej SDS, Bishop of Bunbury

*The Diocesan General Assembly was held from 30 July – 1 August.



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**

This week I was blessed to concelebrate the First Holy Communion Mass for the St Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission here in Bunbury, with their Eparch.

It was my first experience of an Eastern Catholic liturgy, and I found it to be beautiful, reverent, and deeply prayerful.

While some of the prayers, music, and customs were different from those of the Latin (Roman) Rite that most of us are familiar with, the same Eucharist was celebrated, the same Catholic faith was professed, and the same Lord was worshipped.

Experiences like this remind us that the word Catholic means “universal”.

Sometimes we can think of the Catholic Church only in terms of the Latin Church, but the Catholic Church is made up of the Latin Church together with 23 Eastern Catholic Churches, all united in communion with the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, while preserving their own rich liturgical, spiritual, and cultural traditions.

It was a wonderful reminder that the Church’s unity is not found in everyone doing things the same way, but in our shared faith in Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, and in union with the Vicar of Christ.

God bless us.



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

As our Diocese prepares for the forthcoming Diocesan Assembly, I find myself looking back with gratitude on my own journey as a priest in the Diocese of Bunbury.

When I arrived in Australia in 2022, many things were new to me—the people, the culture, the communities, and the pastoral realities of serving the Church in this part of the world. Over the years, however, Bunbury has become more than simply the place where I exercise my priestly ministry. It has become a community with whom I pray, serve, learn, and walk.

This is why the Diocesan Assembly on 31 July–1 August is particularly meaningful to me. After months of Conversations in the Spirit in our parishes and schools, we are coming together not merely to discuss the future of our Diocese, but to discern it prayerfully.

As a priest, I am reminded that I do not have all the answers. Priesthood is not about walking ahead of everyone else. Sometimes we lead, sometimes we accompany, and sometimes we simply need to listen. Synodality challenges me to listen more attentively to the experiences, hopes, struggles, and dreams of the people entrusted to our pastoral care.





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.

3 August Monday	St Dominic, priest	Jer 28:1-17 Ps 118:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 14:22-36
4 August Tuesday	St John Vianney, priest	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 101:16-21, 29, 22-23 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
5 August Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28
6 August Thursday	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or 2 Pet 1:16-19 Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9 Mt 17:1-9
7 August Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 18 St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and companions, martyrs St Cajetan, priest	Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Deut 32:35-36, 39, 41 Mt 16:24-28
8 August Saturday	St MARY OF THE CROSS, virgin	1 Kg 17:8-16 Ps 62:1-8 Col 3:12-17 Mt 6:25-34
9 August Sunday	19 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13 Ps 84:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33



National Vocations Awareness Week. NVAW is an annual, week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church.

NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of the Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 2 – 9 August.

It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to “care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood.” (Pastores Dabo Vobis, n.34). During this week, we are invited to renew our efforts to support young people in the discernment of their vocations, recognising the existential challenges posed by our modern world and the struggle many face in the search for meaning.

Cf: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/National-Vocations-Awareness-Week-2026>

Ordinary Time

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

We are in the season of **Ordinary Time**, when the liturgy has a chance to focus on the **teachings and ministry of Jesus**. This is the second period of Ordinary Time in the Church's Year. The first period of Ordinary Time went from Christmas to Ash Wednesday. Ordinary Time is distinguished by using the colour **GREEN**.

The liturgical year is not one single moment in time, it is many moments in time all leading us back to one major moment, the cross and Resurrection.

The liturgical year then is an array of events designed to shape us into being what we say we are - followers of Jesus, disciples of Christ, the Christian community.

Ordinary Time doesn't mean average. It means the time outside the seasons of Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. We count this season in ordinal numbers to remember how Jesus lived his ordinary life. This season gives time for spiritual growth.

In the special seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter we hear readings that specifically deal with those events.

During **Ordinary Time** we hear consecutive readings from one of the three Synoptic Gospels. These readings immerse us in the ministry of Jesus and give us the opportunity to **grow in understanding of the life and teaching of Jesus**.

In recent weeks, the gospel of Matthew has shown us Jesus **instructing** his disciples, and using **parables** to challenge their thinking.

This shows the importance of **living out the Christian vocation in the ordinary aspects of life**.



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.**

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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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"For nothing will be impossible with God."

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	AOV2 03	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 31	AOV1 40
8am Sunday	AOV1 74	AOV2 155	AOV1 153	AOV1 158	AOV1 188
10am Sunday	Please Refer to Hymn Sheet				
6pm Sunday	AOV1 74	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 31	AOV1 188
SJOGH	AOV1 74	AOV2 155	AOV1 129	AOV1 31	AOV1 188