

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR RCIC FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A2
11th October 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 OCTOBER

"Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses."

Mass Intention(s): Let us pray for the repose of the souls of Antonio Carlo "Tony" Cordi and Pietro Cordi.

Eternal Repose of the Souls of: Lee Say Lee and Lauretta Therese Ball whose funerals were held at the Cathedral during the week.

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.

Prayer Requests: Max McGee, Val Nanut, 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, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Amie & Joy Dealino, Wade Godsell and Adrian Seale.

Diocese: Let us pray that 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.

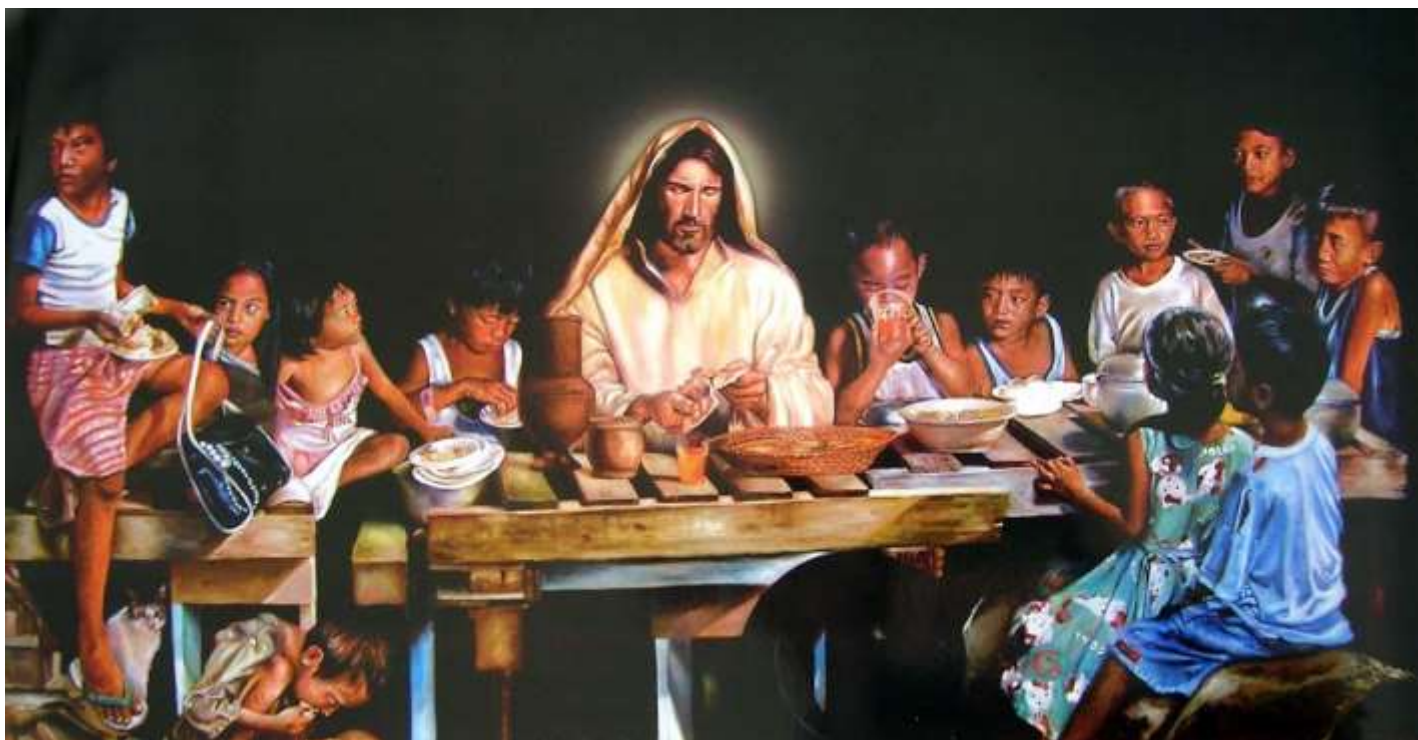


Table of Hope (Hapag ng Pag-asa) by Joey Velasco

“COME TO THE BANQUET”

Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterised by joy, integrity, and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away

the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness no evil would I fear. You are
there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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 began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



The Wedding Feast of the Liturgy

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



Parable of the Great Banquet by Brunswick Monogrammist, ca. 1525

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” Matthew 22:1–3

Today’s parable is part of Jesus’ final teachings in Jerusalem during Holy Week. It continues His direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders. Through this story, Jesus unveils the mystery of the Kingdom, the tragedy of Israel’s rejection, and the universal call to salvation.

The central theme of this parable is found in the opening line: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.” In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come.

The first invited guests “refused to come.” This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God's justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way? Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements.

When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come"—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

Ideally, we will attend Mass every Sunday—and more often if possible—willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The "wedding garment" symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal.

Reflect today on the Mass as the true Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Do you approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, spiritual preparation, and genuine love for the Bridegroom? Strive to make your presence at Mass much more than physical; let it be the expression of a soul properly clothed, joyfully responding to the King's invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.

My King and Bridegroom of the Church, the Mass is Your Wedding Feast and a foretaste of the eternal Banquet of Heaven. You invite us to this Feast not only in body, but with hearts recollected, minds engaged, and souls prepared by grace. May I always respond to Your invitation with faith and love, and celebrate the Holy Mass with all my heart, clothed in the garment of sanctifying grace. 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: God invites us to the banquet of boundless life. We pray that all will hear and accept the invitation:

1. We pray for Pope Leo, Bishop George and all the leaders of our Church: may they be unfailing beacons of hope for the kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

2. We pray for the leaders of nations and the decision makers of the world: may they use this power responsibly, for the good of all. We pray to the Lord.

3. We pray for humanitarian workers in all parts of the world: may they stay safe while they care for those in need. We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for our community gathered here to celebrate Eucharist: may we seek to be of service to others in all that we do. We pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for those who are ill and suffering, with no one to care for them: may they be given help and strength for the journey. We pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for those who mourn: may their grief will be lessened by the hope given by Christ, that all are gathered into God's love. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Loving and compassionate God, help us to follow your Son in faith. We ask this in the name of 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 10 th & 11 th October	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	Alfred L	Peter C	Alfred L	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Robin W Kerry H	Verna L H	David M
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Brad S	Daria S	Helen B	Gobi M
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Brad S	Kerry H	Nilda C	Terri P
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L	Cheryl N, Janelle N <i>EMHC Needed x2</i>	Elaine T, Nilda C, Helen B & Liz L	Terri P Gobi M
Children's Liturgy			<i>School Holidays</i>	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Shelby C, Dionne L, Jean Rose & Josh Jacob B	
Music	Laudate Choir	Joseline K	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

NEXT WEEKEND 17 th & 18 th October	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm
Acolyte	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Kim H	Ryan M	Mark J
Greeters	Ester L	Kath F Kerry H	Wally C	David M Peta T
1st Reading/ Responsorial Psalm	Pat G	Malena C	Deric D	Nan M
2nd Reading/ Prayer of the Faithful	Pat G	Charlotte S	Sonia B	Joan T
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Linda L Teresa H	Cora C, Lesley S Robin W <i>EMHC Needed</i>	Cathy R, Helen B Sophie L, Norrie P	Stephen H, Terri P Nan M
Children's Liturgy			Ralou M Ollen M	
Altar Servers	Earl T		Leonce L Alfonsa Maria J	Matthew G, Evan B
Music	<i>Music Needed</i>	J&M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir
Morning Tea				
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM	Pastoral Care Volunteers	Max & Margaret M	Readers	Volunteer

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.		Thank you!



SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people. Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, legal and ethical standards in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated.

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

12 October Monday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
13 October Tuesday	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: Rosary, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
14 October Wednesday St Callistus I	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: PPC Monthly Meeting
15 October Thursday St Teresa of Jesus	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am: Year 6 Class Visit, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School 10am: School Visit, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 6pm: RCIA 2027
16 October Friday St Hedwig St Margaret Mary Alacoque	7am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 7:45am: Mass, Bunbury Catholic College 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9am-9pm: Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:30am: Mass, Wattle Hill 12:41pm: Bunbury Catholic College – ‘Chat with the Chap’
17 October Saturday St Ignatius of Antioch	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9:30am: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 2:30pm: Baptism, St. Patrick's Cathedral 5pm: Reconciliation, St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral
18 October Sunday 29 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION DAY	8am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10am: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 10am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6pm: Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral

*“Each of you must give as you have made up
your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS COLLECTIONS
4th October 2026 – Week 14

First Collection: \$ 2,741.15
Sacrificial Giving: \$ 2,818.95



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

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



OUR PARISH OBSERVES THIS OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY. Join us in praying the Holy Rosary every Tuesday. Please feel free to visit the Cathedral and pray the Holy Rosary at Mary's Chapel.



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

PARISH NEWS

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children [of Catechetical Age]). Our 15 candidates journeying through the RCIC will be receiving their First Holy Communion during the 6pm Sunday Mass. Please keep each one of them in your prayers, that receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist they may continually seek nourishment through the Eucharist in their lives.

WEDDING. Best wishes to Samuel Cox and Emily Fleay on their Holy Matrimony, celebrated 3rd October.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Share your gifts. Our parish is currently seeking musicians who can help lead and support our music ministry at our Masses.

We are looking for interested parties who are willing to be rostered on one of the following Sundays:

1st Sunday, 6pm

2nd Sunday, 8am

5th Sunday, 10am

We don't have anyone rostered on these days and we would be grateful if you could consider sharing your gift in music. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please come forward and speak with one of the staff members at the parish office. You may wish to have a chat with our choristers to gain more information about the Cathedral music ministry.

We are truly grateful to everyone who has already given their time and talent to our Cathedral music ministry. Your voice, your gift and your willingness to serve do make a difference.



**Please call 08 97212141
for emergency assistance.**

**St. Patrick's Care offers the following
emergency help to parishioners:
home visitation, emergency meals,
lawn mowing, transportation
and grief accompaniment.**

**St. Patrick's Care brochures are
available in the Cathedral cloister.**

**ST. PATRICK'S CARE
TEAM MINISTRY**

Over-all Coordinator:
Seminararian Chris De Freitas

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY. This year, our parish celebration of All Souls' Day will be held on **Monday, 2 November at 5.30pm** at the Bunbury Cemetery. On this day, we prayerfully remember our faithful departed. The traditional blessing of the columbarium and memorial wall will take place on **Sunday, 1 November**, immediately after the **8am Mass**.

DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD MISSION MONTH. This year marks 100 years of World Mission Sunday, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. Next weekend, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united or email Diocesan Director, Shendelle Mullane, at bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au



YOUTHCARE RAFFLE TICKETS: Please support the YouthCARE chaplains who work in our local state schools. The Chap-lains provide pastoral care and support for students and families facing many of life's challenges. Fundraising tickets will be sold in the Cathedral on 11 October. Please support this wonderful project. Thank you. For further information please contact Lib and Rita

Piparo on 0403 981 667, the Catholic representatives on the YouthCARE Council of Bunbury.

SAVE THE DATE. Tuesday 10th November 9am. Multi faith prayer gathering for COP32 (The 2027 United Nations Climate Change Conference). Koombana Bay foreshore. Flyer to follow.

BUNBURY REGIONAL YOUTH CARE COUNCIL - HIGH TEA SUNDOWNER.

Join to celebrate another great year of YouthCARE Chaplaincy in the Bunbury region with good food and conversation, accompanied by a glass of sparkling wine or grape juice plus tea, coffee or apple juice, background music and stories of the year's achievements. Be there for the Raffle Draw at the event finale! Make up a table of 10 or come as one. Date: Friday 20th November 4pm-6:30pm, Place: St. Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Tickets are \$25 pp and available via church contacts until 18th October. No door sales. For more information contact Marg Garrett 0439854887 and Church contact Rita 0493620718.

CELEBRATING SENIORITY. Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments

suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and

laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events Monday 19 October 2026 at 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm AWST 0295605333 palms@palms.org.au.





ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR THE HOLY ORDERS

Congratulations to **Seminarian Chris De Freitas** for being admitted to the candidacy for the holy orders. As Bishop of Bunbury, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS DD admitted Chris to the candidacy during last Sunday's Mass. It is a significant step in Chris's journey towards ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. It was wonderful to see the support from his family and the St. Charles Seminary community. Please pray for Chris that he may remain steadfast in his vocation.



OUR PARISH IS SEEKING NEW SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS

Our Cathedral Parish is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults experiencing vulnerabilities and seek to increase the number of Safeguarding Officers within the Parish. This role involves being a point of contact for our parish community on Safeguarding requirements, support for the Parish Priest, the Cathedral Dean and the parish to raise awareness of our collective responsibility around safeguarding, and to help ensure the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are implemented. This position will work closely with the Dean of the Cathedral. Our Cathedral Parish Safeguarding will be administered in cooperation with the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Training and ongoing support will be provided. If you would like to be part of a vibrant team or like more information, please contact the Parish Admin office on 9721 2141 / parishadmin1@bunburycatholic.org.au. You may also seek information through the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator: 9721 0517 or safeguarding@bunburycatholic.org.au.



MONTHLY FUNDRAISING FOR THE HOMELESS

On their second month of fundraising, the Missionaries of Light have raised the amount of \$330.44 from the food sale of 'sopas' (pasta soup) held last Sunday after the 12noon Filipino Mass in the Cathedral. The Filipino Mass is held every first Sunday of each month. All proceeds of the fundraising go to the parish outreach to the homeless. The Missionaries of Light is led by Bruddie Paypon.



BE AN OUTREACH VOLUNTEER

As our parish outreach commits to offering free hot lunches every Saturday (10.30am-12.30am), parishioners' involvement is sought. There are different ways to be part of the outreach: street ministry where volunteers go out into the streets of Bunbury to minister to the homeless by providing them toiletries and inviting them to the free lunch, setting up for the Saturday free lunch, serving on the day, and the clean-up. If you wish to be part of our parish outreach, please call Ryan and Anne Mallaby: **0455 570 623**.



*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever."*

PSALM 136

The Carmelite Sisters

*cordially invite you to join us in celebrating
the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila*

&

*a Mass of Thanksgiving for
the 50th Anniversary of the Foundation
of
Carmel of Our Lady of Lourdes,
Gelorup, Western Australia
1976—2026*

On the 15th October 2026

At 9.00 am



**FR. NATHAN
BARRIE**

This week I had the joy of helping prepare our Rite of Christian Initiation of Children students for their upcoming First Holy Communion. As part of their preparation, I celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with them. It is always a privilege to see children encounter the mercy and forgiveness of Christ as they prepare to receive Him in the Eucharist.

This week, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, I also marked four years since my ordination as a Deacon. I remain grateful for the many ways God has allowed me to serve His people since that day.

On a more personal note, I recently had a follow-up appointment with my podiatric surgeon regarding the ongoing pain in my feet! While it is a relatively small suffering, it has reminded me of the many people in our parish and beyond who carry far greater physical and emotional suffering.

Our own suffering, however small or great, can become a place of encounter with Christ when we unite it with His own suffering. The Son of God took upon Himself our human nature and entered fully into our human experience, so that through His grace we might share in His divine life. In other words, because God loves us, His Son became man and entered fully into our lives, so that we might share in the life of God.

God bless us.



**FR. JOEL
VILLANUEVA OSJ**

October is considered as the month of the Holy Rosary. This devotion always brings me back to home. For my parents, the Holy Rosary has been a prayer of healing, reconciliation, and peace.

There were times when my father and mother experienced difficulties in their relationship. As their son, I could not always find the right words to help them. But we prayed. Through the simple beads of the Rosary, Mary gently brought peace back into our home and helped our hearts draw closer to one another. During my first years of priesthood, I would often call my parents and lead them in praying the Rosary over the phone. I can still imagine those moments: I was far away, yet somehow, through those prayers, I was home. I would begin, *"In the name of the Father..."* and together we would pray. The distance between us seemed to disappear with every Hail Mary. I could not always be physically present for my parents, but I could be with them in prayer.

One of my greatest blessings was seeing my father pray the Rosary during his final days. As his strength weakened, his faith remained strong. The Rosary gave him courage to face suffering and, eventually, death. As a priest and as a son, I am forever grateful to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Rosary restored peace in our family and kept our home united.





LECTIO DIVINA

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.

12 October Monday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 28	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5:1 Ps 112:1-7 Lk 11:29-32
13 October Tuesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 28	Gal 5:1-6 Ps 118:41, 43-45, 47-48 Lk 11:37-41
14 October Wednesday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 St Callistus I, pope, martyr	Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:42-46
15 October Thursday	St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor	Eph 1:1-10 Ps 97:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
16 October Friday	Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 St Hedwig, religious St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin	Eph 1:11-14 Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12:1-7
17 October Saturday	St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr	Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-7 Lk 12:8-12
18 October Sunday	29 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME WORLD MISSION DAY	Is 45:1,4-6 Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 1 Thess 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21



October - the Month of the Holy Rosary

by Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Rosary. The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Rosary developed toward the end of the 19th century. It is primarily **a scriptural prayer**, as it draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great **events of the Incarnation and Redemption**.

The development of the rosary as a way of praying came from imitating the practice of monks in monasteries praying the 150 psalms over the week. Devout people prayed 150 Our Fathers, and a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys emerged, and a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. The development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic.

In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: **joyful, sorrowful and glorious**. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five **Mysteries of Light** to this devotion.

The purpose of **the rosary** is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple, and the repetition of words provides time to contemplate the mysteries of God. We can sense Jesus and Mary with us in the joys and sorrows of life.

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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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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 456	BB 528	CHANT	BB 300	BB 194
8am Sunday	AOV1 025	BB 141	AOV1 037	AOV1 033	AOV1 092
10am Sunday	AOV1 026	AOV2 155	AOV1 003	AOV1 033	AOV2 059
6pm Sunday	AOV1 016	AOV2 020	AOV2 155	BB 141	BB 142
SJOGH	AOV1 029	AOV1 115	AOV2 126	-	AOV1 158