

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Sixth Sunday of Easter
10th May 2026

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
Catholic Diocese of Bunbury
Bunbury, Western Australia



“WANDJU, NIDJA NOONGAR BOODJA.”

OUR PARISH MISSION

Our Mission is to continue growing as a community where people can meet Jesus Christ and grow in his life and mission in the Catholic Faith.

OUR PARISH VISION

To be a parish that is open and transparent, nurturing, united and inclusive.
To be a community that is welcoming, embracing and caring for families, youth, and valuing cultural diversity.



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

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

Mass Intention(s): Let us remember and pray for the repose of the soul of Dorothy Mascarenhas.

Eternal repose of the soul of: Maxine De Campo, whose funeral was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 6th May at 11am. May her soul rest in peace.

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

Cathedral Parish: Let us pray for all migrants and asylum seekers. Let us pray for our new members of our parish community from the RCIA 2026; for those discerning to join the Catholic Church – RCIA 2027; for our RCIC Candidates; for the After School Sacramental Program (ASSP).

Prayer Requests: Mervyn Hustler, Brenda Finlayson DSG, Kevin Verghese, Frances Gianfrancesco, Silvio Maiolo, John Kukulka, Margaret Reid, Maria Ricili Villanueva, Renato and Maria Fe Repuyan, Patrick Moran, Claire Kelly, Bridget Collins, Helen Whitcombe, Luke Scanlon, Neil Young, Angele Haydar, Noah Forster and Jake Palandri, Maxima Fortunado Gutierrez, Joan Grainger and Freya Dealino.

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

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

‘PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS’

The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

R. Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Members of God's Family

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)



Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles by Duccio di Buoninsegna (c. 1255-1319)

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.” John 14:18–20

The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His disciples in today’s Gospel. Those with close families are truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God’s family.

Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He said, “In a little while the world will no longer

see me..." He was preparing them for His physical departure through the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live and you will live."

Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to them applies to us today. Though we were not among those who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation into God's divine family, the Church.

Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal revelation from God and a choice to live according to that revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and obey His commandments will experience His presence and that of the Father. This experience begins through faith, which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us, revealing His love and will. It is both certain and mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and sustains us in the pursuit of God's will.

Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfillment in God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is perfected in Heaven.

Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfillment in the family of God. Though we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called.

My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and desire to be one with You and Your Father through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me so that I can know You, live according to Your commandments, and flourish in Your grace. May my membership in Your family of faith, through the Church, begin now and become perfected in Heaven. 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: As we continue to rejoice in the risen Lord and await the fullness of the Spirit's gift, we bring our prayers before God who listens with love:

1. We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially Pope Leo: may we remain faithful to the words of Jesus, and be a clear witness to the risen Lord. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for all who exercise leadership in the world, especially in areas of conflict: may they be guided by wisdom and integrity, so their decisions serve peace, justice, and the dignity of every person. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for those who feel abandoned or unseen: may they know the presence of Christ who does not leave us orphans, and experience comfort and strength in the loving care of those around them. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray for all of us gathered today around the Eucharist: may we welcome the peace that Jesus offers, allowing us to build real and valued relationships with others. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones: may their trust in God be deepened. We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of all, we continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. We make these prayers in the name of the Risen Christ.

People: Amen.



The Diocese of Bunbury will be hosting the migrant jubilee cross from 4-17 May 2026. The cross 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.

4 May	Mon	Jubilee Migrant Cross arrives in Bunbury from Perth WELCOME OF THE CROSS Veneration of the Cross / Blessed Sacrament Adoration 6-7pm, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury The Jubilee Migrant Cross contains the following relics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relics of the Holy Family: fragments from the Holy Crib of our Lord, Veil of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Cloak of Saint Joseph • Relic from the 1914 Original Cedar Coffin of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop
5 May	Tues	Host: St. Mary's Catholic Primary School in Bunbury
6 May	Wed	Host: St. Mary MacKillop College in Busselton
7/8 May	Thu/Fri	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Narrogin Host: St. Matthew's Catholic Primary School in Narrogin
9-10 May	Sat/Sun	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Albany Host: St. Joseph's Parish / Diocesan Shrine of St. Joseph
11 May	Mon	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Bunbury / Host: Cathedral Parish
12 May	Tues	Eucharist, 12 May, 6pm St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury followed by Multicultural Shared Dinner. We invite parishioners to bring a plate of your cultural dish or country of origin.
13 May	Wed	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Bridgetown Host: St. Brigid's Catholic Primary School
14 May	Thurs	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Boyup Brook Host: St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Boyup Brook
15-17 May	Fri/ Sat/Sun	Jubilee Migrant Cross travels to Harvey Host: Our Lady of Immigrants Parish in Harvey
17 May	Sun	Jubilee Cross departs from Harvey for Geraldton Diocese Fr Pierre and Seminarian Chris travel to St. Mary's Cathedral in Perth for the handover. The Perth Archdiocese will bring the cross as far as Lancelin for the Diocese of Geraldton to collect.



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.

*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 9 th & 10 th May	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Terance O	Kim H	Mark J	Joel G	
Greeters	Shirley D	Cherylynn F Margaret C	Lynette A Verna H	David M	
Commentator	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Cathy Y	Helen B	Terri P	
Reader	Brad S	Charlotte S	Norrie P	Nan M	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Lesley S Robin W	Nilda C Marilou C Liz L	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	
Children's Liturgy			Ronelle L Kendall L		
Altar Servers			Caleb S, Shelby C, Dionne L	Matthew G, Evan B	
Music	Sim R	Craig F	Voices of Hope	Melanie N	
Morning Tea		Cathy & Friends	Southwest Filipino Association Inc		
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Lesley S	Readers	Chris L, Ethel N

NEXT WEEKEND 16 th & 17 th May	Vigil Mass	8am	10am	6pm	
Acolyte	Terance O	Peter C	<i>Acolyte Needed</i>	Mark J	
Greeters	Shirley D Ester L	Jenny S Kerry H	Wally C	David M	
Commentator	<i>Commentator Needed</i>	Greg D	Nilda C	Terri P	
Reader	Pat G	Kerry H	Liz L	Joanie T	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<i>EMHC Needed</i>	Daria S Maragaret C	Elaine T Norrie P Marilou C	Terri P	
Children's Liturgy			Ralou M Ollen M		
Altar Servers			Sophie D R, Elijah D, Abel R, Abigail R	Dean S	
Music	Craig F	J & M Group	Trinity Choir	Laudate Choir	
Morning Tea					
OCEAN STAR / SUNDAY 2PM		Pastoral Care Volunteers	Max & Margaret M	Readers	Volunteer

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



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

Lumen gentium 11

11 May Monday of the 6 th week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery
12 May Tuesday of the 6 th week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 9:30am: Social Justice Climate Change Walk (prayer & rest) 6pm: Multicultural Mass followed by shared Dinner in the Parish Hall, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
13 May Wednesday of the 6 th week of Easter	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 6pm: PPC Monthly Meeting
14 May St Matthias, apostle	7am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 11am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 4.15pm: ASSP Confirmation (Lesson 6), Parish Hall 5.00pm: RCIA 2026 “Mystagogia” 6.00pm: RCIA 2027
15 May Friday of the 6 th week of Easter	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’
16 May Saturday of the 6 th week of Easter	8am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 9am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 5pm: Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 6.00pm: Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral
17 May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>World Communications Day & Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	8.00am: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 8.30am: Mass, Carmelite Monastery 10.00am: Mass followed by farewell Morning Tea for Fr Jayan, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 10.00am: Mass, St. John of God Hospital 2pm Baptism, St. Patrick’s Cathedral 2.00pm: Mass, Ocean Star 6.00pm: Mass, St. Patrick’s Cathedral

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MASS COLLECTIONS

3rd May 2026 – Week 44

First Collection \$2,182.90

Sacrificial Giving \$3,073.80



LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Friday from 9am to 10pm.

PARISH NEWS

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



“World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with Jesus Christ together with our Holy Father, celebrated about every three years in a different country. The

most recent WYD took place in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1st – 6th, 2023. The next World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, Korea, from August 3rd – 8th, 2027.

HISTORY OF WYD. “According to many, it is the most beautiful invention of Pope John Paul II. In 1984, the Pope decided to organize a gathering on Palm Sunday, in Rome, to celebrate the Youth Jubilee of the Holy Year of Redemption 1983-1984. Sixty thousand pilgrims were expected, however 250 thousand young people from different countries around the world attended the event.

The experience was so meaningful for the entire Church that the Holy Father decided to repeat the celebration the

following year. In this gathering, 300 thousand young pilgrims were distributed among the churches of the city for moments of prayer and catechesis, followed by a full gathering in Saint Peter’s Square to participate in the celebration with the Pope. This same year, 1985, John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Exhortation to the young people of the whole world, and on 20 December, he announced the institution of World Youth Day.

Addressing the College of Cardinals and the Roman Curia, the Pope explained the creation of WYD as follows: “All young people must feel accompanied by the Church: that is why the whole Church, in union with the Successor of Peter, feels more committed, at a worldwide level, to the youth of today, their concerns and requests, their openness and hopes, to respond to their aspirations, passing on the certainty that is Christ, the Truth that is Christ, the love that is Christ, through an appropriate development process”.

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



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

This is to have every pilgrim... Register... that others are not asking to visit... just as we are with Christ... have something shared out... This only need the courage to take the first step.”

The Most Reverend, George Rinaldi SDB OS, Bishop of Sydney.

WYD Seoul 2027



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION. St. Joseph’s CPS will be having their Confirmation on Saturday, 23 May 6pm at the Vigil Mass while St. Mary’s CPS and the ASSP will be on Sunday, 24 May at the 10am Mass. Please keep our young students in your prayers.

DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD MISSION ROSARY. Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission Rosary. Our special Rosary prayer sessions dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held through May: Dates: Monday to Friday, 1 May - 31 May Time: 12pm-1pm Location: Online via Teams – [Join here](#) Kindly let us know if you will be attending by 24th April by replying to this email Fiona.ng@catholicmission.org.au



AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAUDATO SI' ACTION GOALS.

Join in the annual Peace Walk for Climate Justice on Tuesday 12 May 2026 8:30am - 11:30am from Wardandi Boodja, Koombana to St Augustine Worship and Community Centre, 119 Mangles Street. This year we are focusing on the positive effects of peace on the world's climate. Prayers for peace and climate justice, morning tea. Approximate time for event is 3 hours. Approximate distance covered five and a half kilometers. (It's ok to drive if you can't walk that distance). Everyone is welcome to join us! For catering purposes, please let us know if you will be joining us at office@bunburyuniting.church

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL.

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



MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected



by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal

St Vincent de Paul Society (WA) INC. 160 YEARS

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society WA State Council, you are warmly invited to attend our Regional Mass, being held in the South West to celebrate 160 years of compassion, service and community in Western Australia.

From our humble beginnings in 1865 to our ongoing mission supporting West Australians in need today - join us in honouring the people, places and moments that have shaped our journey over the past 160 years.

Bunbury Bishop George Kolodziej SDS to preside and a light lunch will follow proceedings.

Saturday 16 May 2026 at 11am
Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton

South West Region ER Conferences are asked to stay for a meeting and presentation of certificates.

RSVP: reply by Friday May 1 to southwest.regionalpresident@svdpwa.org.au

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

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



NEW SJOGH MASS COORDINATOR. We give thanks to God for Celine Searle who responded to our bulletin appeal for someone to coordinate the Thursday weekly Mass at St. John of God Bunbury Hospital. Celine, flanked by Sr. Rose OCD and Fr Pierre, posed for a photo after the Wednesday Mass at the Carmelite Monastery. Celine is a daily church attendee and is often seen coming to church with her husband, Vic. An induction is currently being organised for her new hospital ministry. Thank you, Celine!

MAY: MONTH OF MARY. As a parish, we continue to observe the tradition of honouring Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of Jesus, during this month of May. We give honour to our Blessed Mother for showing us the way to her Son, Jesus. During this month, we encourage you to pray the holy rosary daily. We also invite you to join the praying of the holy rosary held every Tuesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

THANK YOU, FR. EDCEL. Our Cathedral Parish is grateful to Fr. Edcel Silva OSJ for sharing his ministry with us even only briefly. Let us pray for his new pastoral placement as Parish Administrator of the Mt. Barker-Denmark Parish. After the Sunday 10am Mass, please come along for morning tea and celebrate Fr. Edcel's time in our parish.

NATIONAL COUNT ATTENDANCE MONTH. Across Australia, Catholic parishes began to gather a snapshot of participation at Mass as the 6th National Count of Attendance gets underway. Conducted by the Australia Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research, the count will take place over the first four weekends beginning on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday May 3. This year marks 25 years of gathering insights that help parishes and dioceses understand participation over time, respond to changing needs and plan with confidence. The National Count is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (to be held on August 11) enabling comparisons of broad participation trends across different data sources where appropriate. According to the 2021 National Count, about 8.2 per cent of Australia's Catholic population, or 417,300 people, attended Mass on a typical weekend in May. Mike Freeman of the Parish Finance Committee is doing the headcount for the first two weekends. We are seeking help for the last two weekends where gender and age will be included in the count determination.



MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS. (L-R) Fr. Pierre, Kim Hillman, Seminarian Chris De Freitas and Maria Kathleen Abante posed in front of the Migrant Jubilee Cross after welcoming its arrival in Bunbury last Monday, 4 May. The cross and boat are now journeying around the diocese. On Tuesday, 12 May, the cross will return to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a Multicultural Mass at 6pm followed by a shared dinner in the parish hall. We encourage you to support this event. Come in your cultural dress and share a plate of your cultural heritage. The cross will leave the Bunbury Diocese on 14 May enroute to the Diocese of Geraldton.

NEW PARISHIONER. We welcome to our parish community, Silverio Soares, who is originally from Timor Leste. Silverio has expressed an interest in sharing his gifts through a parish ministry. Let us pray for him and his family who are still in East Timor.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN. Let us to continue to pray for the following who have recently received the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism: Farrah Peace Back, Lara Ray Back, Stevie Kate Back, Izabella Diamond Electra Berry, Lola Emerald Solstice Berry, Chiara Celentano, Dante Celentano, Lorenzo Celentano, Chanapak Jirajongwattana, Nattawat Wijidphan, Audrey Elizabeth Pallister, Holly Lorraine Pallister, Noah Alejandro Wilson. In Term4, they will begin their sacramental preparations for their First Holy Communion.

PASTORAL LIFE AND MISSION CENTRE (PLAMC). As previously announced, the old CDF building will be converted to the PLAMC. Renovations are currently being undertaken, updating and upgrading the office spaces and the conference hall. We expect changes on how we can use and access the building when it is fully operational. The building is owned by the diocese and our parish been looking after the building as it is being used by some parish groups. The diocese may consider what we are currently undertaking when it comes to the use and reservation of the Parish Hall by any individual or group. This requires advance and proper booking and proper documentation relating to Safeguarding, safety and risk management, and liability and insurance. The diocese plans to open the centre by the end of May 2026.



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.

11 May Monday	Monday of the 6 th Week of Easter	Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Jn 15:26 – 16:4
12 May Tuesday	Tuesday of the 6 th Week of Easter Sts Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs St Pancras, martyr	Acts 16:22-34 Ps 137:1-3, 7-8 Jn 16:5-11
13 May Wednesday	Wednesday of the 6 th Week of Easter Our Lady of Fatima	Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15
14 May Thursday	St Matthias, apostle	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 112:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
15 May Friday	Friday of the 6 th Week of Easter	Acts 18:9-18 Ps 46:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
16 May Saturday	Saturday of the 6 th Week of Easter	Acts 18:23-28 Ps 46:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23-28
17 May Sunday	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>World Communications Day</i> <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

By Helen Brown, PPC Chairperson

Our Parish joyfully joins the wider Diocese of Bunbury in welcoming the Migrant Jubilee Cross, a powerful symbol of faith, unity, and pilgrimage. This sacred cross, containing relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was received this week at St Patrick's Cathedral by Fr Pierre Repuyan and parishioners.

The Migrant Jubilee Cross will journey across Australia, travelling to 28 dioceses and four eparchies, calling communities into prayer, reflection, and solidarity with all who journey in hope. We warmly encourage parishioners to participate in this pilgrimage whenever possible, embracing this unique opportunity for spiritual renewal and connection.

As we prepare for our Diocesan Assembly in August, we also invite those who feel called to serve in a special way to consider becoming a Bunbury Parish Conversation Facilitator. If you are interested in supporting the listening and discernment process, please express your willingness to Father Pierre or email ppc.chair@bunburyparish.org; ppc.secretary@bunburyparish.org. Successful parishioners will be informed shortly and information re the training day advertised.

Finally, we give heartfelt thanks to all within our parish who serve their brothers and sisters through the many ministries and groups. Your generous sharing of time and talents brings life, vitality, and love to our community. Without you, our Parish would indeed be lifeless, stagnant and unwelcoming.

St Joseph the Worker - celebrated 1 May last week

By Sr. Christine Clarke, PBVM

The Gospels tell us that Joseph was a skilled craftsman, a carpenter. In a small village, this trade would have brought in enough to support a modest but stable household. Near Nazareth, the city of Sepphoris was being developed by Herod Antipas during Jesus' early years. Joseph, as a tradesman, may have worked there or supplied some of his carpentry work to support the building efforts.

St Joseph is a striking figure in the Gospels: he never speaks. He shows us that holiness is lived, not spoken! And yet, his life is full of decisive action. He receives four dreams: first, to take Mary as his wife; then to flee with the child Jesus into Egypt; later to return to Israel; and finally to settle in Nazareth for safety. Each time, he responds immediately, no hesitation, no argument, just quiet obedience to God. He becomes the guardian of the Holy Family, protecting them in moments of real danger. He is called a "just man". God often works through those who are quiet, but listen deeply... and then act.

Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. The dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gen 2:15) and to be productive in their labours.

From Christian Art website – through **Daily Prayer** section of **Jesuit Communications**



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Care Coordinators' Workshop: Friday, 15 May, 6-7pm, Parish Hall

Volunteers' Workshop: Sunday, Saturday, 16 May, 11am-12noon, Parish Hall

Background

It is important that Coordinators have some form of training and formation as they are the first client contact. If Coordinators feel that they can confidently handle situations and make decisions, they will stay in the job longer and won't be as susceptible to burn-out or disenchantment.

The emphasis of "ordinary people doing ordinary tasks" gives the "ordinary person" confidence to volunteer and the fact that they choose their days, times and frequency of committal means that they don't feel tied down.

Coordinators and Volunteers are encouraged to attend training events organised by the Parish Outreach Committee to help them become more effective in their caring ministries.

The training of Coordinators and Volunteers is important to ensure services rendered are of the best quality and helpers are supported during their own development.

All training courses, workshops, conferences and on the job training should be designed in accordance with the best of modern educational theory and practice. It should be enlightened by the best practices in the delivery of support services.

Content Training – Checklist

The following checklist highlights questions that people training Coordinators or Volunteers should consider when developing or evaluating course content.

- Is the spiritual basis of Catholic Outreach developed?
- Are issues of the real needs of the individual considered?
- Are issues about privacy and confidentiality explored?
- Is the importance of establishing open communication lines considered?
- Are listening skills developed?
- Are negotiation skills developed?
- Meeting format and standard prayer.

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

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

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

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COLUMBARIUM



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



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ST. PAT'S OUTREACH

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

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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Feel free to talk to any of these officers about any Safeguarding queries or concerns that you may have.

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.



PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THIS PARISH BULLETIN.

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Luke 1:37



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

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays: 7.00am; **Saturday:** 8.00am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm
Gelorup Carmelite Monastery: 8.30am Sunday; 9.00am Monday - Saturday
Dalyellup Catholic Community: 10am every Sunday - St. John of God Hospital Chapel
Filipino Mass: 12.00 noon every 1st Sunday of the month
Syro-Malabar Mass: 12.30pm every 4th Sunday of the month
Monthly Healing Mass: 10.30am every 1st Tuesday of the month
St John of God 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	AOV1 29	AOV1 129	AOV1 185	AOV1 31	AOV2 126
8am Sunday	AOV1 16	AOV2 155	AOV1 164	AOV1 81	AOV1 57
10am Sunday	AOV1 16	AOV1 115	AOV1 81	AOV1 126	-
6pm Sunday	AOV1 12	BB 265	AOV1 185	BB 15	BB 241
SJOGH	AOV1 16	AOV1 115	AOV1 49	-	AOV2-165