

PARISH NEWS

THE DAY OF THE UNBORN CHILD MASS

Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury extends an invitation to the Day of the Unborn Child Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproxtton on Saturday the 9th of March at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral.

This Mass is a chance for you to mourn and honour all babies who are no longer with us but are loved and not forgotten. St John Paul tells us that when you have been through the tragedy of losing a child through abortion, the Church calls you back into its loving embrace, bringing you hope that your little one is safe with God and that you will be reconciled with both.

When you have lost a child through miscarriage, still birth or ectopic pregnancy this Mass will be celebrated for you also, to remember your beloved babies who will be forever in your heart.

During the Mass you will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children and specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth.



PARISH BARBECUE

This Sunday 4th February, we will be holding a Parish Barbecue at the Church which will commence at 5pm. For those who have indicated their attendance by signing the list that was in the foyer, burgers, Sausages and vegetarian options will be provided as well as bread rolls.

Everyone is invited to bring a salad, savoury plate or alternatively a dessert, to share with all.

BYO Drinks.

If you would like to join us but haven't added your name to the attendees list previously, please bring your own burgers or sausages & a plate to share.

We hope as many people as possible are able to attend and welcome Fr Archie back from his leave in the Philippines.

QUIET IN KIRUP 2024 Programmes held at 27 Capel St, Kirup.

Quiet in Kirup days have begun at the Spirituality Hub for 2024 being held on the **3rd Tuesday and 1st Wednesday** of each month which includes the **Living Rosary**.

Please see the flyer for full details on the Bulletin Board in the foyer. Contact Deborah 0419939864 for any extra information.



Our Lady of the SOUTHERN CROSS Parish

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th FEBRUARY 2024

First Reading

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Second Reading

Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So, though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her, and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him, they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

There are many ways to relate with God, and our ways of relating with God can be defined by our knowledge and experience of Him. In today's gospel, we see Jesus doing something that we can expect of him to do – to take notice of Simon's mother-in-law. "They told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her!"

Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon after doing a healing miracle at the synagogue. Upon entering the house, Jesus was told that Simon's mother-in-law is down with fever. Jesus did what was expected!

God is always present and active in all things, including things we expect. This can be our definition of miracle of the ordinary, or miracle of the expected. We expect Jesus to heal Simon's mother-in-law. If we see God in things we expect to unfold daily, we might see our daily routine differently. Can we point out a daily miracle?

On the other hand, God is also in the unexpected. Unexpectedly, Jesus left the place the following day despite the demand to heal more people in the area. "Everybody is looking for you!" We can relate with the sentiment of Simon and his companions. "Why leave when the need here is great?"

Sometimes we are stuck with the "great need" right before our eyes, and this stops us from realizing that there are greater things to do, and in another place. It was a teaching moment for the newly appointed disciples of Jesus when he pulled them out of their expectation when he said, "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighboring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came."

"... because that is why I came!" Jesus has grown confident with the reason of his being. This must have helped him as he struggled well in following the will of the Father. If we are clear and confident with our *raison d'être*, like Jesus, we will always find meaning in all things, even with those that are never expected.

Amen.

Please mark your calendar with the following regular liturgical and devotional celebrations:

- 1st Friday of each month** : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (1st March, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm)
We will place a sign-up sheet in the Foyer on the 24th & 25th of February.
Please sign up for the roster to spend One Hour of Your Time.
- 1st Tuesday of each month** : Healing Mass . All are welcome.
- Group Meditation** : Every Tuesday after the 9:00 am Mass
- Group Prayer Session** : Every Wednesday after the 9:30 am Mass
- Rosary** : Every Wednesday before the 9:30 am Mass



FREE CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:
 free pregnancy tests
 emotional support: before, during and after pregnancy
 material assistance: maternity clothing, baby clothing, baby items (nappies & toiletries, prams, cots etc.)
 pre-natal and post-natal information
 assistance with access to other resources/services

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY
 9792 4759
 pregnant@westnet.com.au
 151 Spencer Street, South Bunbury
 Hours: 11am-5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
 or by appointment
 Find us on facebook

OLOTSC Parish supports Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury.
 Please share the information above and donate any items for babies. God bless!

MASSES & DEVOTIONS

Monday		
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Mass
Wednesday	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Rosary Mass
Thursday	9:00 AM	Mass
Friday	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confession Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday	8:30 AM	Mass

LITURGICAL ROSTER

	10th Feb	11th Feb
Greeter	Judy Malcolm	Alice Kursil
Commentator	Amie Meyer	Fran La Motte
Reader	Jenny Huembs	Joan Embry

PARISH CONTACT NUMBERS
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WE OFFER PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR HEALING, THE REPOSE OF SOULS, AND OTHER INTENTIONS DURING ALL OF OUR MASSES.

For healing:	
Saba Rose Button	(+) Doris Ritter
Tracy Trew	(+) Emma Gair
John Hogan	(+) Dash Normington
Liz Grandison	(+) David Clift
Ayla Turpin	(+) Luke Hopkins
Joy Keel	(+) Buckley Spicer
Morgan Peacock	(+) Zenaida Ramirez
George Wootton	(+) Rosita Tabago
Theresa Lawrence	(+) Thelma Moore
Eddie, Oscar & Milla Gair	(+) Gwenda Willcock
Ray, Rosemary & Karla Lovell	(+) Mark Krasenstein
Maureen Taylor	(+) Molly Dick
Olga Soter	(+) Moira McMullen
Niceta Carampatan	(+) Alan Button
Doris Ritter	(+) Desmond O'Connor
Icele Villanueva	(+) Anthony Egging
	(+) Thomas Henderson
	(+) Leda Battaglini

VOLUNTEER



Our Parish is keen to invite everyone to take part in our different Ministries. We are in need of:
 *Acolytes *Altar Servers *Safeguarding Officers *Singers
 *Greeters *Readers *Commentators and *Cleaners
 Please sign up on the Roster provided in the foyer of the Church or ring the office on: **08 9755 3944** or **0480458076**
 Thank you for your help.

If you have any intentions to pray for at Mass, write them on the Intention Form at the foyer and give them to Fr Archie before Mass. Thank you!

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:
 27-28 January 2024

First Collection:	\$ 666.70
Second Collection:	\$ 487.40
Planned Giving	\$ 00.00

If you wish to make a DONATION to our Parish, you may deposit it directly to our Parish Bank Account:
BSB: 086-006 ACC: 848054647