

PARISH NEWS

Parish Congress

Requesting all parishioners to mark their calendar for this important gathering of parishioners on the 8th and 15th of June 2024, Saturdays at 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm at our church. AGENDA: (a) to brainstorm on our pastoral plan in response to the Synod on Synodality; and (b) consultation on how to address some crucial and current pastoral concerns of our parish. We start with an afternoon tea at 3:30 pm. We end at 5:30 to prepare for Vigil Mass.

Parish Catechesis for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion

Our parish is offering catechism classes for children who are to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Communion. The first session (30 minutes) is on the 5th of May 2024 (Sunday). The second is on the 7th of May (Tuesday). Sessions start at 3:30 pm at the church. The number of sessions will depend on the progress of learning. It is likely that this catechetical preparation requires more than two sessions. Please contact Father Archie or Ruth Morley.

Invitation from Kirup Spirituality Hub

Continuing our exploration of Ignatian Spirituality and practices with lay and clergy guides; Tuesday, the 7th May 2024; 9:30 am gathering for 10 am to 2 pm meeting at Church of Holy Family, 27 Capel St., Kirup; cost is \$20 for fully waged; \$15 for concession or what you can afford; bring your own lunch; refreshments provided; to register: deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com; 0419939864

Marian Feast at Bove's Farm (today)

All are invited to the 44th Annual May Rosary celebration at Bove Farm (195 Roy Rd, North Jindong, Busselton) on the 5th of May 2024. Program: 12:30 - Hymn Singing; 1:00 - Holy Mass; Rosary Procession; Benediction. Contact person: Matthew 0420 930883.

World Mission Rosary prayers sessions throughout May

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary at 12 noon, Monday to Friday. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>

Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280, password: 876574

Join the Living Rosary Group on Wednesday the 1st of May

The Spirituality Hub Kirup, in partnership with Catholic Mission, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, now known as Catholic Mission. Join us online (or in person) on the first Wednesday during May (and every month) at 12.00 noon. Contact deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about this Living Rosary group and how to participate in person or via Zoom.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank those who have signed up our Church Cleaning Roster. We appreciate their generosity in keeping our church clean for our liturgical celebrations and other parish activities. They come to clean quietly and leave quietly after an hour or so. It can be a spiritual experience when one is aware that he or she is making God's house tidy.

May I request others to share in keeping our church grounds/driveway clean? It is also God's grounds/driveway. No need of a cleaning roster for this. When you have extra time, please come and check if our driveway needs blowing or sweeping. God bless!
- Father Archie

PARISH WEBSITE

Please visit our website to increase number of hits and traction. This will make our website easy to locate.

Just search: olotscparish.org.au



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th MAY 2024

First Reading

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Second Reading

1 John 4: 7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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!

Gospel Reading

John 15: 9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Gospel Reflection

God is love. (1 John 4:8)

A statement like “God is love” can sound so abstract! But in today’s second reading, John follows up this revelation with a second one: God’s love is revealed to us in Jesus, who offered himself on the cross “so that we might have life through him” (1 John 4:9). And as Jesus tells us in today’s Gospel, we, too, are called to lay down our lives for one another out of love (John 15:13). But unlike Jesus, we usually aren’t called to literally die for someone. So what does it actually look like to lay down our lives for another person?

Today’s first reading from Acts gives us a model. A Roman centurion named Cornelius invites Peter to come to his home in Caesarea, about a thirty-five-mile walk. Peter knows it is “unlawful for a Jewish man to associate with, or visit, a Gentile,” yet he goes anyway (Acts 10:28). When he begins preaching the good news to them, the Holy Spirit falls on Cornelius and the rest of the people gathered there, and they are “baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (10:48).

Peter was doing what Jesus had commanded when he said, “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). He was laying down his life for these former enemies by listening to the Spirit’s leading, taking the time to journey to Caesarea, entering the centurion’s house, and then going out on a limb to baptize Gentiles.

Each day we are presented with opportunities to lay down our lives for one another out of love. It might cost us our time or our energy. It might require courage, patience, or forbearance. We might have to step out in faith. But as we do these things—even those that seem routine or mundane—we are making the abstract truth that “God is love” into a living reality. We are revealing God’s love to the world.

“Holy Spirit, open my eyes to those times today when I can love

Before Mass, TALK to God. During Mass LISTEN to God. After Mass, talk and listen to one another.

Preparatory Reading for our Parish Congress

“We welcomed the invitation to recognise the synodal dimension of the Church with a new awareness. Synodal practice is attested to in the New Testament and the Early Church, taking particular historical forms in different Churches and traditions. The Second Vatican Council “updated” this practice, and Pope Francis has once again encouraged the Church to renew it. The Synod 2021-2024 is part of this renewal. Through it, the Holy People of God have discovered that a synodal way of being silent, praying, listening, and speaking, rooted in the Word of God and in joyful, if also sometimes painful encounters, leads to a deeper awareness that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. An invaluable fruit of this process is the heightened awareness of our identity as the faithful People of God, within which each is the bearer of a dignity derived from Baptism, and each is called to differentiated co-responsibility for the common mission of evangelisation.”

Question for reflection:

As member of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, what has been your experience of identifying yourself as someone who belongs to a parish community?

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

1st Friday of each month : Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (7 June, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm)

We will place a sign-up sheet in the Foyer on the 1st & 2nd of June.

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 Monday @ 2 pm

Group Prayer Session : Every Wednesday after the 9:30 am Mass

Rosary : Every Wednesday before the 9:30 am Mass

2nd Friday of each month : Catholic Men Fellowship @ 9:30 am. All men are welcome.



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

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

MASSES & DEVOTIONS (6th - 12th May)

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

LITURGICAL ROSTER

	11th May	12th May
Greeter	Frances Bain	Mary Ann McMullen
Commentator	Tricia Mothersole	Carmen McFaull
Reader	Jude Kelly	Joan Smurthwaite

PARISH CONTACT NUMBERS
 OFFICE PHONE : 08 9755 3944
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WE OFFER PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR HEALING, THE REPOSE OF SOULS, AND OTHER INTENTIONS DURING ALL OF OUR MASSES.

For healing:	Rest In Peace
Niceta Carampatan	(+) Joel West
Duke Abella	(+) Richard Patrick Leavy
John Hogan	(+) Mariafe Soto Galati
Liz Grandison	(+) Doris Ritter
Ayla Turpin	(+) Emma Gair
Joy Keel	(+) Dennis Sully
Morgan Peacock	(+) Luke Hopkins
George Wootton	(+) Buckley Spicer
Theresa Lawrence	(+) Zenaida Ramirez
Eddie, Oscar & Milla Gair	(+) Thelma Moore
Ray, Rosemary & Karla Lovell	(+) Gwenda Willcock
Maureen Taylor	(+) Mark Krasenstein
Olga Soter	(+) Moira McMullen
Stuey Beacroft	(+) Alan Button
Alfredo Joson	(+) Desmond O’Connor
	(+) Anthony Egging

CHURCH COLLECTIONS:
 27th-28th April 2024

First Collection:	\$ 676.60
Second Collection:	\$ 574.35
Planned Giving:	\$ 35.00

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



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!