



# Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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## First Reading

**Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

### **Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.**

The Lord honours the father in his children and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **R.**

Indeed, thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **R.**

## Second Reading

**Colossians 3:12-21**

### **Concerning the Christian life in the world.**

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and

hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

### **Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt.**

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So, Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So, Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Pope's Intention for December 2025: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT  
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East,  
might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## REFLECTION

Colossians 3:12-21

. . . bearing with one another and forgiving one another.  
(Colossians 3:13)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. We can take for granted that Jesus, the Son of God, Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Joseph, the Just, must have been holy. But what about the rest of us? What is the key to living as a holy family?

In his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul puts his finger on one of the best ways to experience holiness in family life: bearing with and forgiving one another (3:13). Because despite our love for each other, annoyances or misunderstandings or frustration will arise. So what do we do? Paul tells us that when we have grievances against someone else, we need to bear with them and be willing to forgive them just as the Lord has forgiven us.

That's the beauty of today's second reading. Paul doesn't present a stained glass image of holiness for us to strive for but never attain. He shows us how to get there! It starts as we acknowledge that we are all God's chosen ones, forgiven and beloved. So living as a holy family isn't just a matter of doing the "hard work" of loving one another. It's also a matter of receiving the grace and mercy God offers so that we can love in ways that we can't do on our own. It's a matter of giving away what we've received.

Practically, this means treating our family members with the heartfelt compassion and patience that we have received from Christ. It means bearing with our fellow sinners because we know how much Jesus bears with us.

What a relief this is! We don't have to pretend to be perfect. We could never do it on our own anyway. But we do have to receive from Jesus the forgiveness that can move us to extend the same mercy to our loved ones. And that will make for a holy family!

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your mercy that moves me to show mercy to my loved ones!"

- from *The Word Among Us*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### Special Intentions:

- For the intentions of our EMHC, acolytes, commentators, lectors, musicians, mass servers, sacristans, greeters, collectors;
- For the intentions of our PPC members, Parish Finance Committee members, bookkeeper, and bankers;
- For the intentions of our church and ground cleaners, morning

tea manpower and food donors;

- For the intentions of God's Farm & Bove Farm; and for all the residents of Cape Care Dunsborough;
- For the intentions of our RCIA candidates and our RCIA Team;
- We also pray for some members of our parish, and our families who are sick - we pray for their speedy recovery.

### We Pray for the Repose of Souls (Death Anniversaries):

- 27/12 - Moira McMullen
- 28/12 - Ron Landini; John Glancy; Francisco Qunitio Jr.; Danny McCloskey
- 29/12 - Maureen & Tamara Horslman
- 31/12 - Seamus Mulholland
- 02/01 - Noelene Gordon



## ADULT CATECHISM

The Catholic Church is Synodal Church  
[snippets from the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality]

45. Conversation in the Spirit is a tool that, even with its limitations, enables listening in order to discern "what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" (Rev 2:7). Its practice has elicited joy, awe and gratitude and has been experienced as a path of renewal that transforms individuals, groups, and the Church. The word "conversation" expresses more than mere dialogue: it interweaves thought and feeling, creating a shared vital space. That is why we can say that conversion is at play in conversation. This is an anthropological reality found in different peoples and cultures, who gather together in solidarity to deal with and decide matters vital to the community. Grace brings this human experience to fruition. Conversing "in the Spirit" means living the experience of sharing in the light of faith and seeking God's will in an evangelical atmosphere within which the Holy Spirit's unmistakable voice can be heard.

46. The need within the Church for healing, reconciliation and the rebuilding of trust has resounded at every stage of the synodal process, particularly in light of so many scandals related to different types of abuse. It also resounded in the face of similar abuses in society. The Church is called to put at the centre of its life and action the fact that in Christ, through Baptism, we are entrusted to each other. Recognition of this profound reality becomes a sacred duty that enables us to recognise mistakes and rebuild trust. There is a missionary obligation upon the People of God to walk this path in our world and we need to invoke the gift to do so from above. Walking this path is also an act of justice. The desire to do so is the fruit of synodal renewal. [to be continued next week]



LITURGICAL ROSTERS

| DECEMBER                         | Acolyte          | EMHC                          | Greeter      | Commentator     | Reader            | Altar Servers               | Music         |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 27 <sup>th</sup> , Sat           | Steve Carmody    | TBA                           | Kath Rooney  | Jude Kelly      | Gerry Travers     | TBA                         | Fr. Archie    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> , Sun           | Tony Smurthwaite | Joan & Tony Smurthwaite       | TBA          | Angela Corrigan | Mary Ann McMullen | Xanthe Smart<br>Lily Taylor | Richard Clark |
| JANUARY<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> , Sat | Steve Carmody    |                               | TBA          | Jude Kelly      | Mimi Morales      |                             | Fr. Archie    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> , Sun            | Tony Smurthwaite | Loellen Clark<br>Fran Lamotte | Irene Hughes | Carmen McFaull  | Diane Richards    | Andy Hoang<br>Ivy Hoang     | Richard Clark |

| Mass Schedule         |                                |   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday<br>29th Dec    | 2:00 PM                        | NO MASS<br>Group Meditation                   |
| Tuesday<br>30th Dec   | 9:00 AM                        | Mass of the Day                               |
| Wednesday<br>31st Dec | 9:00 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>10:00 AM | Rosary<br>Mass of the Day<br>Group Reflection |
| Thursday<br>1st Jan   | 9:00 AM                        | Mass of the Day                               |
| Friday<br>2nd Jan     | 9:00 AM                        | Mass of the Day                               |
| Saturday<br>3rd Jan   | 9:00 AM<br>5:00 PM<br>6:00 PM  | Mass of the Day<br>Confession<br>Vigil Mass   |
| Sunday<br>4th Jan     | 8:30 AM                        | Mass of the Day<br>3rd Sunday of Advent       |

LITURGIES & DEVOTIONS

**Rosary:** You are invited to come and join in praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 9 AM, just before the 9:30 AM Mass.

**First Friday Devotion:** We expose the Blessed Sacrament right after the 9 AM Mass; Adoration continues until 3 PM when we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We end this devotion with the Benediction.

**Healing Mass:** Mass on the First Tuesday of the month is a Healing Mass. You may receive the anointing oil at Mass.

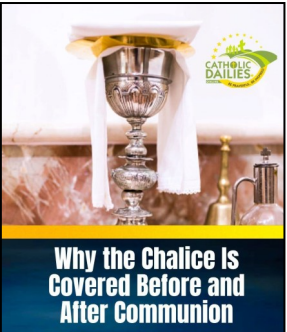
**Group Meditation:** Every Monday at 2 PM.

**Group Prayer Session:** Every Wednesday after the 9:30 AM Mass.

**Second Friday of each Month:** Catholic Men's Prayer Fellowship at 9:30 AM.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** One hour of Adoration immediately after the 9 am Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays.

**WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW:** At certain moments at Mass, the chalice is carefully covered with a pall. Covering the chalice carries a deep meaning rooted in reverence, protection, and mystery. Before Communion, the chalice is covered to show that what it holds is sacred and set apart. Just as holy things in Scripture were veiled, the Church veils the chalice to remind us that God’s mysteries are not treated casually. The covering teaches us that Christ’s presence is not ordinary. What is holy is approached with care, patience, and awe. After Communion, the chalice is covered again to safeguard what remains and to mark the transition from reception to reverence. Spiritually, this gesture speaks of our own lives. Not everything sacred is meant to be exposed or rushed. Some encounters with God require silence, guarding, and reflection. The covered chalice teaches us to treasure what God gives and to protect it from carelessness, both on the altar and in our hearts.



OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS PARISH

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Wadandi people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

**OUR PARISH VISION:** To be a thriving Catholic community, engaging and welcoming.

**OUR PARISH MISSION:** Journeying together with God; growing in FAITH, HOPE and LOVE, through fellowship, outreach and service.

Parish Pastoral Council: Angela Corrigan (Chair), Martin Bain, Steve Carmody (Secretary), Carmen McFaull, Joan Smurthwaite, Fran Lamotte, Amie Meyer, Angela Hegney, Father Archie.

Safeguarding Officer: Angela Corrigan

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Smurthwaite (Chair); Jack Robinson; Jim Triglone; Father Archie

Sacristans: Robyne de Garis, Mary Cooper, Rebecca Channing, Diane Richards

Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim

Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan



## PARISH NOTICES

### A Million Thanks to our Nativity Play Actresses and Actors!

The 6 PM Children's Christmas Mass was the most attended Mass among our four Masses maybe because of the annual Nativity Play that has become part of the tradition of our parish.

It was heartwarming to see many young families with their kids at Mass. We use the space below that acknowledge and thank again our young stars:

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Lily Taylor      | - Mary            |
| Lucas Parsons    | - Joseph          |
| Makai Coltrinari | - Donkey          |
| Manoa Coltrinari | - Shepherd/King 1 |
| Shawn Umali      | - Shepherd/King 2 |
| Yullia Ruiz      | - Shepherd/King 3 |
| Xanthe Smart     | - Angel 1         |
| Bella Ruiz       | - Angel 2         |
| Yara Jones       | - Angel 3         |
| Anne Coltrinari  | - Narrator        |
| Stacey Smart     | - Director        |



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## DIOCESAN NOTICES

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Connect with us this Summer! In a world full of noise, distraction, and busyness, Jesus invites us to return to the Vine—the One who gives life, strength, and purpose. Join us for the 14th annual Diocesan Summer Camp where adventure meets faith and lifelong memories are made. See poster at the foyer.

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Panned Giving : \$ 10.00  
Christmas 1st Collection: \$2,655.00  
Christmas 2nd Collection: \$1,184.50

A Tap & Donate machine is located in the foyer for the convenience of parishioners and visitors who may prefer to use the EFTPOS Machine.

If you wish to make a DONATION, please deposit it directly to our Parish Bank Account:  
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or by appointment



**OLOTSC Parish supports Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury.**

**Please share the information above and donate any items for babies. God bless!**