



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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First Reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nation's so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book, it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading

Corinthians 1: 1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus

Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Pope's Intention for January 2026: FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD
Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives
and a source of hope in our communities,
helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



REFLECTION

Corinthians 1:1-3

... called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:2)

At the beginning of his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul says that he was “called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God” (1 Corinthians 1:1). That calling changed him and reoriented his life. Then he goes on to tell the Corinthians that God had called them, too—to be holy, with everyone else who calls upon the name of Jesus (1:2). Through Baptism, they had been called to see and love each other as fellow members of Christ’s body.

This was an important reminder for the Corinthians because Paul goes on to tackle some problems he has heard about in their community, starting with factionalism and disunity. Paul urges them, in light of their calling, “that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10). God had called them to be part of his own family, and that meant allowing him to uproot any selfishness or pride that would give rise to prejudices, divisions, and other barriers between them.

Today we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and this year’s theme comes from Ephesians 4:4: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.” That might remind you of today’s first reading. We are called, and that calling changes us. It’s meant to lead us to unity with everyone who belongs to Jesus. It’s meant to urge us to love each other to the point that we’re united.

So how do we start? A first step is to let Jesus help you see and love other Christians as fellow members of his body. So for the rest of this week, join believers around the world in praying the daily prayers for unity. You will find this prayer on the final page.

“Lord, make us one in you!”

- from The Word Among Us



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Special Intentions:

- For the intentions of our EMHC, acolytes, commentators, lectors, musicians, mass servers, sacristans, greeter, and 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):

- 18/01 - Kathleen Triggs; Terry Flynn
- 19/01 - Sr. M Climacos Maslen
- 22/01 - Shirley Farrell ; John Grant
- 23/01 - Ian Daws; Giuseppe Cianciullo
- 24/01 - Alan Button



ADULT CATECHISM

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

51. We should, therefore, look to the Gospels to outline for us the journey of conversion we are required to undertake, learning little by little to make Jesus' practices our own. The Gospels present to us a Lord who is often “in the act of listening to the people who come to Him along the roads of the Holy Land” (DCS 11). Jesus never sent anyone away without stopping to listen and to speak to them, whether men or women, Jews or pagans, doctors of the law or publicans, righteous men and women or sinners, beggars, the blind, lepers or the sick. By meeting people wherever their history and personal freedom had led them, He revealed to them the face of the Father. By listening to the needs and to the faith of those He met, and by responding through words and gestures, He renewed their lives, opening the path to healed relationships. Jesus is the Messiah who “even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak” (Mk 7:37). He asks us, His disciples, to do the same and, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, gives us the capacity to do it conforming our hearts to His: only “the heart makes all authentic bonding possible, since a relationship not shaped by the heart is incapable of overcoming the fragmentation caused by individualism” (DN 17). When we listen to our sisters and brothers, we are participants in the way that God in Jesus Christ comes to meet each of us.

52. The need for conversion certainly concerns the relations between men and women. The dynamics of relationships is inscribed upon our condition as creatures. The difference between the sexes constitutes the basis of human relationships. “So God created humankind in his image [...] male and female he created them” (Gen 1:27). Inequality between men and women is not part of God’s design. In the new creation, this difference is reconsidered in the light of the dignity of Baptism: “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:27-28). Our vocation as Christians is to welcome and respect, in every place and context, this difference, which is a gift from God and a source of life. We bear witness to the Gospel when we seek to live in relationships that respect the equal dignity and reciprocity between men and women. The widely expressed pain and suffering on the part of many women from every region and continent, both lay and consecrated, during the synodal process, revealed how often we fail to do so. [to be continued next week]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

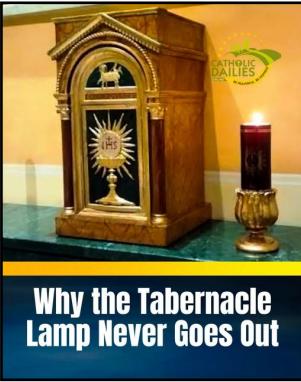
JANUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
17 th , Sat	Steve Carmody		Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Kath Rooney		Fr. Archie
18 th , Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Angela Corrigan Loellen Clark	Alice Kusal	Kath Lim	Mary Cooper	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Vince Basile
24 th , Sat	Steve Carmody		Jenny Huembs	Jude Kelly	Tricia Mothersole		Fr. Archie
25 th , Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Robyne de Gariis Diane Richards	Joan Embry	Carmen McFaull	Mark Embry	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule



Monday 19th Jan	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 20th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 21st Jan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass of the Day Group Reflection
Thursday 22nd Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 23rd Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 24th Jan	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 25th Jan	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: Have you ever noticed the small red lamp near the tabernacle and wondered why it never goes out? To many, it seems like a tradition or decoration. But in the Church, this lamp is far more than a light, it is a sign that Christ Himself is present. The lamp burns constantly because the Eucharist is not just a symbol; it is Jesus' real, living presence. Even when the Church is empty, Mass is over, or the faithful have gone home, the light tells all who enter: He is here. He remains. This is not about ritual. It is about reverence, witness, and eternal vigilance. There is also a deep spiritual meaning. Fire and light have always represented God in Scripture, Moses and the burning bush, the pillar of fire guiding the Israelites, and the light of Christ that overcomes darkness. The tabernacle lamp reminds us that God does not abandon His people, even when we walk in shadows. It is a call to faith and attention. The flame invites silence, reflection, and prayer. It silently asks: Do you see who is present here? Do you recognize the holiness before you? Every flicker is a whisper: God's presence is constant, even when the world rushes by. And there is a lesson for our lives: Just as the lamp never goes out, the grace of Christ in the Eucharist is always available, waiting for us to notice, to kneel, and to draw near.



Why the Tabernacle Lamp Never Goes Out



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

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

Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim

Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan

PARISH NOTICES

Morning Tea Next Sunday, 25th of Jan

Please bring a plate to share for our monthly morning tea next Sunday. Our Filipino friends from Bunbury will offer the Sinulog Dance (prayer dance for the Child Jesus) after the 8:30 am Mass.

Mass at God's Farm on the 24th

God's Farm invites you to its monthly Eucharistic Adoration and Mass on Sat, 24th Jan, 11 am. Fr. Paul Fox presiding. Join us for shard lunch. Mary 0438054199

Promoting Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament in the Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic Adoration, is a Catholic devotion of quietly praying before the consecrated Host displayed in a monstrance (a sacred vessel). It's a profound act of worship, allowing individuals to spend intimate, silent time with Jesus, offering praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and intercession, deepening their faith and relationship with Him through prayer, Scripture, or simply resting in His presence.

Key Aspects of Adoration:

Real Presence: Based on the belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, making it a personal encounter with God.

The Monstrance: The host is placed in a monstrance (from Latin monstrare, "to show") for public viewing and adoration.

Silent Prayer: A time for quiet contemplation, focusing on Jesus, often involving silent prayer, reading Scripture, singing hymns, or praying the Rosary.

Benediction: A formal closing ritual where the priest blesses the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

Perpetual Adoration: Continuous, 24/7 adoration, with individuals taking shifts to be present with Jesus. In our parish, we have Adoration on the First Friday of each month from 9:30 am to 12 noon.

How to Participate

Enter Reverently: Approach the altar

slowly, genuflect (kneel on the right knee) as a sign of respect.

Be Present: Sit or kneel quietly, focusing on Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

Pray: Use prayers like the Jesus Prayer ("Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner"), Psalms, or simply talk to Jesus from your heart.

Bring Your Needs: Present your joys, sorrows, fears, and hopes to Him.

Leave with Gratitude: Thank Jesus for His presence and gift.

Purpose:

Adoration fosters a deeper connection with Christ, offering graces, healing, and spiritual strength, akin to spending time with a beloved spouse or friend.

Cycling-Without-Age Dunsborough

Request

Email message of Janine Johnson: "I am involved in helping start a Dunsborough chapter of the Cycling Without Age international charity. We are currently trying to raise funds to purchase an e-trishaw which will then enable trained volunteers to take the elderly and less abled within our community for bike rides along our beautiful foreshore. We have submitted a grant proposal to the City of Busselton's You Choose program. Residents and ratepayers vote on which projects they would like to support. Voting is now open so we are trying to spread the word and get people to vote for our project! I am hoping that you can promote voting for our project amongst your parishioners? Voting ends on Sunday 15th February."

To vote, please visit <https://yoursay.busselton.wa.gov.au/youchoose>
Check poster in the foyer.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

JOSEPHITE COMPANION GATHERING

Everyone is invited to join the Josephite Companions in Friendship, Prayer and Service. **AGM and 'Connected in Christ, Walking Together as One'**

Place: Parish Hall Cathedral Precinct,
11 Money St, Bunbury
Date: 28th of January

Time: 9.30am. Bring a friend and a plate of food for a shared meal. Response to this invitation would assist with organisation on the day. D Savage 97914008, H. Brown 0478 783 990 or helenbrown.hb@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD



Barbershop & Hair Salon in Duns located at Centrepoint Shopping Centre, next to the butcher shop. Walk-ins and reservations accepted. Shop hours: Tuesdays through Fridays - 9AM-5PM; Saturdays - 8:30AM-2PM. Speak with Leo on 08 9756 8699.



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10th—11th January 2026

Mass Collections	: \$ 1,053.85
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100; \$10
EFTPOS	: \$ 285.00
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10-c Recycling	: \$ 27.70

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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OLOTSC Parish supports Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury.

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