



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

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First Reading

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves,

to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Is Christ divided? (1 Corinthians 1:13)

Today is the final day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. For the past week, believers from virtually every Christian tradition have been praying for an end to all division among Christians: an end to the division between the Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic churches; an end to divisions between Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic believers; and an end to divisions within churches and parishes.

What a perfect reading, then, to close out this week! In it, we get a glimpse of St. Paul's inspired insights into causes of division. When he learns that factions are threatening the church at Corinth, he goes right to the heart of the problem. "Is Christ divided?" he asks, almost sarcastically (1 Corinthians 1:13). In other words, How can you take sides like this when you were all baptized into the one Lord, Jesus Christ?

Paul understood that divisions happen when we focus too much on our own opinions and selfish desires and not enough on Jesus. We might favour one church leader over another (1 Corinthians 1:12). We might prefer our wealthy brothers and sisters over those who are struggling (11:18-22). Or we might be more impressed with those who seem spiritually gifted and less so with the ones who seem "ordinary" (12:4-7). But in each case, one crucial truth gets obscured: "In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body," the body of Christ (12:13).

Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, former preacher to the papal household, once said, "If we will turn to Christ and go forward together toward him, we Christians will draw closer to each other" (Sermon, March 18, 2016). The closer we get to Jesus, the more he heals our wounds and leads us to repentance. And the more we are healed and forgiven, the easier it becomes to love and reconcile with each other.

No, Christ is not divided. So, let's all draw closer to him and ask him to make us one!

"Jesus, heal every division! Lord, bring us together!"

- 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):

26/01 - Bernard Hogan; Peter Leslie Ryan

28/01 - John Norbert Edward Ramsbottom; Vicente dela Torre

30/01 - Egan James Bowman;

31/01 - Valma Leeuwinn Dannel



ADULT CATECHISM

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

In a Plurality of Contexts

53. The call to renewed relationships in the Lord Jesus flourishes in the different contexts in which His disciples live and carry out the Church's mission. The plurality of cultures requires that the uniqueness of each cultural context is taken into account. However, all cultures are also marked by distorted relationships that are not in keeping with the Gospel. Throughout history, these relational failures have turned into structures of sin (cf. SRS 36), which in turn shape the way people think and act. In particular, structures of sin create obstacles and generate fear. We need to face these in order to set out on the road to the conversion of relationships in the light of the Gospel.

54. The evils that plague our world, including wars and armed conflicts and the illusion that just peace can be achieved by force, are rooted in these dynamics. Just as destructive is the belief that all of creation, and this includes humans themselves, can be exploited at will for profit. A consequence of this reality is the creation of barriers that divide, including amongst Christian communities, resulting in inequalities whereby some have possibilities that are denied to others. These are inequalities such as between men and women, racial prejudices, caste divisions, discrimination against people with disabilities, violation of the rights of minorities of all kinds and the reluctance to accept migrants. Even our relationship with our mother and sister earth (cf. LS 1), bears the mark of a fracture that endangers the lives of countless communities, particularly among those most poor, if not entire peoples and perhaps all of humanity. The most radical and dramatic rejection is that of human life itself; this leads to the discarding of the unborn, as well as of the elderly.

[to be continued next week]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

JANUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
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 McFaul	Miriam Vizcayno	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark
31st, Sat	Steve Carmody		Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Rebecca Channing		Fr. Archie
1st Feb Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Loellen Clark Angela Corrigan	Loellen Clark	Angela Corrigan	Iris Casas	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule		
Monday 26th Jan	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 27th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 28th Jan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass of the Day Group Reflection
Thursday 29th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 30th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 31st Jan	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 1st Feb	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 12 noon. 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.

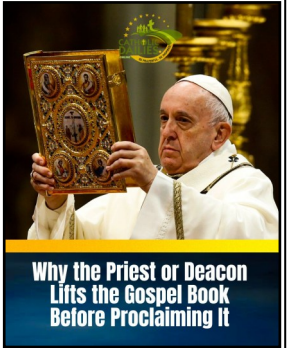
Group Meditation: Every Monday at 2 PM.

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 3rd & 4th Fridays.

WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: Have you ever wondered why the Gospel Book is lifted high and carried to the ambo before reading? The priest or deacon lifts the Gospel Book high and carries it in procession to the ambo. This is not a practical movement. It is a public declaration. The Gospel is not just one reading among many. It is Christ Himself speaking to His people. By lifting the book, the Church proclaims that the words about to be spoken come from above, not from human opinion or reflection. This gesture mirrors ancient royal custom. When a king’s message was carried into a city, it was lifted high so all could see. In the same way, the Gospel is elevated because the King is about to speak. There is also deep Eucharistic symbolism. Just as the Body of Christ is lifted on the altar, the Word of Christ is lifted in the assembly. The Church honours both with the same reverence, teaching that Christ is truly present in His Word and in the Sacrament. The procession itself matters. The Gospel does not come quietly or privately. It moves through the people, reminding us that the Word of God is meant to be heard, carried, and lived, not kept hidden. When incense and candles accompany the Gospel Book, the meaning deepens. What is about to be proclaimed is sacred. Heaven listens. The Church stands. So when you see the Gospel Book raised and carried with care, understand what is happening: Christ is about to speak, and the Church lifts Him high before the world.



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 McFaul,

Safeguarding Officer: Angela Corrigan

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

Joan Smurthwaite, Fran Lamotte, Amie Meyer, Angela Hegney, Father Archie.

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan

Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim

PARISH NOTICES

Morning Tea After 830 am Mass

Please stay after our Sunday Mass for our morning tea. But before we proceed to share a meal, let us open our eyes and hearts to the prayer-dance called *Sinulog* to be offered by our friends from the Cathedral Parish. *Sinulog* is prayer-dance offered to the Child Jesus (Santo Niño de Cebu). The Feast of the Santo Niño is celebrated every 3rd Sunday of January in the Philippines. Cebu is the home city of Father Archie.

Monthly Spiritual Formation for All

All are invited to attend our monthly formation on 30th January, 5 to 6:30 pm. We end with light dinner. Topic: the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. To register please send a message to Father Archie at 0475 746 553.

Promoting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish

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.

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.

Invitation from Pregnancy Assistance Inc

Day of the Unborn Child Mass

Join us on Saturday 7th March at 10am

To be held at St Mary's Cathedral.

We celebrate the sacredness of every human life in this special Mass. We also pray for hope and healing for men and women who have lost a child. We offer the assurance of God's infinite Mercy, particularly for those hurt by abortion. You will have the opportunity to place a flower at the foot of the Altar in honour of all unborn children or specifically in remembrance of your own child/ren who died prior to birth.

Please call Lisette Jas on 9328 2929 for more information.

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

Kirup Spirituality Hub

Quiet in Kirup at the Spirituality Hub this year will provide a course in contemplative practices commencing on Wednesday 4th February and continuing on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday

of each month. Please see flyers in Church foyer for further details or contact Deborah:

deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com

Our schedule of other events is also available in the foyer".

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD



Barbershop & Hair Salon in Duns located at Centrepont 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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17th—18th January 2026

Mass Collections : \$ 1,080.10
Direct Deposit : \$ 100; 10; 30
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Planned Giving : \$
10-c Recycling : \$ 26.10

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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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!