

# Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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## First Reading

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

***Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.***

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

**Acts 10:34-38**

***God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.***

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: '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. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

***Alleluia!***

## Gospel

**Matthew 3:13-17**

***When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.***

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being, it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

Matthew 3:13-17

- We also pray for some members of our parish, and our families who are sick - we pray for their speedy recovery.

Jesus came . . . to be baptized. (Matthew 3:13)

Why did Jesus submit to John's baptism? This cleansing in the waters of the Jordan River was a baptism of repentance (Matthew 3:11). But Jesus was the Son of God - he didn't need to repent! That's why John said to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" (3:14).

John did not live long enough to witness Jesus' death and resurrection. But if he had heard Jesus pray, "Father, forgive them," from the cross, John would have witnessed firsthand the full significance of Jesus' baptism. Jesus was baptized, not for his own sins, but for ours and those of the whole world.

On the cross, Jesus, the sinless One, would take on the sin of all humanity. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, when Jesus was baptized, he "loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders: he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners . . . The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity" (Jesus of Nazareth, p. 18).

That's why Jesus told John that his baptism would "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we sinners would be made righteous. Jesus stood with sinners like us along the banks of the Jordan and descended into the waters, just as they had. Then, on the cross, he took on every one of our sins—and put them to death, once and for all.

Today, then, is a day to thank the Lord for your own Baptism. Through this great sacrament, you were joined to Jesus in his death and resurrection. You were freed from the burden of guilt that Jesus loaded on his own shoulders. You were cleansed of sin and made righteous. And just as the Father said to Jesus, so he says to you: "You are my beloved child" (see Matthew 3:17). May he forever be praised!

"Lord, thank you for the new life I received at my Baptism!"  
- 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 Pray for the Repose of Souls (Death Anniversaries):

- 11/01 - Margaret Sparke
- 13/01 - John Lynch
- 14/01 - Frank Jobling; Paul Carman; Rebecca Prance
- 16/01 - Rodney Williams; Betty Annal; Doris Ritter
- 17/01 - John Punch



## ADULT CATECHISM

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

### Part II - On the Boat, Together

The Conversion of Relationships

*Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.'* (Jn 21:2-3).

49. Lake Tiberias is where it all began. Peter, Andrew, James and John had left the boat and the nets to follow Jesus. After Easter, they set out again from that same lake. In the night, a dialogue is heard on the shore: "I am going fishing." "We will go with you." The synodal journey also began like this: we heard the invitation of Peter's successor, and we accepted it; we set out with him and followed his lead. We prayed, reflected, struggled and dialogued together. But above all we have experienced that it is relationships that sustain the Church's vitality, animating its structures. A missionary synodal Church needs to renew the one and the other. New Relationships.

50. What emerged throughout the entire synodal journey, and in every place and context, was the call for a Church with a greater capacity to nurture relationships: with the Lord, between men and women, in the family, in the local community, among social groups and religions, with all of creation. Many participants were delighted and surprised to be asked to share their thoughts and to be given the opportunity to have their voices heard in the community. Others continued to express the pain of feeling excluded or judged because of their marital status, identity or sexuality. The desire for more real and meaningful relationships is not only a longing to belong to a close-knit group but may also reflect a deep sense of faith. The evangelical quality of relationships in a community is decisive for the witness that the People of God are called to make in history. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (Jn 13:35). The most eloquent sign of the Holy Spirit's action in the community of disciples is the invitation to relationship extended to those most in need, which flows from a renewal of grace and accords with the teaching of Jesus. To be a synodal Church, we are required to open ourselves to a genuine relational conversion that redirects each person's priorities, and we must once again learn from the Gospel that attending to relationships is not merely a strategy or a tool for greater organisational effectiveness. Relationships and bonds are the means by which God the Father has revealed Himself in Jesus and the Spirit. When our relationships, even in their fragility, allow the grace of Christ, the love of the Father, and the communion of the Spirit to shine through, we confess with our lives our faith in God the Trinity. [to be continued next week]



LITURGICAL ROSTERS

JANUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
10 <sup>th</sup> , Sat	Steve Carmody	TBA	Kath Rooney	Jude Kelly	Judy Malcolm		Fr. Archie
11 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Robyne De Garis Fran Lamotte	Robyne De Garis	Fran Lamotte	Paul Corrigan	Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
17 <sup>th</sup> , Sat	Steve Carmody		Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Kath Rooney		Fr. Archie
18 <sup>th</sup> , Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Angela Corrigan Loellen Clark	Alice Kusal	Kath Lim	Mary Cooper	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule		
Monday 12th Jan	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 13th Jan	9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday 14th Jan	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Liturgy of the Word Group Reflection
Thursday 15th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 16th Jan	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 17th Jan	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 18th Jan	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day 2nd 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 PM. 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.

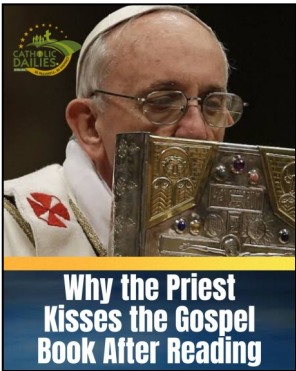
**Group Meditation:** Every Monday at 2 PM.

**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 the end of the Gospel reading, the priest or deacon quietly leans forward and kisses the Gospel Book. This kiss is not directed at paper or ink. It is an act of love offered to Christ Himself, because the Church believes that when the Gospel is proclaimed, Christ speaks. The Gospel is not simply read; it is announced. When the priest kisses the book, he is responding to the living presence of Christ encountered through His Word. The kiss also echoes ancient customs. In both Scripture and tradition, a kiss is a sign of loyalty, devotion, and covenant. By kissing the Gospel, the priest silently professes: “I believe what I have proclaimed, and I submit my life to it.” It is a public sign that the Word he preaches must first transform him. This gesture teaches the faithful something powerful. The Word of God is not merely to be heard; it is to be loved, honoured, and lived. The kiss says what sermons sometimes fail to communicate: reverence for the Gospel must move from lips to life. So when you see the priest kiss the Gospel Book, do not see ritual alone. See a man expressing love for Christ’s voice and surrender to its demands.



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, 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

### Calling for Church Cleaning Volunteers

If able please sign up on our Church Cleaning Roster posted at the foyer.

### Morning Teas on Last Sundays

Starting 2026, our monthly Morning Teas will be held on the last Sunday.

### 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.

## OLC NOTICES

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

### New Safeguarding Coordinator

The Diocese has appointed a new Safeguarding Coordinator; her name is Michelle Scott.

PH: (08) 97210517; Office Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

### 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 helen-brown.hb@gmail.com

## 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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Mass Collections	: \$ 1,578.40
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100;00; \$30.00
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10-c Recycling	: \$ 66.30
Pregnancy Assist	: \$ 94.05
Candles	: \$ 64.15

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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Acct. Name: **The Roman Catholic Bishop of Bunbury Dunsborough Parish**

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## 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

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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!