



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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First Reading

Genesis 12: 1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So, Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading

Timothy 1: 8-10

God has saved us and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has

proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said, 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Pope's Intention for March 2026: FOR DISARMAMENT AND PEACE

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



REFLECTION

Matthew 17:1-9

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

His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Matthew 17:2)

Writing about today's Gospel reading on the transfiguration of Christ, St. Thomas Aquinas used an analogy. He said that if an archer is going to shoot his arrow straight, he needs to see the target. Aquinas also said that we can't know which road to take unless we know the destination. And when the road is difficult, knowing that we're headed to a great destination can make the difficult journey worthwhile.

How does all this apply to the transfiguration? Aquinas said that when Jesus was transfigured, he gave Peter, James, and John a glimpse of their own future. They saw Jesus in his heavenly glory and embedded in that miracle was the promise that all who follow him would also be filled with this glory. As St. Paul told the Philippians, God will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21).

Jesus knew that he was headed toward his own suffering and death. He knew that the disciples would be shaken to the core by the events of his passion, and that the road ahead of them would involve hardship and suffering. So, he revealed his glory to them to give them a glimpse of where he was headed—and a glimpse of their own target. He gave them a foretaste of their own future glory, and that revelation strengthened them for the difficult path ahead.

Let today's Gospel do that for you, too! We are at the start of Lent, but we know that the time will come when we will see Jesus, beaten and bloodied, stripped of all dignity, raised up on a cross between two criminals. That's the time to remember the transfiguration, when his glory shone brightly on the mountain. Even in his suffering, Jesus knew what his destination was: resurrection. And in our struggles, we can look toward our destination—heavenly glory, in union with Jesus!

"Jesus, help me hold onto this glorious vision as I aim toward heaven.

- 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):

- 28/02 - Lawrence Roach
- 01/03 - Wendy Diane Jagoe-Banks; Ryan Scrivener
- 03/03 - Neil Ferguson
- 04/03 - Albert Harry Taylor; Matthew Rocky Murphy; Bernard McNamara; Prisca Sinclair
- 06/03 - James Power
- 07/03 - Wilma Ramsbottom; Carmel Keanneally, Mary Elle Rhodes



ADULT CATECHISM

Message of the Holy Father (13 Feb 2026)
Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion
[excerpts]

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Listening

... Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."

Fasting

... I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

PARISH NOTICES

Cenacle of Prayer @ Bove's Farm

Inviting all to Cenacle of Prayer, Rosary and Holy Hour this Sunday (every 1st Sunday of the month); 2 pm at the Chapel of Our Lady, Bove's Farm (Roy Rd, North Jindong). Fr Nathan Barrie will be the presider. Blessing of religious articles will follow, then afternoon tea.

Initial Parish Activities to Celebrate our 35th Anniversary of Consecration of the Church Building and Altar

- 28th Feb, Saturday - Vigil Mass with Bishop George Kolodziej. Simple dinner follows after our 6 pm Mass. Requesting our Vigil Mass regular Mass-goers to please bring a plate to share.
- 1st March, Sunday - 8:30 Mass; morning tea; photo exhibit; video presentation; etc.
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises in April.
- Marian devotion event in May.
- Renewal of Marriage Vows in June.
- Parish & School Fun Day in November.
- Coming up with a commemorative photo book; etc.

Lenten Weekly Spiritual Formation

Our Diocese, through our parish, is offering a spiritual formation program every Friday at 5 pm during Lent. It uses the gospel reading of the following Sunday as material for prayerful reflection. Coming and praying together can be a grace-filled exercise. We will end with Stations of the Cross.

Calling for More Liturgical Volunteers

Our parish is still in need of more volunteers to take on the following roles at our liturgical celebrations:

- Commentators
- Acolytes
- Lectors or Readers
- Collectors
- Mass Servers
- Choir members

Please approach Father Archie.

OLC NOTICES

Every morning at OLC, the oval is buzzing with activity as students from Years 1-6 enjoy daily morning fitness activities. The students are developing skills, practising teamwork, moving their bodies and having a whole lot of fun, before settling down to their learning.

Before school on Wednesdays, there is a running club, where students are working on building up their fitness. Fridays are Faction Days, when students wear their faction shirts.

There are four factions: Meelup (yellow), Naturaliste (green), Geographe (blue) and Leeuwin (red).

As part of our Lenten journey, in a few weeks, we are having a rice day, where students give up treats in their lunch boxes for a day and have a simple bowl of rice for lunch. This was an initiative from our new Student Leadership Council, designed to raise money for Project Compassion and to build awareness and empathy for those who do not have as much to eat as we take for granted.

We have some places available in our Kindy class. If you would like to come and have a look at what our beautiful school has to offer, please call the office to make a time to have a tour of the school.

Enrol now for Kindy 2026

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DIOCESAN NOTICES

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass

Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD will be celebrating his Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 9.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral. You are very welcome to celebrate his wonderful first year in the life of the Bunbury Diocese. A morning tea will follow.

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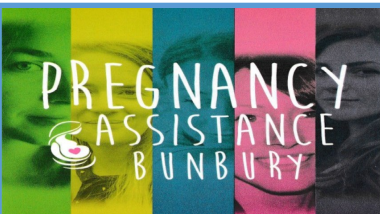
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21st –22nd Feb 2026

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