



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen

- those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Pope's Intention for February 2026: FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families
receive the necessary medical care and support,
never losing strength and hope.



REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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

God chose the lowly. (1 Corinthians 1:28)

In today's second reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One faction favoured the apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing "the lowly" (1 Corinthians 1:28).

Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). This probably surprises them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That's because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and are. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace.

Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is that it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can't boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God!

Second, when we are poor in spirit, we are blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us. And our lives are more fruitful because we are "lowly" enough to ask him to guide us and to bless our efforts.

Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God. Open your heart to him and allow him to fill you!

"Thank you, Lord, for choosing me and blessing me today!"

- 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):

- 31/01 - Valma Leeuwinn Dunnell
- 01/02 - Eileen de Grieve
- 02/02 - Norma Hughes
- 05/02 - Patricia Marshall
- 06/02 - Leta Button; Maris Silins
- 07/02 - Zoe Dematera; Mollie Nicholls

Death Notice

26/01/2026 - Michael Chandler



ADULT CATECHISM

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

In a Plurality of Contexts

55. Many of the evils that afflict our world are also visible in the Church. The abuse crisis, in its various and tragic manifestations, has brought untold and often ongoing suffering to victims and survivors, and to their communities. The Church needs to listen with special attention and sensitivity to the voices of victims and survivors of sexual, spiritual, economic, power and conscience abuse by members of the clergy or persons with Church appointments. Listening is a fundamental element of the path to healing, repentance, justice and reconciliation. At a time characterised by a global crisis of trust, which encourages people to live in distrust and suspicion, the Church must acknowledge its own shortcomings. It must humbly ask for forgiveness, must care for victims, provide for preventative measures, and strive in the Lord to rebuild mutual trust.

56. Listening to those who suffer exclusion and marginalisation strengthens the Church's awareness that taking on the burden of wounded relationships is part of its mission. The Church does this in order that the Lord, the Living One, can heal them. This is the only way that the Church can be "as a sacrament or instrumental sign of intimate union with God and of the unity of all humanity" (LG 1). At the same time, being open to the world allows one to discover that the Spirit has sown the seeds of the Gospel in every corner of the globe, in every culture and in every human group. These seeds bear fruit in the ability to live healthy relationships, cultivate mutual trust and forgiveness and overcome fear of diversity. They also give life to welcoming communities, promote an economy respectful of people and the planet and bring about reconciliation after conflict. History leaves us with a legacy of conflicts motivated also by religious affiliation, undermining the credibility of religions themselves. Much suffering has been caused by the scandal of division between Christian communions and the hostility between sisters and brothers who have received the same Baptism. The renewed experience of ecumenical momentum that marks the synod's journey opens the way towards hope.
[to be continued next week]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

FEBRUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
31st Jan Sat	Steve Carmody		Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Judy Malcolm		Fr. Archie
1st Feb Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Loellen Clark Fran Lamotte	Loellen Clark	Angela Corrigan	Iris Casas	Isabelle Casas Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark
7th Feb Sat	Steve Carmody		Kath Rooney	Alicia Higgins	Gerry Travers		Fr. Archie
8th Feb Sun	Ronnel Casas	Tony & Joan Smurthwaite	Robyne De Garis	Fran Lamotte	Mary Ann McMullen	Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark

<i>Mass Schedule</i>		
Monday 2nd Feb	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 3rd Feb	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 4th Feb	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass of the Day Group Reflection
Thursday 5th Feb	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 6th Feb	9:00 AM 11:00 am	Mass of the Day @ OLC Funeral Mass for Michael C.
Saturday 7th Feb	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 8th 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. **[Cancelled this February]**

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

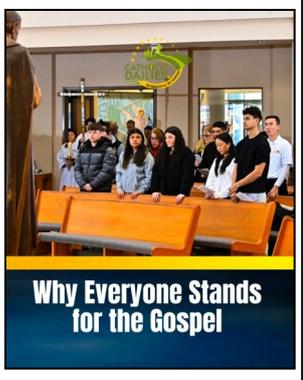
Group Meditation: Every Monday at 2 PM.

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: When the Gospel is about to be proclaimed, something changes in the church. People rise to their feet. This is not courtesy. It is recognition. In the Church, standing is the posture reserved for authority, honour, and readiness. We stand because Christ Himself is about to speak. The Gospel is not merely a reading, it is the living Word proclaimed in the assembly. In ancient times, people stood when a king entered the room or when a royal decree was announced. By standing for the Gospel, the Church confesses that Jesus is King, and His words demand our full attention and reverence. Standing is also a sign of respect for the Resurrection. The early Christians prayed standing because they believed Christ had conquered death. When we stand for the Gospel, we proclaim that the One who speaks is alive, not a memory from the past. There is also a personal challenge hidden in this posture. Standing means readiness to respond. The Gospel is not meant to comfort us alone, it is meant to call us, correct us, and send us. So before the Gospel is even proclaimed, the Church asks us to preach with our bodies:- "I am listening. I am ready. I will follow." The Gospel is the moment when heaven addresses earth, and the Church stands to receive it.



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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 **Sacristans:** Robyne de Garis, 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

Funeral Mass for Michael Chandler

Our former acolyte, Michael Chandler passed on to eternal life on 26th January. He was 82 years old. If you are free, please come to the Funeral Mass for Michael on 6th February, Friday, 11 am at our church.

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

- 28 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.
- 1 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.

Mission Challenge to All Parishioners

You might know a family whose children are in our public schools. Please reach out to them, and gently suggest to the parents to consider sending their kids to our church's After-school Program to help prepare them for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Some Catholic children may not have yet received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

Gathering of Young Professionals

Starting this year, Father Archie would like to gather the young professionals of our parish to explore possible formation activities. Initial meeting is on 13th February, Friday, 5 pm at the church. Please contact Father Archie.

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.

Please call Lisette Jas on 9328 2929 for more information.

OLC NOTICES

School starts again for OLC students on Monday 2 February. We hope that all our OLC families have a wonderful holiday break, enjoying the sunshine and spending time with family and friends.

There will be a Welcome Morning Tea on Tuesday 3 February in the hall for new and old families after morning drop-off.

An Opening of School Year Mass will be held on Friday 6 September at 9.00am in the School Hall.

On Saturday 14 February, the OLC staff will attend the Vigil Mass to be Commissioned by Fr Archie to carry out their roles as educators in a Catholic school. Also at this Mass, students whose families would like to be part of the Sacramental preparation programs this year for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will make their commitment in readiness for participation in the celebration of sacraments this year.

'Little Seedlings' playgroup starts again for 2026 on Wednesday mornings beginning on 11 February. Please call the school office for more information.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

From the Diocesan Social Justice Committee

The Bunbury Social Justice Committee is having a follow-up Zoom meeting to our Social Justice Symposium last September to share developments in addressing the

homeless issue in the Bunbury Diocese. We invite you to participate and hear what is being done and contribute your knowledge and experience in this area on Monday 16th February; 4-5.30 pm

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD



Barbershop & Hair Salon in Duns located at Centrepoint Shopping Centre, next to the butcher shop. Walk-ins and reservations accepted. Shop hours: Tuesday to Friday - 9am-5pm; Saturday - 8:30am-2pm. Speak with Leo on 08 9756 8699.



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24th—25th January 2026

Mass Collections	: \$ 1,383.05
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100; \$10
EFTPOS	: \$ 295.00
Candle	: \$ 300.15
10-c Recycling	: \$ 4.90

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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- 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

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Hours: 11am-5pm Tuesdays & Thursdays or by appointment



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