



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury
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First Reading

Isaiah 58: 7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here!' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the

crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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 2:1-5

... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians gives a series of snapshots of this vibrant, growing, and challenging church. He praises their strengths and addresses their struggles, and in today's second reading, he reminds them that their foundation rests, not on any human wisdom, but on the power of God. For Paul, this wasn't some vague kind of power; it was the power of the crucified and risen Jesus.

When Paul came to Corinth, he preached and reasoned with Jews and Gentiles alike to bring them to the Lord. He surely encouraged them to search the Scriptures for themselves as well. But the heart of his preaching and the bedrock of his faith was Christ's death and resurrection. The revelation of the risen Lord had opened Paul's eyes and transformed his life. So, he wanted the Corinthians' faith to be rooted in God and his power to change their lives. He wanted their faith to be deep, dynamic, and life-changing.

Paul never tired of reminding the Corinthians that the wisdom and power of God were their foundation. He would say the same to us because he knows how easy it can be to rely only on our own strength and wisdom. We need to look to Jesus, risen and victorious, and place our trust in him.

So, let's expand our thinking today and step out, trusting in our mighty God. Let's turn to him first when we're concerned about our loved ones. Let's pray boldly for God to work in their lives. And if it takes time to see an answer, let's keep praying! God's power can change hearts far beyond what we can do on our own. Our best preaching or persuading, or even the witness of our lives, can't compare with what the power of God can do. To begin, we need only to trust and pray—and watch to see what he will do.

"Lord, I trust in your power and love!"

- 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):

- 07/02 - Zoe Dematera; Maureen Agnes Nicholls
- 08/02 - Margaret Blackmore; Febronia Testa; Eileen O'Sullivan
- 09/02 - Miriam Lenore Ryan
- 10/02 - Pauline Bogoia; Felipe Gonzales Sr.
- 11/02 - Suzie Landini; Adrianus van den Bemd; Comelia van den Bemd; Merlie dela Torre
- 12/02 - Petar & Rosa Botica; John Bradley
- 13/02 - Thomas Shannahan
- 14/02 - Valerie Casey; Pamela Elizabeth Page



ADULT CATECHISM

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

Charisms, Vocations and Ministries for Mission

57. Christians, individually and as part of ecclesial movements and associations, are called to bear fruit by sharing the gifts they have been given and to be witnesses to the Gospel. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:4- 7). In the Christian community, all the Baptised are enriched with gifts to share, each according to his or her vocation and way or condition of life. The various ecclesial vocations are many, yet they express the one Baptismal call to holiness and mission. The variety of charisms, which originates in the freedom of the Holy Spirit, aims at unifying the ecclesial body of Christ (cf. LG 32) and promoting mission in different places and cultures (cf. LG 12). These gifts are not the exclusive property of those who receive and use them, nor are they intended solely for their personal benefit or for that of a group. Through an appropriate pastoral care for vocations, they are intended for the flourishing of the life of the Christian community and the development of society as a whole.

58. Each Baptised person responds to missionary needs in the contexts in which they live and work, according to their dispositions and abilities. This demonstrates the freedom of the Spirit in bestowing God's gifts. Owing to this dynamism in the Spirit, the People of God, listening to the reality in which they live, discover new forms of commitment and new ways to fulfil their mission. Christians, each according to their diverse roles - within the family and other states of life; in the workplace and in their professions; engaged civilly, politically, socially or ecologically; in the development of a culture inspired by the Gospel, including the evangelisation of the digital environment - walk the paths of the world and proclaim the Gospel where they live, sustained by the gifts of the Spirit. [to be continued next week]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

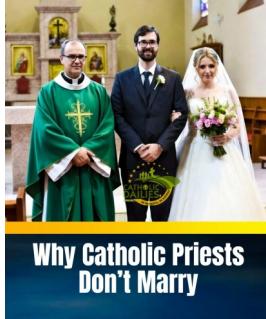
FEBRUARY	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
7th Feb Sat	Steve Carmody		Kath Rooney	Alicia Higgins	Gerry Travers		Fr. Archie
8th Feb Sun	Ronnel Casas	Tony & Joan Smurthwaite	Robyne De Garis	Fran Lamotte	Mary Ann McMullen	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
14th Feb Sat	Steve Carmody		Kath Rooney	Jude Kelly	Mimi Morales		Fr. Archie
15th Feb Sun	Ronnel Casas	Loellen Clark Fran Lamotte	Irene Hughes	Angela Corrigan	Diane Richards	Andy Hoang Ivy Hoang	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule



Monday 9th Feb	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 10th Feb	9:00 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 11th Feb	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Rosary Mass of the Day Group Reflection
Thursday 12th Feb	9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 13th Feb	9:00 AM 11:00 am	Liturgy of the Word
Saturday 14th Feb	9:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Liturgy of the Word Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 15th Feb	8:30 AM	Mass of the Day 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: Why don't Priests get married? The Catholic Church honours marriage as a sacred gift from God. So why don't Priests marry? **First**, Jesus Himself lived a celibate life. Priests are configured to Christ in a special way. By remaining unmarried, they imitate the life Jesus lived and dedicate themselves completely to God's work. **Second**, Priesthood is a total gift. A Priest, by remaining celibate, offers his whole life to the service of God and His people. His time, energy, and love are given fully to the Church. **Third**, celibacy is a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said that in heaven, people "neither marry nor are given in marriage." A Priest's life points beyond this world and reminds us that our final home is not here, but with God. **Fourth**, celibacy makes the Priest a spiritual father to all. Instead of belonging to one family, he belongs to everyone. He is free to serve, to listen, to pray, and to suffer with the people entrusted to him. It is important to know that celibacy is not a declaration that marriage is bad. Priests do not avoid marriage because they cannot love. They avoid marriage because they choose to love more widely. Their celibacy is not a loss. It is a sign, a living reminder that God alone can fully satisfy the human heart.



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 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

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

- 28th Feb, Saturday - Vigil Mass with Bishop George Kolodziey. 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.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration @ God's Farm

God's Farm invites you to its monthly Eucharistic Adoration mass on February 14th at 11am. Relax in the peaceful surroundings of 200acres, fellowship and shared lunch, go home refreshed! New comers most welcome. Enquiries: Mary 0438054199.

OLC NOTICES

It was great to have all our students back at school this week. It was nice to see the joy brought about by the excitement of seeing friends, meeting new teachers, new shoes, fresh uniforms, new stationery and new beginnings. It was particularly exciting to see students being brave enough to start their first day at Kindy.

On Friday morning, Fr Archie joined us to prayerfully celebrate the opening of the new school year with Mass for our staff and students.

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.



DIOCESAN NOTICES

New Chancellor of Bunbury Diocese

Excerpt from Bp George memo: Today, 3 February 2026, I am delighted to welcome Mrs Kerrie Merritt as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bunbury. The office of Chancellor is an important canonical role within the life of the Diocese. In accordance with the law of the Church, the Chancellor is entrusted with ensuring that diocesan acts and

decrees are properly prepared, issued, and securely archived, and that official Church documents are accurately recorded and certified. In this way, the Chancellor serves the good order, transparency, and pastoral governance of the Diocese.

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.



At Sweet Stylin we style, design and create couture cakes & sweets for any Special Occasion: cupcakes, naked cakes, Macarons, donuts, dessert bars, and ice cream bars. 0411 438 639 / love@sweetstylin.com.au or visit our Website: sweetsylin.com.au

WEDDINGS PARTIES EVENTS



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CHURCH COLLECTION

31st Jan—1st Feb 2026

Mass Collections	:	\$ 868.65
Direct Deposit	:	\$ 100; \$5; \$20
EFTPOS	:	\$ 315.00
Planned Giving	:	\$ 10.00
10-c Recycling	:	\$ 10.20
Donation for the 35th Anniv	:	\$ 500

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:
BSB: 086-006 ACCT: 848054647

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

Parish Bulletin Editorial Staff:
Jude Kelly, Joan Smurthwaite, Fr. Archie



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!