



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So, my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me; you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who

raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia!

FOR PRIESTS IN CRISIS

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



REFLECTION

Luke 24:13-35

He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35)

Have you ever noticed how the story of the two disciples meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus looks a lot like the way we meet Jesus at every Mass?

At the start, Cleopas and his friend were devastated. Jesus had been crucified, and their hopes were dashed. So, when Jesus approached them, "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). How often do we come to Mass preoccupied? Maybe we had an argument on the way to church, or we're worried about a family problem. These things can keep us from seeing Jesus clearly.

Jesus didn't keep his distance. He drew near and engaged with these two disheartened disciples. Similarly, he welcomes us to Mass as we are and draws near to us. In the Penitential Rite, he offers us his mercy so that we can turn from our sins and refocus our minds on him.

Once Jesus started the conversation with his disciples, he walked them through "what referred to him in all the Scriptures" (Luke 24:27). In the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus teaches us. The readings can open our hearts and minds to God's perfect plan, fulfilled in him.

Although the disciples' hearts were burning as they began to understand the Scriptures, they didn't recognize Jesus until he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread to them. In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, our eyes are opened and our faith deepened as Jesus offers himself to us in Holy Communion!

Next, the two disciples immediately and joyfully returned to Jerusalem to tell their friends. At the end of Mass, we are sent out to "go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Meeting Jesus changes our hearts, and we can't help but proclaim it.

The next time you're at Mass, imagine that Cleopas and his companion are with you. Share their excitement as, throughout the liturgy, your heart begins to burn with love as you come to recognize Jesus, present in the breaking of the bread.

"Jesus, thank you for making yourself known to me!"

- 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 all the students of Our Lady of the Cape Primary and Dunsborough Primary who are preparing themselves to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

- Peace in the world!

We Pray for the Repose of Souls (Death Anniversaries):

19/04 - Juanita "Janet Miranda

20/04 - John Corrigan; Peter Corrigan; Tony Lomax

21/04 - Greg Taylor; Kathleen Dorothy Alma Thorgersen;
Pope Francis (Jorge Bergoglio)

23/04 - Joan Spratt

25/04 - Tom Hackett; Jean Witcombe



ADULT CATECHISM

The Catholic Church is Synodal Church

[snippets from the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality]

60. By virtue of Baptism, women and men have equal dignity as members of the People of God. However, women continue to encounter obstacles in obtaining a fuller recognition of their charisms, vocation and place in all the various areas of the Church's life. This is to the detriment of serving the Church's shared mission. Scripture attests to the prominent role of many women in the history of salvation. One woman, Mary Magdalene, was entrusted with the first proclamation of the Resurrection. On the day of Pentecost, Mary, the Mother of God, was present, accompanied by many other women who had followed the Lord. It is important that the Scripture passages that relate these stories find adequate space inside liturgical lectionaries. Crucial turning points in Church history confirm the essential contribution of women moved by the Spirit. Women make up the majority of churchgoers and are often the first witnesses to the faith in families. They are active in the life of small Christian communities and parishes. They run schools, hospitals and shelters. They lead initiatives for reconciliation and promoting human dignity and social justice. Women contribute to theological research and are present in positions of responsibility in Church institutions, in diocesan curia and the Roman Curia. There are women who hold positions of authority and are leaders of their communities. This Assembly asks for full implementation of all the opportunities already provided for in Canon Law with regard to the role of women, particularly in those places where they remain underutilised. There is no reason or impediment that should prevent women from carrying out leadership roles in the Church: what comes from the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped. Additionally, the question of women's access to diaconal ministry remains open. This discernment needs to continue. The Assembly also asks that more attention be given to the language and images used in preaching, teaching, catechesis, and the drafting of official Church documents, giving more space to the contributions of female saints, theologians and mystics. *[to be continued]*

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
18th April Sat	Steve Carmody	Kath Rooney	Judy Malcolm	Renate Best	Jenny Huembs	Hera Morales	Fr Archie
19th April Sun	Ronnel Casas	Angela Corrigan & M A McMullen	Joan Embry	Carmen McFaul	Iris Casas	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
25th April Sat	Steve Carmody	Loellen Clark	Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Kath Rooney	TBA	Fr Archie
26th April Sun	Ronnel Casas	Robyne De Garis & M A McMullen	Robyne De Garis	Carmen McFaul	Mark Embry	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark

<i>Mass Schedule</i>		
Monday 20th April	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 21st April	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 22nd April	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day
Thursday 23rd April	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 24th April	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 25th April	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	ANZAC Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 26th April	8.30 AM	4th Sunday of Easter MASS

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: The Sign of Peace is a moment in the Mass where the faithful express communion, unity, and reconciliation with one another before receiving Holy Communion. It is not about social interaction, but about preparing the heart to receive Christ worthily. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains (cf. GIRM 82), this gesture signifies peace, communion, and charity among the faithful.

- 1. ROOTED IN THE WORDS OF CHRIST.** This moment is deeply connected to the teaching of Jesus Himself. In the Gospel of Matthew (cf. Matthew 5:23–24), Christ teaches that before offering your gift at the altar, you should first be reconciled with your brother. This shows that worship is not only about our relationship with God... But also about our relationship with one another.
- 2. A PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION.** The Sign of Peace comes just before Holy Communion for a reason. It invites us to examine our hearts and let go of anger, bitterness, or division. It is a quiet way of saying: "I choose peace." "I choose unity." Because we cannot receive the Prince of Peace while holding on to division.



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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:** Steve Carmody (Chair), Angela Corrigan (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

Kudos to the following Liturgical Ministers for Participating in the Updating Formation Program (18 April, Our Lady of the Bay Church, Busselton):

Steve Carmody (Acolyte)
 Loellen Clark (Lector/EMHC)
 Jude Kelly (Lector/EMHC)
 Fran Lamotte (Lector/EMHC)
 Judy Malcolm (Lector/EMHC)
 Diane Richards (Lector/EMHC)
 Kath Rooney (Lector/EMHC)
 Joan Smurthwaite (Lector/EMHC)
 Tony Smurthwaite (Acolyte)



Music Ministry on Sundays

We are inviting singers who could take on the role of cantor (lead singer) for Sunday liturgies on an occasional, regular, or rostered basis, especially for the Responsorial Psalm, but also to help introduce unfamiliar music. I have some experience in working with cantors, and I am happy to provide tutoring free of charge. Please talk to Fr Archie or me if you think you could contribute. Thanks, Richard Clark

OLC NOTICES

Do you know someone who is a passionate Early Childhood Teacher who would like to work at OLC? We are looking for a Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teacher to commence at the beginning of Semester 2. Please see the school website for more information:
<https://ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/employment/>

This term, some students from OLC will celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation. School is back for Term 2 on Monday 20th of April. We hope everyone had a blessed Easter and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Invitation from Catholic Mission

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission Rosary. This beautiful tradition - created in 1951 by the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the United States - was born from his desire to pray for the whole world, especially for those living in poverty. Today, it continues the mission and spirit of the founder of Catholic Mission, Blessed Pauline Jaricot.

Our special Rosary prayer sessions dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held through May:

Dates: Monday to Friday, 1 May – 31 May

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00pm

Location: Online via MicrosoftTeams

Kindly let us know if you will be attending by 24th April by replying to this email Fiona.ng@catholicmission.org.au

2026 National Count of Attendance

The 2026 National Count of Attendance will be taking place over the first four (4) weeks of May, starting on the 2/3 May 2026. Along with your parish Priest, we ask your assistance and support in ensuring that the National Count of Attendance is successful in your parish. We are greatly appreciative of your help

and efforts in this matter.

The 2026 National Count of Attendance is very important for all of us. It allows us to accurately capture data about your parish, the Diocese of Bunbury and the Catholic Church in Australia. This information is cross referenced with the 2026 National Census Data.

The data is key information for parishes and Diocese in planning, considerations and decisions for the future. The data is also used by other organisations such as CEWA, SJOGH, the ACBC and others.

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CHURCH COLLECTION

11th—12th April 2026

Collection	: \$ 940.50
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 305.00
Planned Giving	: \$ 20; 10; 50; 227.81
10-c Recycling	: \$ 25.90

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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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!

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