



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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First Reading

Acts 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ

suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats, but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 10: 1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable, but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So, Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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

Acts 2:14, 36-41

They were cut to the heart. (Acts 2:37)

Peter's preaching about Jesus on Pentecost powerfully affected the people who heard his message. They were "cut to the heart," and three thousand of them turned to the Lord that day (Acts 2:37).

The Greek word used here for "cut" is katanussó, which literally means "to pierce" or "to prick." Peter's words acted as a sword, piercing the hearts of the people with the truth that they had sinned in rejecting Jesus and calling for him to be crucified. Imagine their pain and sorrow when they realized this—and the joy they must have felt when they repented and were baptized in his name! Washed clean and filled with his love, they began to live in an entirely new way.

You might say that the people in Jerusalem that day were like the sheep Jesus spoke about in the Gospel. He is the Good Shepherd who called them "by name" and beckoned them to follow him (John 10:3). "Cut to the heart," they decided to give their hearts to him. What an appropriate story for Good Shepherd Sunday!

However we first came to follow Jesus, we have all been cut to the heart at one time or another by the truths of the gospel—especially when we've been convicted of our sins. But we aren't the only ones who have experienced the pain and sorrow that sin causes. Jesus, our Shepherd, laid down his life for us to save us from our sin (John 10:11). Even now, his heart is pierced because so many of his sheep are missing out on the mercy he has to offer them. That's why he will leave the ninety-nine to go after the one (Matthew 18:12). He longs for everyone to know him and follow him.

Today, thank Jesus for piercing your heart and filling you with his love. Rejoice that the good news of his salvation has the power to change hearts even now. Then pray for all the people you know who have yet to follow Jesus. Pray that they will be "cut to the heart" and find in that sorrow the greatest joy they could ever know.

"Good Shepherd, I want to follow you all the days of my life!"

- 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):

- 25/04 - Tom Hackett; Jean Witcombe
- 26/04 - Carlos Carrico; Ernesto Mayor
- 27/04 - Stanley Chambers
- 28/04 - Raymond Davern; Gladys May Edwards
- 30/04 - Reginald Ralph; Helen Reidy
- 01/05 - Brigitte Grasberger



ADULT CATECHISM

The Catholic Church is Synodal Church

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

61. Within the Christian community, special attention should be given to children. Not only do children need accompaniment in their growth, but they have much to give to the community of believers. When the apostles argue among themselves about who is the greatest, Jesus puts a child at the centre, presenting the child as a criterion for entering the Kingdom (cf. *Mk* 9:33-37). The Church cannot be synodal without the contribution of children, who are bearers of missionary potential, being valued. The voice of the child is needed by the community. We must listen to children and make efforts to ensure that everyone in society listens to them, especially those who have political and educational responsibilities. A society that is not able to welcome and care for children is a sickly society. The suffering experienced by many children due to war, poverty and abandonment, abuse and trafficking is a scandal that calls both for the courage to denounce their suffering and for a serious commitment to solidarity.

62. Young people also make a contribution to the synodal renewal of the Church. They are acutely aware of the values of fellowship and sharing while rejecting paternalism or authoritarian attitudes. At times, their attitude toward the Church can come across as critical, yet often, it manifests positively as a personal commitment to the creation of a welcoming community dedicated to fighting against social injustice and for the care of our common home. The request that they made at the 2018 Synod on Young People to "walk together in daily life" corresponds exactly to the vision of a synodal Church. For this reason, it is fundamental that we assure them of thoughtful and patient accompaniment; in particular, the proposal of "an experience of accompaniment in view of discernment", which arose thanks to their contribution, deserves to be revisited and taken up again. It foresees companionship shared with educators, an apostolic commitment lived at the service of the neediest, and the offer of a spirituality rooted in prayer and the sacramental life (cf. *Final Document of the XV Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment"*, 161). [to be continued]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
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
2nd May Sat	Steve Carmody	Judy Malcolm	Judy Malcolm	Jude Kelly	Kath Rooney	TBA	Fr Archie
3rd May Sun	Ronnel Casas	Fran La Motte & Loellen Clark	Alice Kursal	Kath Lim	Mary Cooper	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule 

Monday 27th April	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 28th April	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 29th April	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 30th April	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 1st May	9 AM 9:30 AM-12NN	Mass of the Day Adoration/Benediction
Saturday 2nd May	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 3rd May	8.30 AM	5th 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.

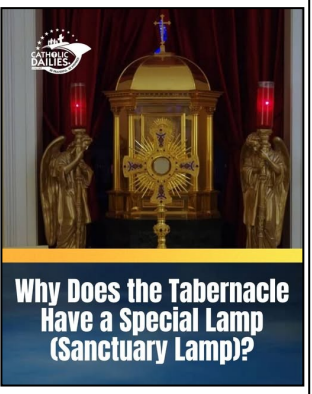
Group Meditation: Every Monday at 2 PM.

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: That light is called the sanctuary lamp. It is a visible sign that Jesus Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. First, the sanctuary lamp indicates the real presence of Christ in the tabernacle. When the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the tabernacle, the lamp must remain burning nearby. It quietly announces to everyone entering the church that Christ is truly present there. If the tabernacle is empty, for example, on Good Friday after the Eucharist has been removed, the lamp is extinguished, signalling that the Blessed Sacrament is not inside. Second, the tradition comes from biblical practices of keeping a lamp burning before God. In the Old Testament, God instructed that a lamp should burn continually in the sanctuary as a sign of His presence among His people. Third, the sanctuary lamp encourages reverence and prayer. The steady flame reminds the faithful to behave respectfully in the church, to pray quietly, and to recognize the sacredness of the space. Fourth, the lamp is usually red to symbolize love and sacrifice. The red colour traditionally represents the sacrificial love of Christ and the Eucharist. In the end, the sanctuary lamp is not just a decoration. It is a quiet but powerful reminder that Christ remains present in the tabernacle and that the church is a sacred place of prayer and worship. The sanctuary lamp burns to proclaim a simple message: Christ is here.



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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

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

Invitation from Bove Farm

3rd May (Sunday)

12.30 pm - Marian Hymn Singing

1.00 pm - Crowning of our Lady/ Eucharistic Marian Procession/Rosary/ Benediction

2.30 pm - Holy Mass with Bp George
Afternoon tea [Pls check poster at foyer.]



OLC NOTICES

We are looking for a Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teacher to commence at the beginning of Semester 2. Applications close on Monday 4 May. Please see the school website for more information:

<https://ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/employment/>

What a great time the Year 6's had on their school camp this week! The students participated in a range of activities including vertical challenge, flying fox, orienteering, coastal bike ride, archery and ultimate sports. They encouraged and supported each other and pushed themselves to try new and hard things.

We were very proud of the way they participated and had a whole lot of fun. Special thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who supported students in this wonderful experience.



On Friday, we held an ANZAC service, and on Saturday many students and staff participated in the community ANZAC Day Parade and Service, including a beautiful rendition of 'I am Australian' by our school choir. Lest we forget.

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.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SWEET STYLIN
WEDDINGS PARTIES EVENTS

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

CHURCH COLLECTION

18th—19th April 2026

Collection	: \$ 876.80
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100; \$40
EFTPOS	: \$ 270.00
Planned Giving	: \$ 20; \$10
10-c Recycling	: \$ 11.40

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!