



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among ourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For 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.)**
3. 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.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it

because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 10: 1-10

John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



REFLECTION

John 14:1-12

... so that where I am you also may be. (John 14:3)

The time had come. Jesus was about to leave his disciples to endure the passion of the cross. He knew that his imminent departure, as well as the path that lay before him, would be upsetting to them. So, he reassured them: this would not be a permanent separation. In fact, he was preparing a place for them in his Father's house and would "come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3).

And he was true to his word! After his crucifixion, the disciples did indeed see Jesus, risen from the dead and victorious over sin. And after his ascension, his Spirit did come to them to console and guide them as they travelled far and wide to preach the good news. And now, they have taken up eternal residence in one of the many glorious dwelling places that Jesus has prepared for them.

Jesus' words "Where I am you also may be" (John 14:3) can be reassuring for us as well. He promises to be with each of us always. He dwells in us through Baptism. He comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist. He is with us through his Holy Spirit. And he is preparing a dwelling place for us, too, in his Father's house.

This is the good news: Jesus is always present to you—both now and forever in eternity. Whatever trials you may experience, you never have to feel alone or abandoned. You can call on him for his guidance, his wisdom, and his mercy at any moment of the day or night.

So "do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1). The One who died and rose for you will never let you go. Even when you can't sense his presence, know that he is with you. He is interceding for you with the Father. Even now, he is preparing a dwelling place for you, a place so wonderful that it's beyond anything you could ever imagine!

"Jesus, I praise you for your constant presence in 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):

- 03/05 - George McMullen
- 06/05 - Christopher Francis Willy
- 08/05 - William Torrant
- 09/05 - Alf Cahill



[ADULT CATECHISM (will come back soon)]

Preparations Leading to the Diocesan Assembly

From the Diocesan Synodal Team

Dear Fellow Companions,

We are excited to be companions with you on this journey. Bishop George has asked us to assist him in the planning, preparation, and coordination of the Diocesan Assembly. It is an incredible journey that we will all go on together – albeit a little bit daunting for all!

"What are you talking about as you walk along?" You are invited to a new conversation. We are committed to this journey, to this conversation. We are committed to ensuring you are listened to, have the opportunity to share and that we all can continue our journey together into the future.

Our Diocesan Assembly, while part of our larger continuing journey, will culminate in the creation of a five year Diocesan Pastoral Plan, giving us a vision for the future of our Diocese.

Our journey to the Diocesan Assembly will be split into four phases, reflecting the journey of the disciples to Emmaus:

Phase 1 – June 2026 Parish Consultations

"What are you talking about as your walk along." Luke 24:17

Phase 2 – July/August – Diocesan Assembly Session 1

"Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him..." Luke 24:31

Phase 3 – September – Diocesan Assembly Report Parish Reviews

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Luke 24:32

Phase 4 – Diocesan Pastoral Plan Diocesan Assembly Session 2

"Then they told their story of what had happened on the road, and how they recognised Him in the breaking of the bread." Luke 24:35

As per Bishop George's letter, we also wholeheartedly encourage each of you to engage in this new conversation and join together as we discern the call of God for the future of the Diocese.

In prayer,

Diocesan Synodal Team

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
2nd May Sat	Steve Carmody	TBA	Judy Malcolm	Jude Kelly	Kath Rooney	TBA	Fr Archie
3rd May Sun	Tony Smurthwaite	Fran La Motte & Loellen Clark	Alice Kursal	Kath Lim	Mary Cooper	Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
9th May Sat	Steve Carmody	Jude Kelly	Jenny Huembs	Amie Meyer	Tricia Mothersole	TBA	Fr Archie
10th May Sun	Ronnel Casas	Robyne De Garis & Diane Richards	Joan Embry	Carmen McFaul	Loellen Clark	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark

<i>Mass Schedule</i>		
Monday 4th May	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 5th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 6th May	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 7th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 8th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 9th May	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	NO MASS Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 10th May	8.30 AM	6TH 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.

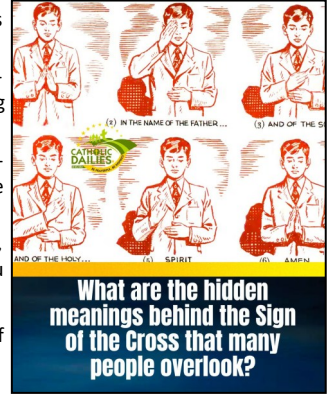
Second Friday of each Month: Catholic Men's Prayer Fellowship at 9:30 AM.

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 the Cross is simple, yet deeply rich. Most Catholics make it every day, but few pause to see the layers of meaning hidden inside this small gesture. Here are three powerful symbols you may not have noticed:

- 1. THE CROSS IS TRACED ON YOUR BODY.** When you move from your forehead to your chest, and from shoulder to shoulder, you are literally marking yourself with the Cross of Christ. It is not just a gesture, it is a declaration: "I belong to Christ." This act connects you to the saving sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- 2. THE TRINITY IS PROCLAIMED.** When you say "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," you are invoking the mystery of the Holy Trinity. It is a short prayer, but it contains the fullness of God, three Persons, one God. Every time you make the Sign of the Cross, you are entering into that divine relationship.
- 3. MIND, HEART, AND STRENGTH ARE SURRENDERED.** Touching your forehead represents your thoughts, your chest represents your heart, and your shoulders represent your actions and strength. In one movement, you are offering your entire self to God, what you think, what you love, and what you do.

In the end, the Sign of the Cross is not just how we begin prayer, it is a prayer in itself. When done with awareness, it becomes a moment of identity, surrender, and connection with God.



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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 - today

12.30 pm - Marian Hymn Singing
1.00 pm - Crowning of Our Lady/
Eucharistic Marian Procession/Rosary/
Benediction
2.30 pm - Holy Mass with Bishop George
Please see poster at the foyer for more details.

National Count of Mass Attendance

The counting of Mass attendance at all weekend Masses of May starts today. We will do the counting before the Final Blessing. Requesting for your kind indulgence.

Soliciting Feedback from Parishioners

There is a compelling suggestion to move our Sunday Mass from 8.30 am to 9.00 am. It is hoped that by moving our Sunday Mass to 9am, younger families with kids will be more inclined to attend Mass as a family. What do you think? Please email your thoughts to Father Archie at - olotscparish@gmail.com

Parish Assembly on 20th June, Saturday

Please mark your calendar. We gather as a parish from 4 pm to 6 pm to pray and discern together - to engage in conversation in the spirit. The outcome of our parish assembly will be shared at the Diocesan Assembly in Bunbury on 1st August.

OLC NOTICES

We are looking for a Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten teacher to commence at the beginning of Semester 2. This is the last week to get applications in; closing date is Monday 4 May. Please see the

school website for more information:
<https://ladyofcape.wa.edu.au/employment/>

Our Lady of the Cape representation at the community ANZAC parade and ceremony was absolutely outstanding. Almost 60 students attended, wearing their uniform, and many others attended with their families. All students had created poppies during their Visual Arts lessons, which cumulatively made an incredible display as an art installation. Our school choir proudly led the singing of the national anthem and then delighted all present by singing 'We are Australian'. We were so proud of our school community. Let's we Forget.



Bishop George visited OLC on Wednesday to have morning tea with the staff, and meet with the Confirmation candidates who have begun preparing for this special Sacrament, to be celebrated on 17th May.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

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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

25th—26th April 2026

Collection	: \$ 1,029.65
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 240.00
Planned Giving	: \$
10-c Recycling	: \$ 6.70; 15.80

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!