



# Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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## First Reading

**Acts 8:5-8. 14-17**

***They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.***

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result, there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

## Second Reading

**1 Peter 3:15-18**

***In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.***

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope

that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**John 14:15-21**

***I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.***

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, 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 14:15-21

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. (John 14:21)

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus gave his disciples two clear commandments. First, after having washed their feet, he told them to “wash one another’s feet” (John 13:14). Then he commanded them, “Love one another” (13:34). Now, in today’s Gospel, he says that whoever observes these commands to wash feet and show love is “the one who loves” him (14:21).

What a surprising combination! We can be so used to labelling, categorizing, and compartmentalizing aspects of our lives: our work life, our home life, our spiritual life, and the like. But Jesus is telling us that two seemingly unrelated areas belong together and depend on each other: loving him and loving one another. We can’t love him, he says, if we are not caring for the people around us. To say that we love the Lord while we are holding someone in contempt or harbouring hatred against someone is to miss the point of his gospel message. It’s to miss the point of his cross.

This is a challenging message, but it’s also good news. The idea of loving Jesus—the eternal Son of God who dwells in unapproachable glory—can seem overwhelming. How can we who are sinners ever love such a being? But Jesus assures us that it’s easier than we might think: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,” he says, “you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). Every time we show love, mercy, compassion, or generosity to someone, we are showing it to Jesus. No act or gesture is too small. Jesus receives it as if it were given directly to him. Because, in a very real sense, it is!

Do you want to observe Jesus’ commandments? And do you want to love him more fully? The answer may be as close as the person sitting across the dinner table from you or the person down the street who needs a helping hand.

“Jesus, help me to love you more deeply by loving others more faithfully.”

- 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):**

09/05 - Alf Cahill

10/05 - Mary Manica McCartney (birthday in heaven)

15/05 - Rodney Landini

16/05 - Kathleen Hicks

**Birthday Intentions**

10/05 - Margaret Guimelli (as she turns 80 today)



**Catechesis on the Holy Rosary**

Many Catholics pray the Rosary but not everyone fully understands the structure behind it. The Rosary is built around mysteries, key moments in the life of Jesus and Mary that we meditate on while praying. And this is what makes the Rosary powerful, it engages both the lips and the heart.

**1. THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES (MONDAY & SATURDAY)**

The Joyful Mysteries focus on the beginning of our salvation, the hidden and humble moments surrounding the birth of Jesus. They invite us into a spirit of simplicity, obedience, and trust in God’s plan. Joy begins where God’s will is embraced.

**A. The Annunciation:** The angel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God. A mystery of obedience. Mary says “yes” to God.

**B. The Visitation:** Mary visits Elizabeth, bringing Christ to her home. A mystery of charity, true faith moves us to serve others.

**C. The Nativity:** Jesus is born in humility at Bethlehem. A mystery of simplicity, God comes in the most unexpected way.

**D. The Presentation:** Jesus is presented in the Temple according to the Law. A mystery of surrender, offering what is most precious to God.

**E. The Finding in the Temple:** Jesus is found teaching in the Temple. A mystery of seeking, God is found by those who truly look for Him.

**2. THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (TUESDAY & FRIDAY)**

The Sorrowful Mysteries draw us into the Passion of Christ - His suffering, sacrifice, and ultimate act of love on the Cross. They remind us of the cost of our redemption and the depth of God’s mercy. Love is proven, through sacrifice.

**A. The Agony in the Garden:** Jesus prays in deep anguish before His arrest. A mystery of surrender, “not my will, but Yours be done.”

**B. The Scourging at the Pillar:** Jesus is brutally whipped. A mystery of endurance. He suffers for our healing.

**C. The Crowning with Thorns:** Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns. A mystery of humility. He accepts humiliation for our sake.

**D. The Carrying of the Cross:** Jesus carries His Cross to Calvary. A mystery of perseverance. He continues despite the weight.

**E. The Crucifixion:** Jesus dies on the Cross for our salvation. A mystery of love. He gives everything for us. *(to be continued next week)*

**LITURGICAL ROSTERS**

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
9th May Sat	Steve Carmody	Jude Kelly	Jenny Huembs	Alicia Higgins	Tricia Mothersole	TBA	Fr Archie
10th May Sun	Ronnel Casas	Robyne De Garis Fran Lamotte	Joan Embry	Carmen McFaul	Loellen Clark	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark
16th May Sat	Steve Carmody	Kath Rooney	Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Jenny Huembs	TBA	Fr Archie
17th May Sun	Ronnel Casas	Loellen Clark & MA McMullen	Loellen Clark	Fran La Motte	Renata Best	Isabelle Casas	OLC Choir

*Mass Schedule*



Monday 11th May	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 12th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 13th May	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 14th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 15th May	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 16th May	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	NO MASS Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 17th May	8.30 AM	The Ascension of the Lord 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays.

**WE MIGHT AS WELL KNOW: TYPES OF ROSARY MYSTERIES** "The Rosary is not just repeated prayers...it is a journey through the life of Christ." Many Catholics pray the Rosary but not everyone fully understands the structure behind it. The Rosary is built around mysteries, key moments in the life of Jesus and Mary that we meditate on while praying. And this is what makes the Rosary powerful, it engages both the lips and the heart. **1. THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES (MONDAY & SATURDAY)** The Joyful Mysteries focus on the beginning of our salvation, the hidden and humble moments surrounding the birth of Jesus. They invite us into a spirit of simplicity, obedience, and trust in God's plan (cf. Gospel of Luke 1-2). Joy begins where God's will is embraced. **2. THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (TUESDAY & FRIDAY)** The Sorrowful Mysteries draw us into the Passion of Christ - His suffering, sacrifice, and ultimate act of love on the Cross. They remind us of the cost of our redemption and the depth of God's mercy (cf. Gospel of Matthew 26-27). Love is proven, through sacrifice. **3. THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY)** The Glorious Mysteries celebrate victory, Christ's triumph over death and the glory that follows suffering. They lift our hearts toward hope, reminding us that the story does not end at the Cross (cf. Acts of the Apostles 1-2). Where Christ rises, hope is restored. **4. THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES (THURSDAY)** The Luminous Mysteries, introduced by Pope John Paul II, focus on the public ministry of Jesus, the moments where He revealed Himself as the Light of the world (cf. Rosarium Virginis Mariae). Light reveals, what was hidden. A mystery of presence. He remains with us always. **IN SUMMARY: ONE ROSARY, FOUR PATHS.** The Rosary is not repetitive without meaning; It is a structured journey: Joyful = Beginnings. Sorrowful = Sacrifice.. Glorious = Victory. Luminous = Revelation And through it all ... We walk with Mary ... to Jesus. Today, reflect: "When I pray the Rosary, do I just recite or do I meditate?"

**TYPES OF ROSARY MYSTERIES**  
A Journey through the life of Christ

- JOYFUL (Beginnings)**
  - The Annunciation
  - The Visitation
  - The Nativity
  - The Presentation
  - The Finding in the Temple
- SORROWFUL (Sacrifice)**
  - The Agony in the Garden
  - The Scouring at the Pillar
  - The Crowning with Thorns
  - The Carrying of the Cross
  - The Crucifixion
- GLORIOUS (Victory)**
  - The Resurrection
  - The Ascension
  - The Descent of the Holy Spirit
  - The Assumption of Mary
  - The Coronation of Mary
- LUMINOUS (Revelation)**
  - The Baptism in the Jordan
  - The Wedding at Cana
  - The Proclamation of the Kingdom
  - The Transfiguration
  - The Institution of the Eucharist

One Rosary... Four Paths to Christ  
Pray • Meditate • Grow



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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

### Confirmation Mass/B'day of Bp George

Next Sunday, 17th of May, sixteen Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop George. It is also the 58<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bishop George.

### Special Morning Tea Next Sunday

To celebrate with the newly confirmed students, and the birthday of Bp George, let us have a special morning tea next Sunday after Mass. Dear parishioners, pls bring a plate to share.

### National Count of Mass Attendance

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

### Soliciting Feedback from Parishioners

We started soliciting feedback from our parishioners last weekend on whether it is preferable to move our Sunday Mass from 8.30 am to 9 am. Based on the number of feedback received, the preference is moving Mass to 9 am. But we wait for more feedback this weekend, then announce the decision on 17 May. 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 the 1st of August.

### RCIA 2026-2027

Our Parish RCIA program will start on 14 June 2026. If you know someone who might be interested to enrol with our RCIA program, please share this information, and give the following contacts: Kath Rooney (0439633357) or Father Archie (olotscparish@gmail.com). RCIA campaign flyers are also available at the foyer.

### Marian Festival of Arts

To promote Marian devotion in our parish, especially because our parish

patroness is Our Mother Mary, we are challenging our parishioners to explore their creative hearts and minds and create any form of artwork (painting, sketches, poem, prose, song, haiku, dance, etc) with Marian themes. Then on 31st May, at our regular morning tea after our Sunday Mass, we will put up all the submitted artworks to enjoy. See poster at the foyer for more details.

## OLC NOTICES

Our Year 6 students are undergoing preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop George visited our students last week. A parent/child workshop was held on Wednesday this week. A retreat will be held on Friday 15 May and the celebration of the Sacrament will be held on Sunday 17th of May, followed by morning tea. We pray that God continues to bless these students and their families as they grow in faith.



On Friday we had a Mother's Day Liturgy, followed by morning tea. All mothers and mothering figures were invited to join in a beautiful celebration. Students made meaningful gifts for their mums and wrote cards and messages expressing their love. Happy Mother's Day!

## 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.

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## CHURCH COLLECTION

**2nd—3rd May 2026**

Collection : \$ 982.75  
Direct Deposit : \$ 100; \$50  
EFTPOS : \$ 205.00  
Planned Giving : \$ 10; \$20  
10-c Recycling : \$ 25.10

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

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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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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!**

**PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY**