



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this, he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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

Ephesians 1:17-23

May ... God ... give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Ephesians 1:17)

Today, on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we ponder Jesus' victory over death and the grave. We lift our hearts to imagine Jesus as he "mounts his throne amid shouts of joy" and takes his seat at his Father's right hand in glory (Psalm 47:6). And what better way to lift up our hearts than by recalling the truths proclaimed in today's first reading!

Jesus is seated at God's right hand "in the heavens" (Ephesians 1:20). The right hand has traditionally been a position of royal power and influence. Jesus, you rule over the universe from your throne of divine glory!

He is "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion" (1:21). There is nothing or no one more powerful than Jesus. He is over everyone and everything. Lord, nothing surpasses you; you have the final word!

All things have been placed "beneath his feet" (1:22). Everything—even sin and death—has been subjected to him. Jesus, you have defeated every power that stands against you. And you have made us sharers in that victory!

He has been given to the Church as "head over all things" (1:22). He is the supreme authority over all believers. Jesus, you uphold, confirm, and defend your Church at all times! It's your power that keeps us going!

He "fills all things in every way" (1:23). His presence fills every part of the universe. He is never absent from us. Jesus, you are forever present to us throughout all space and time!

What do we do with this glorious knowledge? We can imitate the disciples, who stood gazing at the heavens as they saw Jesus lifted up (Acts 1:11). And we can follow his command in today's Gospel: "Go . . . and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

"Jesus, help me to see your ascended glory. May it move me to proclaim you to the world!"

- 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.
- Peace in the world!

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

- 16/05 - Kathleen Hicks
- 17//05 - Jason Healop
- 18/05 - Kevin Sullivan
- 19/05 - Santina Maria Fawchi; Michelle Nunn
- 20/05 - George Walker;
- 22/05 - Mrs Fekete
- 23/05 - Pete Patterson



Catechesis on the Holy Rosary
(continuation from last week)

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.

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. Where Christ rises, hope is restored.

- A. The Resurrection:** Jesus rises from the dead. A mystery of hope, death is not the end.
- B. The Ascension:** Jesus ascends into heaven. A mystery of mission, we are sent to continue His work.
- C. The Descent of the Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit comes upon the Apostles. A mystery of power, the Church is born.
- D. The Assumption of Mary:** Mary is taken body and soul into heaven. A mystery of promise, what God did for Mary, He prepares for us.
- E. The Coronation of Mary:** Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. A mystery of glory, faithfulness is rewarded.

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. The Baptism in the Jordan:** Jesus is baptized, and the Father's voice is heard. A mystery of identity. Jesus is revealed as the Son of God.
- B. The Wedding at Cana:** Jesus performs His first miracle. A mystery of intercession. Mary brings our needs to Him.
- C. The Proclamation of the Kingdom:** Jesus calls all to repentance. A mystery of conversion, change of heart leads to life.
- D. The Transfiguration:** Jesus reveals His glory on the mountain. A mystery of revelation. His divine nature shines forth.
- E. The Institution of the Eucharist:** Jesus gives His Body and Blood. A mystery of presence. He remains with us always.

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
16th May	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
23rd May Sat	Steve Carmody	Jude Kelly	Kath Rooney	Rebecca Channing	Gerry Travers	TBA	Fr Archie
24th May Sun	Ronnel Casas	Joan & Tony Smurthwaite	Robyne De Garis	Kath Lim	M A McMullen	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule



Monday 18th May	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 19th May	9 AM	Liturgy of the Word
Wednesday 20th May	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Liturgy of the Word Prayer Session
Thursday 21st May	9 AM	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 22nd May	9 AM	Mass of the Day Adoration/Benediction
Saturday 23rd May	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	NO MASS Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 24th May	8.30 AM	Pentecost Sunday 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: 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?"



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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

Today, 17th of May, seventeen Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop George. Today is also the 58th birthday of Bishop George.

Special Morning Tea After 8:30 am Mass

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

Eucharistic Adoration at God's Farm

GF invites you to a Eucharistic Adoration weekend May 22-23. Saturday at 11am the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for quiet reflection and prayers, followed by a shared lunch. Need to slow down and take time out? A visit to God's Farm will rejuvenate you! Enquiries: Mary 0438054199.

Singers & Musicians Wanted!

Join Stacey on a journey of sharing music and community within our church. Young at heart, all ages welcome, no experience necessary, just a willingness to join in! Contact Stacey for more info: 0418903658 or Fr Archie - olotscparish@gmail.com; first practice is on Tuesday the 26th of May at 5:30 pm.

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 Fr 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

There are always lots of things happening at OLC that keep us engaged with our learning and connected with our community. This week, we had a Book Fair, which led to excitement about the possibilities provided by new books to explore. We had a visit from 'Waste Sorted' staff to help us conduct a waste audit, examining the amount and types of waste produced by our school each day, and exploring ways we can reduce our waste. Our 'Green Dream Team' will be assisting us with this.

Each fortnight, Year 6 students go to St George's to help set up for the community meal. It is encouraging to see our students giving service, with a smile, and making a difference for people in the wider community.

Students are preparing for upcoming auditions for 'OLC's Got Talent' and our School Choir is rehearsing for their performance at the Bunbury Eisteddfod in three weeks.

The Confirmation candidates, together with their Year 6 classes, participated in a retreat day on Friday, concluding their learning leading up to the celebration of the Sacrament this weekend. All students completed research projects about their chosen Saint, selected because they were inspirational and meaningful.

Congratulations to the candidates. We pray that God continues to bless these students and their families as they grow in faith.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

Annual Clergy Conference 2026

We keep in our prayers our 27 priests in the diocese and Bishop George as they

gather in Busselton for their annual 3-day Clergy Conference. This year's theme: "Shepherds After the Heart of Christ: Pastoral Care, Presence, and Mercy in Parish Life." Invited speakers: Janiene Wilson (Clinical Psychologist); Fr Joseph Parkinson (Moral Theologian/Bioethicist); Kerrie Merritt (Chancellor of the Diocese of Bunbury). Check foyer for the topics.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

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Build confidence, coordination, creativity & focus through fun, beginner-friendly drum lessons. Adults welcome too! Learn with Stacey — qualified music educator & performer with 25+ years' experience. Limited spots available. WWCC & TRBWA registered. Contact Stacey: 0418903658.

CHURCH COLLECTION

9th—10th May 2026

Collection : \$ 1,124.95
Direct Deposit : \$ 100
EFTPOS : \$ 310
Planned Giving : \$ 50; \$10
10-c Recycling : \$ 63.60

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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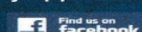
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FREE CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

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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!

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