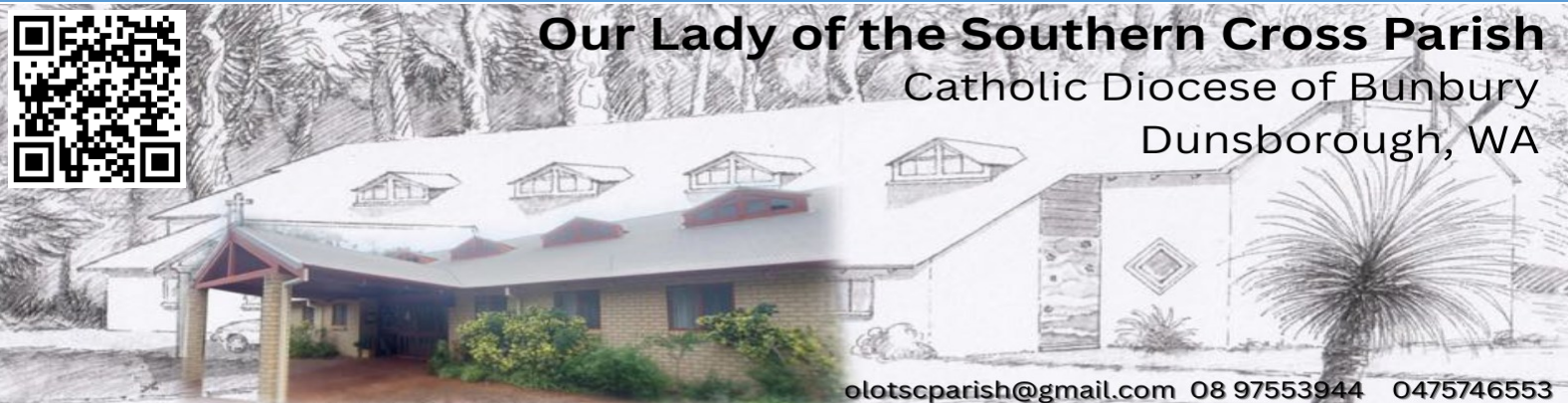




Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Isaiah 56:1-7 gifts or revokes his choice.

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

FOR EVANGELISATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



REFLECTION

Matthew 15:21-28

Great is your faith! (Matthew 15:28)

Only once in Matthew's Gospel did Jesus characterize someone as having great faith. It wasn't Peter, who professed Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Nor was it Joseph, who obeyed an angel and took Mary as his wife (1:24). No, Jesus reserved this term for an unnamed gentile woman who wouldn't take no for an answer.

Jesus was in the territory of Tyre and Sidon when he met this woman. These cities, located south of modern-day Beirut, Lebanon, were the foremost Mediterranean seaports at the time. Evidently, the news of Jesus' miracles had travelled far beyond the borders of Israel, because this Canaanite mother was determined to approach Jesus personally on behalf of her tormented daughter.

This mother's strong faith stands in stark contrast to the inflexibility of the scribes and Pharisees. They had interrogated Jesus and his disciples about the fact that they didn't wash their hands before eating (Matthew 15:2). They had standards that Jesus had to meet before they would believe.

Conversely, the Canaanite woman was eager to believe. She was hoping that Jesus would be accommodating toward her despite her religious status. Even when he initially rebuked her, she persisted. Rather than being offended, she remained open. She believed he had the power and the willingness to work a miracle. As a result, she, a Gentile, experienced his love and power: her daughter "was healed from that hour" (Matthew 15:28).

This woman's trust endeared her to Jesus—and to readers of Matthew's Gospel ever since. Just as Jesus commended her faith, he welcomes all of us when we come to him with humble faith. He wants to shower his healing and "mercy upon all" (Romans 11:32). So, if you hesitate to bring your needs to Jesus—or to return to the sacraments after time away—let this mother's faith strengthen yours!

"Jesus, I believe in you!"

-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;
- We also pray for some members of our parish, and our families who are sick - we pray for their speedy recovery.

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

- 17/08 - Alison Morrison
- 18/08 - James McKenzie Campbell
- 19/08 - Kevin Thomas
- 20/08 - Jack Crowley
- 21/08 - Francois Dufour; Sheila O'Sullivan
- 22/08 - Charles Rooney



ADULT CATECHISM

From our Diocesan Assembly

The Voices of the Diocese

continuation from last week... 2nd partial

PATHWAY ONE:

Discipleship: Growing in faith and forming lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

What are we grateful for?

- Our priest
- Three priests
- Our priest
- Parishioners are true to our Catholic faith and traditions
- Weekly cenacle and devotions
- Monthly 24 hour Eucharistic devotions
- Reverence and silence before, during and after Mass
- Interest and enthusiasm to keep witnessing the faith
- Spirituality, prayer and devotion very evident
- Existing opportunities for prayer, worship, outreach, faith formation and service
- Faith and commitment
- Strong faith in our community
- Strong traditions of hospitality, service and fellowship
- Prayer groups
- Daily communion and Mass
- The opportunity to celebrate the Sacraments: *This was noted several times*
- Evangelisation of ourselves as a parish and individuals and as a consequence of reigniting the fire of our own faith then reaching out to non-Church attending Catholics and wider community
- We courageously evangelise when and where possible
- Church open during the day, providing opportunities for personal prayer

[to be continued]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
15th Aug Sat	Steve Carmody	Kath Rooney	Jenny Huembs	Amie Meyer	Tricia Mothersole	Haydn Channing	Fr. Archie
16th Aug Sun	Ronnel Casas	Diane Richards Robyne De Garis	Joan Embry	Trish Romanillos	Loellen Clark	Isabelle Casas	Richard Clark
22nd Aug Sat	Steve Carmody	Rebecca	Judy Malcolm	Alicia Higgins	Jenny Huembs	Haydn Channing	Fr. Archie
23rd Aug Sun	Ronnel Casas	Loellen Clark MA McMullen	Loellen Clark	Carmen McFaull	Robyne De Garis	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule		
Monday 17th August	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 18th August	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 19th August	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 20th August	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Friday 21st August	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 22nd August	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 23rd August	9.00 AM	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: 7 THINGS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD DO ON THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION. The Church teaches that Mary, at the completion of her earthly life, was taken into heavenly glory body and soul. Here are 7 things every Catholic can do on Assumption Day. **1. Attend Holy Mass.** Make Mass the centre of your celebration. The Assumption is not simply a Marian celebration where we talk about Mary. If August 15 is a holy day of obligation where you live, your participation in Mass is obligatory. **2. Pray the Rosary in Mary's Honour.** Set aside time to pray the Rosary. **3. Thank God for What He Has Done for Mary.** The Assumption ultimately points us toward God's greatness, not merely Mary's privileges. Thank God for choosing Mary to become the Mother of His Son and for giving her such a unique place in salvation history. **4. Ask Mary to Help You Live for Heaven.** The Assumption reminds us that this world is not our final destination. Let the feast become a reminder to examine your priorities. **5. Go to Confession if You Need It.** What better way to honour a feast celebrating heavenly glory than by making your own heart ready for God? Mary's Assumption reminds us of the glory God desires for His people, and repentance helps us turn our hearts back toward Him. **6. Perform One Act of Charity.** Do something kind for another person. **7. End the Day With a Prayer through Mary.** Before you sleep, place your day into Mary's hands. Finally, the Feast of the Assumption is more than a day to admire Mary. It is a day to look toward Heaven. Mary's Assumption reminds us that our earthly life has a destination beyond this world. **Now you know.**



7 Things Every Catholic Should Do on the Feast of the Assumption



OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS PARISH
36 Naturaliste Terrace, Dunsborough, Western Australia 6281

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, Carmen McFaull, Joan Smurthawaite (Secretary)
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

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

Please prepare to respond generously to St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal this weekend, 15-16 August. We will have a second collection this weekend for SVDP. Thank you.

Church Heater/AC Installation Project

An update: We are delighted to share that two of our parish families responded immediately to our appeal to support the Heater/Air Conditioner Project. Their generous donations have fully covered the total project cost of \$17,961.69. Installation is scheduled to commence sometime next week.

Although the full cost of the project has already been met, we will continue our small fundraising initiatives to help defray the ongoing electricity costs in the future. As part of this effort, Judy Malcom has generously begun selling Aspidistra plants for \$10 each. If you would like to support this initiative, please have a look at the display in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Singers & Musicians Wanted!

Now we know the difference when we have a choir at our Vigil Mass. Join Stacey on a journey of sharing music and community within our church. Young at heart, welcomes all ages, no experience necessary, just a willingness to join in! Contact Stacey on 0418 903 658 or Fr Archie at olotscparish@gmail.com for more information. New members are always welcome!

Parish Directory

A gentle reminder to our parishioners who have not filled in the Parish Directory Form yet. Please get the form at the foyer, and once accomplished, please give it to Father Archie.

Calling for Church Cleaning Volunteers

We still have few months of 2026 that have no volunteers. Please consider helping out in keeping our church tidy. Please check Church Cleaning Roster at the foyer.

Keeping our Church Open MTThS (10-11 am)

Starting September, we will start keeping our church open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 to 11 am. We need volunteers to please sign up the roster at the foyer.

Invite from God's Farm

God's Farm warmly invites you to our monthly Eucharistic Adoration weekend August 21-23. On Saturday we will celebrate Our Lady, Queen and Mother with holy mass at 11am, preceded by Confession at 10am. Join us we honour Our Blessed Mother followed by a shared lunch. A reflective hour 3-4pm allows time for meditation on The Passion of Christ, Divine Mercy Chaplet and sacred music. New comers most welcomed. Experience the peace of God's Farm. Enquiries: Mary 0438054199.

Adult Catechesis

We are starting a formation/training program for new Parish Acolytes. The first session is on 27th August (Thursday), 5 to 6 pm at the church. First topic is on Holy Eucharist. We open this first session to the general public. This session will hopefully help to deepen one's experience of the Mass. All are welcome!

OLC NOTICES

Celebrating 30 years in 2026

On Friday we celebrated our school Feast Day beginning with a whole-school Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. There were many activities that followed which were aimed at having lots of fun and raising money to support Catholic Missions. Also, to celebrate our school in its 30th year, all students and staff were involved in the creation of a special art project, which celebrated the school motto: Many Hearts – One Voice.

During the week, our school was involved in a review process called 'Quality Catholic Education School Review'. This important process provides an opportunity to reflect on our strengths, celebrate our achieve-

ments, and identify future directions as we continue to nurture faith, learning and wellbeing for all students. Students, teachers, school leaders, parents and Fr Archie were involved in conversations with a panel to conduct the review. We thank our parish community for your ongoing support and partnership in the mission of Catholic education.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD



At Sweet Stylin we style, design and create couture cakes & sweets for any Special Occasion: Cupcakes, Naked Cakes, Macarons, Donuts, and Dessert Bars. Contact Sweet Stylin on 0411 438 639; eatcake@sweetstylin.com.au or visit our Website: sweetsylin.com.au

WEDDINGS

PARTIES

EVENTS

Drum Lessons for Kids & Adults



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CHURCH COLLECTION

8th—9th August 2026

Collection	: \$ 839.45
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 215.00
Planned Giving	: \$ 50.00
10-c Recycling	: \$ 41.00
Candles	: \$121.80
Pregnancy Assistance:	\$207.30

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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emotional support:
before, during and after pregnancy
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(nappies & toiletries, prams, cots etc.)
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assistance with access to other
resources/services

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Please share the information above and donate any items for babies. God bless!