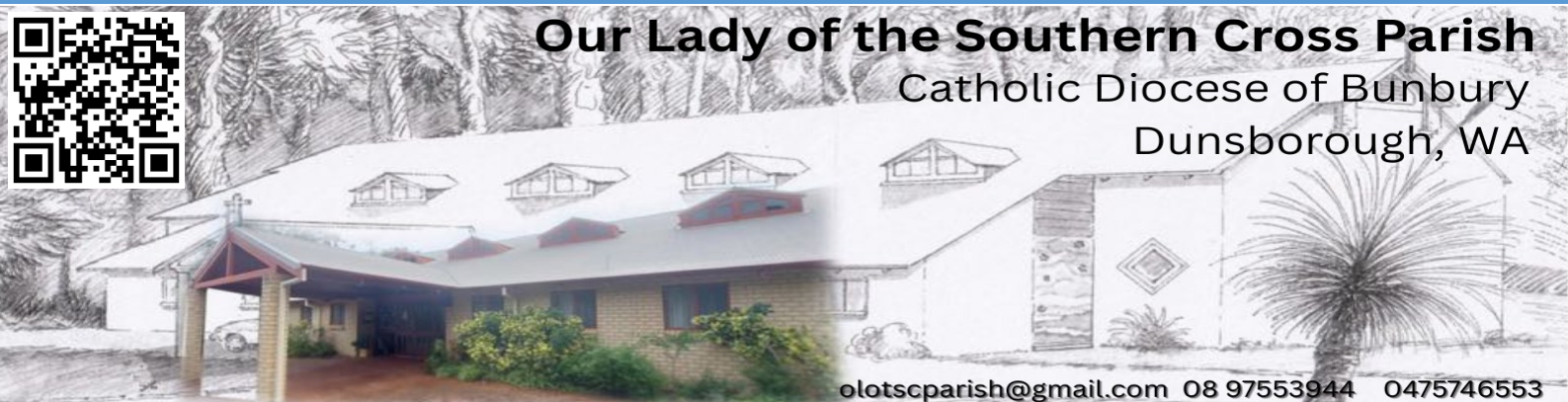




Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So, I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock, I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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

Isaiah 22:19-23

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder. (Isaiah 22:22)

You might wonder why today's reading from Isaiah is paired with today's Gospel recounting Peter's profession of Jesus as the Christ. It's because Isaiah's story of Eliakim becoming master of the palace in Jerusalem can help us understand the role that Jesus gave to Peter.

In ancient Israel, the "master of the palace" was the most important assistant to the king. Similar to a prime minister, he could rule the country in the king's absence. He had the keys to the palace, so he had the authority and ability to open and close doors that gave access to the king (Isaiah 22:22). He was also charged with playing the role of a "father" to the people of Jerusalem, protecting and guiding and leading them in the name of the king (22:21).

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven" and makes him the "rock" upon which he would build his Church (Matthew 16:19, 18). By using the image of the keys, Jesus is making Peter the "master of the palace" in the kingdom of God. As holder of the keys to the kingdom, Peter would have the authority to bind and loose — to open and close. As head of the apostles, he also would be, like Eliakim, a father to the Church—its firm foundation, leader, and guide. That's why we often call his successor, the pope, the "Holy Father"!

Jesus didn't leave us alone — as a Church or individually. He provided for the entire Church not only when he poured out the Holy Spirit on us but also when he made Peter and his successors the "rock." The pope is the keeper of the teachings of the Church and a minister of God's grace and mercy. He is also our father in faith, our guide, and our example. But most of all, he is a reflection of God's own fatherly care for us, his children.

"Father, thank you for providing for your Church — and me — through Peter and his successors."

-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 Healing & Speedy Recovery

- Sooi Chay (Kath Lim's mum-in-law; Tze's mum)
- Tony Smurthwaite (from medical operation last 18/08)
- Jenny (Rebecca Channing's stepmum)

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

- 23/08 - Lena Bianchini
- 24/08 - John Peacock, Sr.
- 26/08 - Bruce Abercromby
- 29/08 - Brian O'Leary



ADULT CATECHISM

From our Diocesan Assembly

The Voices of the Diocese

continuation from last week... 3rd partial

PATHWAY ONE:

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

What are our opportunities

- Provide ongoing faith formation and spiritual development opportunities
- Providing more formation opportunities
- Getting back to faith foundations
- Adult faith education
- Remain attentive to pastoral needs including healing Masses and pastoral work
- Return of Summer and Winter Schools
- We need a greater understanding of God's word
- Focus on educating Catholics
- Traditional catechism

Our Priorities

- Faith formation across all areas of the Church: liturgy, scripture, prayer, tradition etc
- Passing on the knowledge and love of our Catholic faith to the next generation
- Setting examples of prayerfulness and reverence in Mass throughout the Diocese
- Catechism which is true to the faith
- Promotion of feast days
- Provide knowledge, clarification and faith development for those who do not attend Mass regularly?
- Strengthen tradition of prayer
- Need more adult faith education

[to be continued]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
22nd Aug Sat		Rebecca Channing	Judy Malcolm	Alicia Higgins	Jenny Huembs	Haydn Channing	Fr. Archie
23rd Aug Sun		Loellen Clark MA McMullen	Loellen Clark	Carmen McFaull	Robyne De Garis	Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
29th Aug Sat	Steve Carmody	Jude Kelly	Kath Rooney	Rebecca Channing	Gerry Travers	Haydn Channing	Fr. Archie
30th Aug Sun	Ronnel Casas	Joan Smurthwaite Robyne De Garis	Robyne De Garis	Kath Lim	Mary Ann McMullen	Isabelle Casas	Young at Heart OLC Choir

Mass Schedule		
Monday 24th August	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 25th August	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Wednesday 26th August	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 27th August	9 AM	NO MASS
Friday 28th August	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 29th August	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 30th 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: 10 SIMPLE PRAYERS CATHOLICS CAN SAY WHILE WALKING, WORKING, DRIVING OR CYCLING. Prayer doesn't always have to happen inside a church or while kneeling. Sometimes, you can turn an ordinary moment into a moment with God. Here are 10 you can easily remember. **1. "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU."** Say this when you feel worried, uncertain, or overwhelmed. It is a simple reminder that you don't have to carry everything by yourself. **2. "LORD, GUIDE ME TODAY."** Say this before beginning a journey, making a decision, or starting an important task. Ask God to guide your thoughts, choices, and actions. **3. "JESUS, HAVE MERCY ON ME."** This is the ancient Jesus Prayer. You can repeat it quietly while walking or working, especially when you feel the need to return your attention to God. **4. "THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THIS DAY."** You don't need to wait for something extraordinary to happen before thanking God. Simply being alive is already a reason for gratitude. **5. "LORD, BLESS MY FAMILY."** As you go about your day, remember the people you love. Place your family, friends, and those who depend on you into God's hands. **6. "MARY, PRAY FOR ME."** A short Marian prayer can help you remember the Blessed Virgin while going about your daily activities. Ask her to lead you closer to her Son. **7. "HOLY SPIRIT, GUIDE ME."** Before speaking, making a decision, or dealing with a difficult person, quietly ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom, patience, and self-control. **8. "LORD, FORGIVE MY SINS."** When you remember something wrong you have done, don't simply remain in guilt. Turn your heart toward God, ask for forgiveness, and resolve to do better. **9. "LORD, BLESS THE PERSON I AM THINKING ABOUT."** Perhaps someone is sick, struggling, grieving, or simply needs God's help. You can turn that thought into a prayer instead of allowing it to become worry. **10. "LORD, I OFFER YOU THIS MOMENT."** Offer God your work, tiredness, journey, difficulties, and even small sacrifices. Tell Him that you want your ordinary activities to be done with love.



10 Simple Prayers Catholics Can Say While Walking, Working, Driving or Cycling



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 Smurthwaite (Secretary)
Amie Meyer, Angela Hegney, Father Archie.

Safeguarding Officer: Angela Corrigan

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Smurthwaite (Chair); Jack Robinson; Jim Triglone; Father Archie

Sacristans: Robyne de Garis, Mary Cooper, Rebecca Channing, Diane Richards

Parish Bookkeeper: Kathleen Lim

Parish Priest: Fr. Roberto Archie R. Carampatan

PARISH NOTICES

Church Heater/AC Installation Project

An update: The installation of three units of Daikin inverter reverse cycle (Heater/AC) XL series split systems is on 27th of August. Work will start at 9 am until the afternoon. Hence, we have no Mass on the 27th of August.

Adult Catechesis

We have started a formation/training program for new Parish Acolytes. The first session was last Thursday, 20th August, 5 to 6 pm at the church. The first topic was on the Holy Eucharist. The second session will be on Prayer & Spirituality and has been tentatively scheduled on Friday the 28th of August, 5 to 6 pm. All are welcome!

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. Next practice is on Tuesday, the 25th of August, 6 to 7pm.

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)

Commencing this 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. We thank three of our parishioners who have signed up already.

Parish Property Maintenance Committee

We are still calling for Volunteers to be part of our Parish Property Maintenance Committee. The Committee is in-charge of monitoring the integrity of the church and presbytery buildings.

OLC NOTICES

School Feast Day & Mission Market

Celebrating our school Feast Day was made very meaningful with a whole-school Mass. We are so lucky at OLC, so celebrating our school was a great opportunity to have some fun and raise funds to look beyond ourselves and help others in need. Activities included a Petting Zoo, cake stall, silent disco, jelly cups, temporary tattoos, toy and book stall, decorating biscuits, nerf-gun shoot out, lucky pop-sticks, basketball shots, and other fun activities. The weather was on our side, and a sausage sizzle at lunch time, made for a great day for all! All classes participated in the creation of a special art project highlighting our school motto: Many Hearts - One Voice. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a wonderful day.



This week, our Year 5 students spend two days learning about culture and country, with visits to Ellensbrook, Meekadarrabee Falls, Prevelly townsite, Calgardup Cave and a 7km walk from Redgate Beach to Contos. It was great to take learning outside and to experience the history, culture and environment around us.



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WEDDINGS

PARTIES

EVENTS

Drum Lessons for Kids & Adults



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CHURCH COLLECTION

15th—16th August 2026

Collection	: \$ 858.60
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 205.00
Planned Giving	: \$ 10
10-c Recycling	: \$ 13.90

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

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

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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!

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