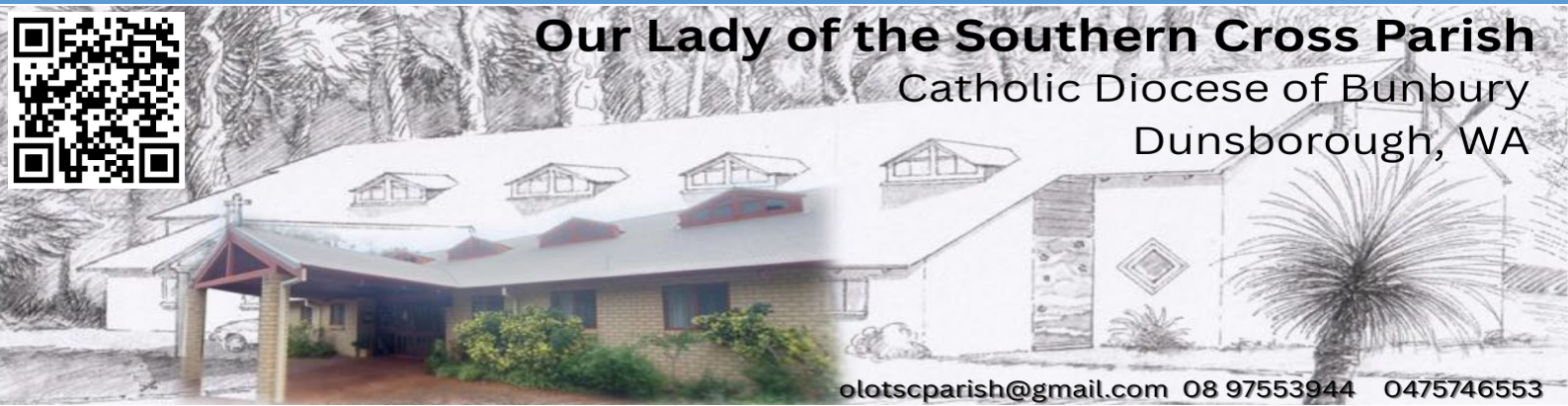




Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

Dunsborough, WA



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First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name anymore. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So, I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So, I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings, I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 16:21-27

God forbid, Lord! (Matthew 16:22)

It's ironic that Peter would use these words to try to dissuade Jesus from the cross. God forbid? It was God's plan in the first place! Not to mention, Jesus is God and is completely aligned with the will of his Father. So, asking God to "forbid" something that was God's eternal will? It doesn't make sense.

Of course, Peter didn't yet realize that Jesus is the eternal Son of God, one in being with the Father. How could it possibly be God's wisdom that a man who was so righteous and holy should meet an early, violent end? God forbid! There was no way Peter would let Jesus go through with this.

You can also hear the love in Peter's voice. He loved Jesus so much that he couldn't imagine being separated from him. Neither could he bear the thought of Jesus allowing himself to "suffer greatly" and to "be killed" (Matthew 16:21). Especially not after Jesus had already revealed how powerful he was. No matter how many foes he faced, he could stop them with a single word. So, God forbid that he would just surrender himself to death like this!

But what Peter didn't yet understand was that Jesus would reveal his love to the fullest through his death. It was by submitting to his Father's will—even if it meant surrendering to his opponents' plan to kill him—that he would overturn sin and open the way to God for all who believe. This is love in action, and God forbid anyone should try to stop him!

This is the measure of Jesus' love for us. It's a love that scandalized Peter at first but that he would later embrace when he opened his arms and allowed himself to be crucified upside down. It's a love available to each of us as we gaze upon our crucified Lord. God forbid that we ever lose sight of that love!

"Jesus, I am in awe of the depth of your sacrifice for me!"

-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... 4th partial

PATHWAY ONE:

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

Our Priorities

- Formation from the Diocese
- Renew faith in Jesus Christ through Eucharist, prayer, scripture and ongoing faith formation
- Equip parishioners for evangelisation and mission
- Trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Adult faith education
- Faith formation and discipleship: to deepen opportunities for prayer, spiritual growth, understanding of the faith and participation in the sacramental life of the Church.
- Faith formation should support parishioners at every stage of life
- Our church needs renewals by providing avenues for ongoing formation and learning so that all members may deepen their faith
- Stand by the faith of the Church
- Small groups to explore our faith as guided Catholic Bible and Catechism Study: Training for us provided by the Diocese
- Taking more steps to increase prayer life in the parish and respect and reverence for the Mass.

[to be continued]

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	Acolyte	EMHC	Greeter	Commentator	Reader	Altar Servers	Music
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
5th Sept Sat	Steve Carmody	Rebecca Channing	Kath Rooney	Jude Kelly	Mimi Morales	Haydn Channing	Fr. Archie
6th Sept Sun	Ronnel Casas	Loellen Clark Angela Corrigan	Joan Embry	Trish Romanillos	Joan Smurthwaite	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Young at Heart OLC Choir

Mass Schedule		
Monday 31th August	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 1st September	9 AM 10 AM	1st Reconciliation-OLC Mass of the Day
Wednesday 2nd September	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Mass of the Day Prayer Session
Thursday 3rd September	9 AM	NO MASS
Friday 4th September	9 AM	Mass of the Day
Saturday 5th September	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 6th September	9.00 AM	23rd 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 Smurthawaite (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: Finally, we had our three unites of heater/AC installed last Thursday. Once again we pray for the intentions of our generous benefactors.

BOVE FARM – CENACLE OF PRAYER

Sunday, 6th of September. All are warmly invited to join the Cenacle of Prayer, Rosary and Holy Hour this Sunday at 2.00pm at the Chapel of Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Bove's Farm (Roy Road, North Jindong). Fr Archie will lead the prayer and share his personal experience of witnessing the "Miracle of the Sun" in the Philippines. Afternoon tea will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Keeping our Church Open MTThS (10-11 am)

Commencing this September, we will keep our church open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 to 11 am. We thank those who have signed up already. We still have few slots open. Please check the roster at the foyer.

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, 1st September, 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.

OLC NOTICES

School Feast Day & Mission Market

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Feast Day celebrations. Funds raised will help Catholic Missions.

Last week, we celebrated Science Week with some fun activities, including 'Dress as a Scientist' Day.

This week, 'Book Week' brought great excitement as students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters for a parade. It never ceases to amaze us at the creativity and ingenuity shown by our families in the costumes they create. Bringing books to life and celebrating the joy of reading is a wonderful part of primary school education.

Please continue to pray for our Year 3 students who are preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Tuesday.



DRESS AS A SCIENTIST DAY

DIOCESAN NOTICE

Priests Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal - Next Weekend

"For the care of our Spiritual Fathers"

The Priests' Welfare Foundation annual Appeal will be held across the diocese next weekend to coincide with Father's Day. Please remember the Foundation's

motto - For the care of our Spiritual Fathers - when making your consideration. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Brochures and envelopes will be provided in the pews next week.

Please read Bishop George's Statement posted at the foyer.

Today Is Social Justice Sunday in Australia.

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CHURCH COLLECTION

22nd — 23rd August 2026

Collection	: \$ 620.95
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 125.00
Planned Giving	: \$
10- c Recycling	: \$ 39.80

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

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FREE CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

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emotional support:
before, during and after pregnancy
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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!

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