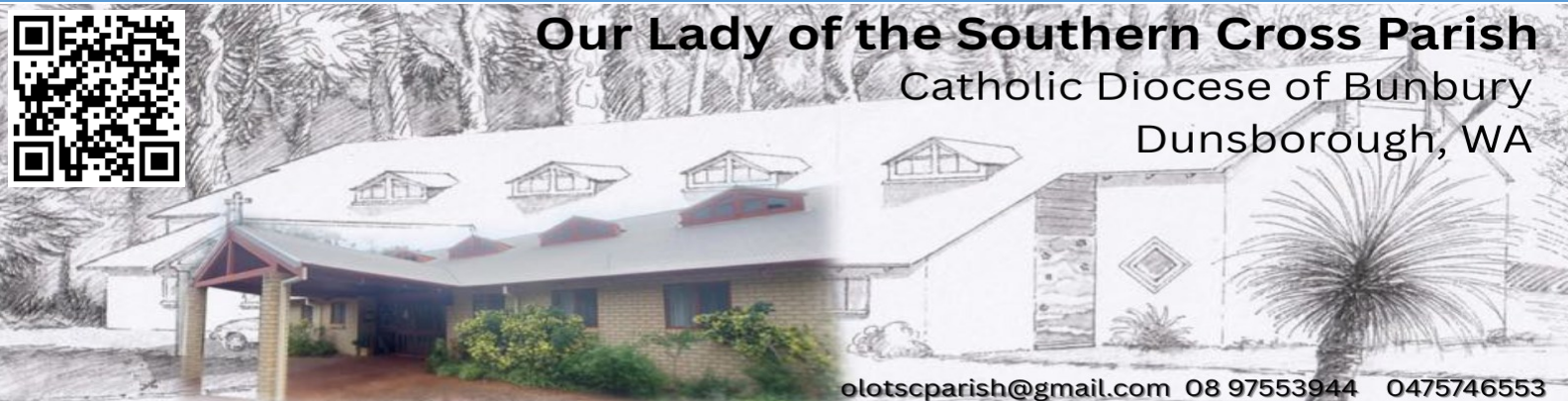




Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury

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First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. ***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



REFLECTION

Sirach 27:30–28:7

Remember your last days, set enmity aside. (Sirach 28:6)

You've probably heard it said that no one on their deathbed wishes that they had spent more time at work. No, they wish for more time with their loved ones or one more chance to reconcile with an estranged friend. So, considering Sirach's sobering words from today's first reading, do you think that anyone on their deathbed would wish they had held just a few more grudges? Or that they had just one more chance to prove themselves right or someone else wrong? Of course not!

That's why this reading resonates with us: remember your last days; turn from enmity, anger, and fault-finding. Knowing that God has forgiven us should move us to be more forgiving toward one another. But when we refuse to show mercy, when we hold onto anger or vengeance, we are closing our eyes to the mercy God has shown us. The truth is, compared to the heavenly glory that God offers us, our grudges and resentments can appear as quite petty. So, let's not nourish them. Let's not hang onto unforgiveness.

Sirach's warning may remind you of what the master in today's Gospel parable tells his unforgiving servant: "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" (Matthew 18:33). Jesus instructs us to mirror God's mercy and forgive one another not just seven times but "seventy-seven times" (18:22). In other words, without limit.

These are strong words. But if they make you feel discouraged, know that Jesus stands ready to give you the strength to forgive. He can release you from habits of resentment. He is offering you a life free from the negativity that brings you down. So, turn to him today, and ask for his grace to open your heart in compassion. Receive his mercy and go and show it to the people around you.

"Jesus, help me to forgive my brothers and sisters from the heart!"

-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)
- Jenny (Rebecca Channing's stepmum)

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

- 12/09 - Tina Piggott
- 13/09 - Adele Sangster; Jim Sheehan
- 14/09 - Paul John Ryan
- 15/09 - Leslie (Harold) Annal
- 17/09 - Ernest Barrett
- 18/09 - Henry Kusal



ADULT CATECHISM

From our Diocesan Assembly

The Voices of the Diocese

continuation from last week... 6th partial

PATHWAY TWO:

Youth: Engaging, forming and empowering children, youth and young adults.

What are our opportunities

- Youth to be involved in the life and ministry of the Parish
 - Need to engage, form and retain children, youth, young adults and young families.
 - Develop a clear and intentional pathway for engaging children, youth and young adults at every stage of life.
 - Broaden participation in Mass
 - Find ways to support our younger generation
 - Youth focus
 - Try to attract younger people
 - Connection to our youth
 - Greater involvement of our young people in Mass
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- [to be continued]*

LITURGICAL ROSTERS

MARCH	ACOLYTE	EMHC	GREETER	COMMENTATOR	READER	MASS SERVER	MUSIC
12th Sept Sat	Haydn Channing	Jude Kelly	TBA	Renate Best	Jude Kelly	Beau Goodall	Fr. Archie
13th Sept Sun	Paul Taylor	M A McMullen Diane Richards	Irene Hughes	Angela Corrigan	Iris Casas	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark
19th Sept Sat	Haydn Channing	Rececca Channing	Judy Malcolm	Amie Meyer	Jenny Huembs	Andy Hoang	Fr. Archie
20th Sept Sun	Ronnel Casas	M A McMullen Robyne De Garis	Robyne De Garis	Angela Corrigan	Mark Embry	Isabelle Casas Xanthe Smart Lily Taylor	Richard Clark

Mass Schedule		
Monday 14th September	2:00 PM	NO MASS Group Meditation
Tuesday 15th September		NO MASS
Wednesday 16th September	9 AM 9.30 AM	Holy Rosary Communion Service Prayer Session
Thursday 17th September		NO MASS
Friday 18th September		NO MASS
Saturday 19th September	9 AM 5 PM 6 PM	Mass of the Day Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 20th September	9.00 AM	25th 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: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: Many people hear about the Ten Commandments and think of them as strict laws, things you must not do. But in truth, they are much deeper than that. They are God’s loving guidance -showing us how to live in right relationship with Him and with one another. They are not chains... but direction. **1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.** What you place first, shapes your life. **2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN.** How you speak of God, reveals how you see Him. **3. REMEMBER TO KEEP THE LORD’S DAY HOLY.** If you don’t make time for God, other things will take His place. **4. HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.** The way you treat authority, shapes the way you live in society. **5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL.** To value life, is to reflect God’s heart. **6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.** True love is faithful, not temporary. **7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.** Integrity is doing right, even when no one is watching. **8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.** Your words can build, or destroy. **9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR’S WIFE.** What you desire, influences what you become. **10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOUR’S GOODS.** Gratitude brings peace, envy steals it. **IN SUMMARY: A PATH TO TRUE FREEDOM.** The Ten Commandments are not just rules... *They are a path to freedom. *A guide to love God and neighbour. *A foundation for a meaningful life. When lived sincerely, they do not restrict you. They shape you into who God created you to be.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Simply Explained

God's guide for holy living

1 Put God first

Love God above all else.

2 Respect God's name

Use God's name with reverence.

3 Keep Sunday holy

Set aside time for God and worship.

4 Honor parents

Show respect and gratitude to your parents.

5 Protect life

Respect and protect every human life.

6 Be faithful in love

Be loyal and faithful in marriage.

7 Do not steal

Respect what belongs to others.

8 Speak the truth

Be honest. Do not lie or gossip.

9 Keep your heart pure

Guard your thoughts and desires.

10 Be content

Be grateful. Do not envy what others have.

God's Commandments are not restrictions... They are a path to freedom and true life.

Live them. Love them. Let them guide you.

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

Priests Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal - "For the care of our Spiritual Fathers"

All priests of the Diocese wish to thank those who contributed most generously to the annual Priests' Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal. Your donation is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at any time using the Donation Envelopes at the foyer of the church and placing these in the retiring basket as you leave the church after Mass, or sending them directly to the Foundation. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

Invitation from God's Farm

God's Farm warmly invites you to Eucharistic Adoration on September 18-19th. As yet, we can't confirm a priest will celebrate mass on Saturday at 11am, however we will say a Rosary Cenacle and have quiet reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Stay for lunch and here about a pilgrims recent journey to South America, including visits to Quito (Our Lady of Good Success) and Mexico: Our Lady of Guadalupe, as well as many other exciting places and experiences! New comers welcome. Ph Mary 0438054199

Keeping our Church Open Everyday From 10-11 am

Please share this information to all: we keep our church open for private prayer from 10 to 11 am. We thank those who signed up the roster. We hope others will sign up for October.

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, 15th September, 6 to 7pm.

Invitation from Pregnancy Assistance Inc.

The Board of Pregnancy Assistance Inc. warmly invite you to attend the 30 Year Celebration of Pregnancy Assistance Saturday 31 October 2026. Since establishment in 1996, Pregnancy Assistance has continued to serve women and their families by providing compassionate care, professional counselling, emotional and practical support to those impacted by pregnancy and pregnancy loss. Please join to celebrate three decades of hope, life and service. Saturday 31 October; 10.30 AM: Mass. All Saints Catholic Church Celebrated by the Most Rev Bishop Donald Sproxton Auxiliary Bishop of Perth 12Noon. Catered lunch Parish Centre. All Saints Catholic Church. 7 Liwara Place Greenwood Registration for the Mass and lunch are essential by 3 October via <https://30YearsofPA.eventbrite.com> or phone 08 9328 2929. We are looking forward to celebrating this milestone with you. With every blessing and sincere thanks, Lisette Jas, Person in Charge/Counsellor.

OLC NOTICES

Father's Day Celebrations & Other Events

Father's Day celebrations at OLC included a Kindy Dad's morning, where Dads and Grandads were treated like Kings, complete with handmade crowns for them to wear while they listened to some cute songs and enjoyed some fun activities with their special little people. A whole school Father's Day breakfast was held and there was a raffle with some wonderful prizes.

We hope all the Dads, Grandads, Uncles and other fathering figures had a wonderful day with their families last weekend.

This week at OLC was Wellbeing Week, where we take some time to think about ways to look after ourselves and others.

We also had our annual Sports Carnival, which is a highlight on the school calendar.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Information Session! 6th October 2026, 7pm- 8:30pm Pastoral Life and Mission Centre (or via

Teams) 5 Brend Tor Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct. We would like to invite you to a General WYD Info Session! Which will cover some general information about WYD, and about plans for the Diocesan Pilgrimage. See details below to register:



Register:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/7ezx2cX4ap>

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD



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WEDDINGS PARTIES EVENTS

Drum Lessons for Kids & Adults



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:

"Discover God's gifts of the earth through pure doTERRA essential oils, natural supplements, and self-care products - gentle, safe wellness support for sleep, immunity, energy, & emotions. You're warmly invited to connect with Stacey Smart on 0418 903 658.

CHURCH COLLECTION

5th—6th September 2026

Collection	: \$ 836.50
Direct Deposit	: \$ 100.00; \$50.00
EFTPOS	: \$ 250.00
Planned Giving	: \$ 20; \$10; \$50
10- c Recycling	: \$ 17.10
Donation for electricity:	\$ 139.90

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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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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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!

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE BUNBURY