



Catholic Diocese of Bunbury ● Oblates of Saint Joseph
HOLY FAMILY PARISH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

Sunday 2 May 2021

A very warm welcome to everyone in our parish this weekend.



I am the vine; you are the branches.
 If you remain in me and I in you,
 you will bear much fruit;
 apart from me you can do nothing.

**5th Sunday of Easter, Year B
 Sunday, 2 May 2021**

First Reading:
Acts 9: 26-31

Responsorial Psalm:
**I will praise you, Lord,
 in the assembly of your people.**

Second Reading:
1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel Acclamation:
**Alleluia, alleluia!
 Live in me and let me live in you,
 says the Lord; my branches bear
 much fruit. Alleluia!**

Gospel:
John 15: 1-8

Communion Antiphon:
**I am the true vine and you are the
 branches, says the Lord.
 Whoever remains in me, and I in
 him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

Humility and Gratitude

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

What a great little reminder... “Without me you can do nothing.”

At first, hearing this may hurt. It may hurt our pride, and we may react to this idea negatively. Is it really true? Can we really do nothing without God? Obviously the answer to that is “Yes.” Jesus does not lie. We can do nothing without God in our lives.

In fact, if God were to forget us for one moment, we would cease to exist. Even our very existence depends upon God continuing to will that we exist. And as for doing good, making a difference, having a productive life, etc., we can do nothing good without God’s grace.

Though this may be hard to hear at first, we should ponder it regularly. And if we do ponder it and embrace this truth, two things will happen in our souls. First, we will grow in humility. Humility is the most important virtue in which we can grow. It’s been referred to as “the mother of all virtues.” This is because from this virtue, all other virtues flow. Humility means we realize that God is everything and that we need Him with a 100% need. This humble truth will enable us to seek God in all things and to invite Him deeply into every part of our lives.

A second thing that will happen in our souls when we realize that we can do nothing without God is that we will grow in gratitude. As we see that God is everything AND we begin to see that He provides us with constant grace in our lives, our only appropriate response will be “Thank you!” We will be grateful to God for everything because we will realize that everything that is good is a gift from Him.

Reflect, today, upon these truths of humility and gratitude and allow them to sink in. As you do, allow these virtues to grow to greater fruition in your life.

Lord, I do believe that I can do nothing without You. Help me to believe this with an even greater conviction and, as I do, help me to grow in humility and gratitude. Jesus, I trust in You.



Our Parish Prayer Intention this week

We pray for everyone at home and around the world who have been affected by the Corona Virus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONTLINERS (healthcare workers, peacemakers, first responders, volunteers and non-health workers) for their protection from harm; and to all our civil leaders, that they would listen to the voice of the Spirit in every decision that they make.

We pray for the special intentions:

Lillian Pauley, Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Robert Main, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Maurice Byrne, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Sue Dechow, Victor Cruz, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard

If you have a loved one who wishes to be included, or you would like to update your information in our prayer list, please do not hesitate to message or ring us.

Anniversary of Death for this Month: Brian Burns, Noel Brain, Adelmo Gliosca, Peter Nguyen

Recent Death: Moya Minotti

ROSARY STATUES:

Pilgrim Statue
Antionetta Eli

Filipino Statue
Leonida & Steve McLean

Our PARISH OFFICE is now OPEN

Our Parish Office will be open ONLY on Friday from 9.00am until 12noon. During all other times, please do not hesitate to contact us either via phone or email.

Phone: **(08) 9841 1129**

Email: albacath@iinet.net.au

PARISH FINANCE

Your donation can make a big difference.

OPTION 1: Planned Giving Pledge Forms are available from the parish office.

OPTION 2:

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Albany Catholic Parish
BSB: 086-006 A/C: 84-698-5771
Reference: Your Name-Planned Giving

Last Weekend's Collections

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

1st Collection: \$869.00
2nd Collection: \$1,155.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$187.50

Thank you for your continued generosity

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 9 MAY 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

First Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will hold to my words, And my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

Rosters

Saturday 6pm Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb

Readers: Jan Fisher, Mark Browning

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Stan Bembem

Readers: Anne Letter, Mike Trafalski

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church

Deacon/ Acolyte: Manuel Navalta

Readers: Colleen Purdon, Ruth Coffey

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church

Deacon / Acolyte: Alfred Galang

Readers: Ana Pauley, Vicki Byrne

The Month of May

Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. *SC 102,103*

Parish Sacramental Programme

Parents of those students who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this year are reminded that our first meeting will be held this coming **Tuesday 4th May**. Please meet in the Junior School Undercover area of St Joseph's College by 6.30pm with your child, ready for two interesting interactive activities.

Anne Smith, Catechist

Knights of the Southern Cross

Members are reminded of our monthly meeting this coming **Wednesday 5th May**, commencing with Mass at 6.30pm in New Camfield.

Contacts: Steve 0409 370 414 Mike 0457 064 154



Men's Fellowship Group

Meeting on **Saturday 8th May** at 8.00am in the Vancouver Street Café. New members are most welcome. For further information please contact Michael Collins on 0428 746 734.

Firewood for Sale

The firewood collected from the Woodman's Retreat is now available for purchase by parishioners. Money received will be a donation to the parish for ongoing maintenance to both churches. The wood (Yate) is dry and split, so no further chopping is required. If you're interested in a load of firewood or further details please contact Peter Yuswak: 0437 844 721 or Julian Letter: 0427 258 230



Welcome!

We congratulate those who have received the Sacrament of Baptism this year. Our prayers are with you as you begin your faith journey.

Bella Mercado ~ Kayden Devonshire
Abigail Molenda ~ Adeleine Neil ~ Kingsley Gawned
Ella Ferguson ~ Hannah Ferguson



Community Care Centre Volunteers

Any parishioners with a linguistically diverse background who might be interested in volunteering with Albany Community Care Centre? If this is something you might be able to assist with, please contact Tina Zacher.

Phone: 9841 8668

Email: Tina.Zacher@acc.org.au



Life for Love Retreat

A retreat to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Sr Irene McCormack.

Church of the Holy Family

When: Friday 21 May

Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm

Where: 27 Capel Street, Kirup

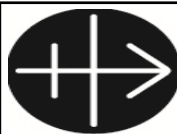
Cost: Adults \$20.00 Concession \$10.00

Reflections on Mission and the meaning of giving your life for love. Sharing by people who knew Sr Irene and her work.

Registration Essential on website:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQTBN>

For further information, please contact Deborah: 0419 939 864



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN distributes over one million Bibles and religious books thanks to the help of our benefactors every year. Jesus commanded "Go out into the whole world and preach the Gospel to all creation." ACN takes this command seriously by spreading the faith through these Children's Bibles. Often in poor countries, the Children's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently, it is the only picture book that they will ever hold. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

PARISH COMMUNITY

Catholic Women's League

Meet: Monthly, Third Tuesday
Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Jenny Dul
Mobile: 0438 241 100

Knights of the Southern Cross

Meet: Monthly, First Wednesday
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Steve Amato
Mobile: 0409 370 414
Contact: Mike Matusiak
Mobile: 0457 064 154

Legion of Mary

Meet: Weekly, Thursday
Time: 1.00pm - 2.00pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Anne Letter
Mobile: 0447 258 232

Men's Fellowship Group

Meet: Monthly, Second Saturday
Time: 8.00am - 9.45am
Place: Venue Varies
Contact: Michael Collins
Mobile: 0428 746 734

Sewing & Craft Group

Meet: Bi-Monthly,
Second & Fourth Monday
Time: 7.00pm - 9.30pm
Place: New Camfield
Contact: Helen Anderson
Mobile: 0427 108 810

Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea

Place: Stella Maris Centre
Princess Royal Drive, Albany
Contact: Marilou Lomas
Mobile: 0423 866 932

St Vincent de Paul

Meet: Bi-Monthly
Second & Fourth Friday
Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Place: 17 Chevalier Street, Albany
Contact: Anne Smith
Mobile: 0478 616 137

CONTACT REGISTER

Places of Worship have now been given an exemption from the 2 square metre ruling and allowed to have 100% capacity in attendance. However, to assist with COVID-19 Contact Tracing the WA Government has stipulated we must maintain a **Mandatory Contact Register**. There are 2 options available to register your contact details each time you attend church.

Option 1: Write your name and phone number on the Contact Register in the foyer of the church.

Option 2: Download the SafeWA app on your phone and scan the QR code which is on the posters displayed.

I ask everyone to please still strictly observe the following:

- **Sanitise your hands thoroughly.**
- **COMMUNION is to be received by the hand.**
- Sanitising wipes are available to wipe over your seat.
- **MASS COLLECTION:** A collector will use a basket on a stick to refrain from passing the basket. In **St Joseph's Church**, we will only have one collection so you may include your Planned Giving Envelopes with the first. At **Holy Family Church**, we will still have the two collections.

Thank you for your kind understanding! Fr Chris, OSJ

OUR TIMETABLE

DAILY MASSES

In St Joseph's Church ONLY

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday: 9:00am Mass

Friday: 12:00noon Mass

First Friday of the month: Healing Mass

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Mon, Wed and Thurs: 8:30am LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

Tuesday: 8:30am ROSARY

**Friday: 10:00am Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament;
Divine Chaplet before the Mass**

Saturday: 9:45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Thursday of the month: 6:00pm Holy Hour

Third Sunday of the month: 3:00pm Benediction and Rosary

St Joseph's Church is open for personal prayer and devotion from 9:30am until 5:00pm everyday.

WEEKEND MASSES

Holy Family Church

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

St Joseph's Church

Sunday 7:30am

Sunday 5:00pm

STATION MASSES

Gnowangerup

2nd & 4th Sunday: 9:30am

Bremer Bay

3rd Sunday: 9:30am

Ongerup

2nd Sunday: 11:30am