



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

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4th Sunday of Easter, Year C
8th May 2022

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
8 May 2022

First Reading:

Acts of Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Responsorial Psalm:

**We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.**

Second Reading:

Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!**

Gospel:

John 10:27-30

Communion Antiphon:

**The Good Shepherd has risen, who
laid down his life for his sheep and
willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

Contrasting Voices

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27

Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for His sheep. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what “wolf” comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. When we can see that love in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of “a hired man who is not a shepherd” who sees the wolf coming and runs. It’s important to point out how damaging this man is to the people of God. When he runs from his responsibility and gives into selfish motivation, he leaves the flock untended and vulnerable to attack.

We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It’s hard to stick with it through hard times. It’s hard to be there for those who need us. It’s hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear.

Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you’re lacking, let Him shepherd you so you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfil my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. 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 Coronavirus Pandemic; those who are sick, for their healing; those who are in isolation and those FRONT-LINERS (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:

Corinne Carrington, Wendy Stephens, Lillian Pauley, Norma Doyle, Margaret Muller, Jane Shaw, Jane Bell, Bill Parker, Sarah Stevenson, Virgilio Pesigan, Todd Bennett, Carrie Bertola, Julian Letter, Bonita Stevenson, Gary Maxine Fryatt, Lorelie Donkin, Jose Vecchio, Tegan Castellaro, India Heslop, Victor Cruz, Comple Family, Theresa Macaulay, Halina Van Moorsel, June Higgins, John Touzell, Allysa and Leonie Dorothy Hard, Vicky Southworth, Robert Main, Craig Holmes, Luba Greay, Neil Banks, Garry Higgins, Jerry Lambie, Brian Lloyd, Lucille Villalobos, Bill Stevens, Fr Johnny, Grace Stockenstrom.

Anniversary of Death: Emilia Bemben

Recent Death: Alan Jones

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.

ROSARY STATUES:

Pilgrim Statue
Wilma & Ivor Ward

Filipino Statue
Gloria & Ray Maiden

PARISH OFFICE Opening Hours

Our Parish Office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am until 12.30pm.
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 helps in continuing the mission of the Church here in Albany and in surrounding areas.

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

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached.

We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

1st Collection: \$1122.00
2nd Collection: \$1460.00
Direct Debit / EFT: \$622.00

Please be advised that there are 2 collections at all 4 Sunday Masses every weekend.

INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 15 MAY 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of Apostles 14:21-27

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Rosters

Saturday 6.00pm Mass: Holy Family Church
Deacon / Acolyte: Ron Webb

Readers: Erica Mielens, Cris Palfrey

Sunday 7.30am Mass: St Joseph's Church
Deacon / Acolyte: Mike Matusiak, Peter Yuswak

Readers: Peter Jeffs, Julie Jeffs

Sunday 9.30am Mass: Holy Family Church
Deacon / Acolyte: Manuel Navalta, James Opoku

Readers: Helen Lecky, Marinela/ Leizel

Sunday 5.00pm Mass: St Joseph's Church
Deacon / Acolyte: John Kelly

Readers: Georgia Clark, Joanne/ Juan Clark

Mother's Day Morning Tea

A special morning tea will be held after the 9.30am Mass in Holy Family Church this Sunday, hosted by CWL and the Sewing and Craft Group.



All are welcome to join in celebrating this wonderful day.

Our Roman Catholic Church

Meetings begin soon for parishioners or newcomers who may be wanting to learn more about the history, teachings and practices of our Church, or to become a full member of the Church.

If you might be interested in this, please contact Anne Smith on 0478 616 137.

SmartLoving Breakthrough

An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages.

If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

Identify your conflict triggers.
Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

smartloving.org/breakthrough

Divine Mercy Sale 50% Off (ends May 31)
Use coupon code: DivineMercy

Holy Family Parish is committed to the fundamental belief that **all children, young people and vulnerable individuals have the right to feel safe at all times.**



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Fr Chris' Long Service Leave

Fr Chris will be on long service leave from the 9th May, 2022 until 11th August, 2022.

We wish him a safe and joyful trip!

Sunday Masses Return to St Joseph's

Since the 29th April, COVID restrictions have been relaxed.

This means we are **no longer required to wear masks** indoors or social distance.

The **7.30am and 5.00pm Sunday Masses** are now **back in St Joseph's Church, beginning this weekend** (Sunday, 8th May).

You can find more information about COVID regulations on the back of the bulletin.

We thank you for all of your patience and understanding during these times.

Men's Fellowship Group Meeting

Men's Fellowship Group are holding their monthly meeting on **Saturday, 14th May** at **8.00am** in **New Camfield**.

New members are most welcome, but please advise Michael Collins on 0428 746 734 by Thursday 12th May if you would like to attend.

Mass Reader Needed

We are currently looking for someone to read **every fifth Sunday** of the month at the



7.30am Mass in St Joseph's Church.

If this is something that might interest you, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

This month can you provide transport to help priests and religious reach and nourish the faithful in Tanzania?

By providing a means of transport, the faithful will be able to participate in more frequent Masses and partake of the Sacraments, as well as providing a means of help to the people, including pregnant mothers, to reach medical facilities.

To make an offering to ACN's Project of the Month, visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

God our Father,
You made each of us to use our gifts
in the Body of Christ.

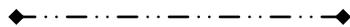
We ask that You inspire
young people whom you call to
priesthood and consecrated life
to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers
into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by
the sacraments.

We ask this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer from:

<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/prayers/>



Mother's Day

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Where would we be without our
mother's love?

Lord, bless our mothers with
wisdom to teach and guide their
children in a way that will help
them to follow You and
to become men and women who
will be pleasing in Your sight.
Give all mothers the patience to
deal with the difficulties
of their job and, most of all, give
them a special blessing as
they care so lovingly for the gifts
that You have allowed them the
honor of raising. Amen.

Prayer from:

<https://carfleo.com/2020/05/06/mothers-day-prayers/>

COVID-19 REGULATIONS

Please read the protocols we have in place in our church:

Mask Mandate

No one is required to wear masks in Albany as of Friday, 29th April. You may choose to wear a mask if you'd like.

Reception of the Host

Communion may only be received in the hand until further notice.

Social Distancing

Social distancing is no longer required.
The 7.30am and 5.00pm Sunday Masses have moved back to St Joseph's Church from Sunday, 8th May 2022.

Thank you for your kind understanding!

-Fr Chris, OSJ

PARISH 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 Mercy Chaplet before Mass

Saturday: 9:45am SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Third Sunday of the month: 3.00pm Benediction & 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

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2nd Sunday: 11:30am