

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER: FEBRUARY : Diana and Harry**CRYING ROOM:** Feel free to use this room during Mass. Kindly pack away toys at the end of Mass.**PIETY STALL:** If you wish to buy religious articles, books or cards please contact Jenny Goodheart.**FIRST AID BOX:** located inside the Crying Room at the entrance to the Church.**TOILET FACILITY:** Situated at the back of the Parish house; nearest to school oval.**RCIA/RCIC:** Anyone interested in learning about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr Gerome or Julie Poett.**Rosters will be subject to change in accordance with Government Advices.****WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 9th February 11.00am; Friday 11th February 9.00am****WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:**

| <u>SATURDAY</u> | <i>5th February</i> | <i>12th February</i> | <i>19th February</i> | <i>26th February</i> |
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| TAMBELLUP | 6.00PM | | 6.00PM | |
| BROOMEHILL | | 6.00PM | | |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | <i>6th February</i> | <i>13th February</i> | <i>20th February</i> | <i>27th February</i> |
| KOJONUP | 8.30AM | 8.30AM | 8.30AM | 8.30AM |
| KATANNING | 10.30AM | 10.30AM | 10.30AM | 10.30AM |

PARISH MINISTRIES: *If you are unable to attend on your rostered date please arrange for someone to replace you. Thank you!*

| | <i>6th February</i> | <i>13th February</i> | <i>20th February</i> | <i>27th February</i> |
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| <i>Greeter</i> | | | | |
| <i>Intro & Second Reader</i> | D. Bearcroft | H. Cavoli | B. Wilkie | R. Whitmore |
| <i>First Reader</i> | J. Poett | D. Bowen | P. Kerin | D. Quartermaine |
| <i>Minister of the Eucharist</i> | | | | |
| <i>Offertory</i> | | | | |
| <i>Acolyte</i> | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| <i>Altar Servers</i> | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers |

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PARISH PRAYER: Please refer to the overhead screen**6th February 2022 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C****First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger? I answered, 'Here I am, send me.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.***Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ

died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come, follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: 13th February 2022: Jeremiah 17:5-8; First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.



A MESSAGE FROM FR TONY CHIERA: *Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Diocese of Bunbury, As I celebrate Mass on Sunday 6th February to mark the 40th Anniversary of my Ordination, I give heartfelt thanks to God for His faithfulness, and I remember you all with immense esteem and gratitude. You the People of God, the Deacons, Priests and Bishops of the last 40 years hold a special place in my heart. To have served God with you has been a grace and blessing. I thank you most sincerely for every support you have given me, and for your constant Faith which inspires me still! I will*

remember you all at the Lord's altar on the 6th Feb. With gratitude, love and blessing . Fr Tony
We pray for Fr Tony Chiera who today celebrates his 40th anniversary of Priesthood. May he be blessed with many more faithful ministry years.

PARISH NEWS

Due to health issues and professional medical advice, it is with a very sad heart that Fr Gerome has asked to be relieved of the parishes of Katanning and Kojonup. **On Friday, 11 February,** Fr Gerome will celebrate his **farewell Mass at 5.30pm** in St Patrick's Church, Katanning. At the conclusion of Mass Fr Gerome will give a short concert, followed by a dinner party in the Community Garden. Everyone is welcome and parishioners are asked to bring along a contribution for dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to thank Fr Gerome for his spiritual guidance and sincere friendship and wish him well for the future. Fr Marlon Chingwangco from Bunbury Cathedral will replace Fr Gerome as Priest in Charge for 2022.

A copy of Bishop Holohan's latest Pastoral Letter is enclosed.

Please read carefully the new Diocesan Regulations which applied from 28th January 2022. Amongst the new regulations Parishioners are required to wear masks, hymn books and holy water from the stoups are not to be used. Holy water continues to be able to be taken home. Please help to keep our church safe for all.

Bishop Holohan reminds parishioners that they are required by law to wear masks at gatherings, which includes Churches. Also they need to register on entering the Church. You will have noticed in the media that police checked everyone in the church in Perth and, while not during Mass hopefully, this can happen in your parish at any weekend while the regulation continues. The penalty for a parish is at least \$50000. Priests, deacons and altar ministers will need to have their vaccination certificates close to hand and make sure they are wearing masks except for when they read or speak. God bless, Bishop Gerard

NEW PARISHIONERS: welcome to our Parish! We pray you will find peace and comfort in our Parish and with our God. Please join us in fellowship and community events. Please complete the "Welcome to our Parish Form" from the front entrance of the Church and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless.

The ability to budget can only come about through the 'generous financial support of members of the Parish who make a pledge through the "Planned Giving Programme."' Like all families, everyone's pledge is important and commitment to the financial well-being of St Patrick's Parish is **VITAL**. If you would like to join or know more about the programme please contact the Parish Office or Mr Peter Kerin.



| COLLECTIONS | 23rd January | 30th January |
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| 1 st Collection | \$ 283.15 | \$ 379.50 |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 34.00 | \$ 179.00 |
| Planned Giving Envelopes | \$ 70.00 | \$ 160.00 |
| Planned Giving Direct Debit | \$ 302.00 | \$ 302.00 |
| Candles | -- | \$ 29.50 |
| Piety Stall | \$ 17.00 | -- |



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PASTORAL LETTER

- *Diocesan Regulations from 28 January 2022* -

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 has entered our Diocese. It is possible that the Delta mutation may do the same.

As a Catholic community, we need to ensure that we do all that we can to protect the health of others and ourselves, particularly of the more vulnerable due to age, other health issues and frailty. We need too to respect the very reasonable fears in the general community in the light of the news from interstate and overseas.

The purpose of this Pastoral Letter

The purpose of this Pastoral Letter is to outline arrangements in the light of these realities for the Diocese of Bunbury from Friday, 28 January 2022, in the light of the following considerations.

Our first calling is to be communities of love

When instituting the Eucharist, Jesus taught that others would recognise his followers by their love for one another.¹ Therefore, let us keep Covid political disagreements and protests *outside our parish communities*. Let us leave them outside the doors of our churches.

Second, *let us be sensitive to those who are afraid*. Let the physically stronger be sensitive always to brothers and sisters who fear contracting Covid. Whatever our opinions about State Government Covid requirements, let us remember the call of the Word of God for the stronger never to insist on personal rights when these conflict with Christ-like love for those whose health is not strong.

St Paul emphasised that we need to 'put on the mind of Christ' who 'did not count equality with God something to be grasped' but who 'emptied himself, taking the form of a slave' and 'becoming obedient unto death, death on a cross'.²

St Paul told the Corinthians not to eat foods others would find scandalous because of its association with pagan sacrifice, even though Christians knew differently. He taught that they should never exercise their freedom out of love for those who would be scandalised.³

¹ John 13:35

² Philippians 2:5-8

³ 1 Corinthians 10:23-33

May we all strive to ‘put on the mind of Christ’ as communities of love. Let us keep political disagreements outside our parish communities, as I pleaded earlier.

The responsibility of Bishops to regulate the liturgy

Church law requires a Bishop to regulate the celebration of liturgies in the Diocese he serves. This includes recognising generally accepted risks to health during a pandemic. Priests and people have been asking of late for clear regulations for the Bunbury Diocese. Priests’ views are almost unanimous.

Diocesan regulations from 28 January 2022

The following special regulations will apply across the Bunbury Diocese from Friday 28 January until further notice.

Church entrances

1. Holy Water dispensers which are safe because they do not require parishioners to dip their fingers in water are permitted. Holy Water should be removed from stoups at the doors of churches to reduce the possibility of transmission of the virus.
2. Alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) should be available near entrances.

The Sign of the Peace

3. Individuals should avoid physical contact during the Sign of Peace but say simply “Peace be with you” with a smile, wave, nod, or bow.

Holy Communion

4. All Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands both *before* and *after* distributing Holy Communion.
5. Parishes should continue not distributing Holy Communion from the Chalice.
6. Because the coronavirus is easily spread through saliva, the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand.

It should not be distributed on the tongue because of the high risk of transmission of the virus through spittle on the Minister’s finger.

Hymn books, collection plates, parish bulletins

Hymn books should not be used.

Collection plates should not be passed from person to person – baskets on long handles, entry and or leaving collection bowls or electronic ‘tap and go’ terminals may be used.

Hygiene

Holy water should be removed from all stoups but still be available for taking home.

Alcohol-based gels (or the like) should be available near church entrances, confessionals, baptisteries, and in the sanctuary.

Hard surfaces people touch should be disinfected between Masses – door handles, light switches, back of pews or chairs people touch during Mass.

Please all help keep your parish church safe for all

In the present situation, special cleansing arrangements need to be in place. I ask all parishioners to help with these rather than to leave them to a few. I ask Parish Pastoral Councils to help ensure that:

- Pews where parishioners have been sitting are cleaned after each Church service.
- Parishioners are invited to consider reducing the number of pews used, considering the need for social distancing rules. I ask them to be considerate too to those helping to clean pews after Masses.
- Appropriate detergents and equipment are available.
- Surfaces people touch – horizontal surfaces, door handles be cleaned regularly.
- Toilets are cleaned regularly.
- There is frequent vacuuming with an HPA filter, especially of high traffic areas.
- Cleaning mops and cloths are replaced regularly.

To those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue

I want to conclude by speaking to those who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and so will be disappointed with the regulation about this. In making the Diocesan regulations, I was particularly sensitive to the fact that their wishes are for sincere reasons. I ask them to reflect upon the following.

*First, Jesus taught that the Eucharist is essential for the Christian life. ‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life... (they) live in me and I in them’.*⁴ It is through this life that we receive guidance, strength and empowerment to overcome temptations.

Jesus made clear too that the price of not receiving him in Holy Communion is spiritual malnutrition: ‘If you do not eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you’. Many reveal that they are suffering from this through bad life decisions which bring unhappiness, and there are many temptations in society today.

Children and young people especially need the Lord’s guidance and strengthening, particularly in the face of temptations. They cannot afford to suffer spiritual malnutrition in their spiritually formative years.

⁴ John 6:53-56

Second, it was Jesus himself who told us to 'take and eat' – no one else. This was an essential element in the sacrificial ritual of the Last Supper, and remains so in the Mass. He did know what he was doing.

None of us is worthy of receiving the Lord in Holy Communion. But we do so in faith as the Lord commanded. In the Word of God, the tongue is no more worthy than the hand.

From scriptural times, the tongue has been recognised as the source of what St James taught 'no one can tame and is a restless evil'.⁵ Gospel examples include curses, lies, gossip, destroying others' reputations, unsavoury conversation, tempting others to wrong and abuse.

Finally, the normal practice of the Church for centuries was receiving Holy Communion in the hand. We think too of saints, such as the teenage St Tarcisus in the fourth century, martyred because young pagans tried to take the Eucharist from him.

I ask those whose preference is to receive the Eucharist on the tongue to consider accepting the way the Lord gave us during the Last Supper during the current pandemic for the sake of the need of all of us for the spiritual nourishment of the Lord's Body and Blood. A prayer of spiritual communion is a human created devotion and is no substitute for receiving the Lord himself.

Again, I realise that this is a sensitive matter for some Catholics. However, as Pastor of the Diocese, my first concern is the spiritual malnutrition consequences the Lord warned of if parishioners fail to receive Holy Communion during this terrible pandemic - especially our children and young people.

Let us all pray that humanity be freed of Covid pandemic soon.

God bless

Bishop Gerard

27 January 2022

⁵ James 3:8