



## PARISH BULLETIN

# BURNIE - WYNYARD CATHOLIC PARISH

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 & 24 August 2025

Dear Parish Family,

For Jesus, the concept is straightforward to understand but difficult to live out: He calls us to walk the narrow paths. This is the key the Lord gives us—only by entering through the narrow gate can we reach heaven. It is on the way of the Cross that we encounter the deepest experience of God.

We all bear different crosses in our daily lives. Sainthood is not something we wait to achieve only in heaven; even here on earth, we encounter countless experiences along the narrow way. We do not need to be formally declared saints to reach eternal life, for in our midst, we witness living saints every day.

What makes someone a saint? It is not necessarily through grand gestures or perfect acts of charity but through performing every action with love. As Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." This, truly, is sainthood.

We see modern saints carrying extraordinary burdens with grace. There are parents who, despite significant struggles with their children or in marriage, continue to share smiles. We witness parishioners confined to their beds by illness who nonetheless place their trust in God. Some, having little themselves, still share what little they possess, even down to their last coin.

Children care for vulnerable parents despite the demands of their own families and careers. A homeless person gives their last meal to a stranger. Someone with terminal cancer reaches out to comfort another patient battling the same pain and discomfort.

In all these moments, the narrow way is lived, and sainthood is revealed through acts of selfless love.

- Fr. Jessie Banez



Source: <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-vector/mother-teresa-born-agnes-gonxha-bojaxhiu-2405741927>

### Jubilee Year of Hope

We appreciate our Burnie-Wynyard parishioners who joined the pilgrimage to Westbury Catholic Church for the Jubilee Year, Pilgrim of Hope.

Thanks also to participants from Smithton, Circular Head, Devonport, and Westbury for celebrating St Mary the Cross Mckillop's Feast with us.

Special gratitude to Fr Ben Brooks for his hospitality.





### A letter from your priest and the Parish Team acknowledging your contributions:

To our dear Parishioners,

Our Burnie-Wynyard Parish is a vibrant, supportive community, thanks to your ongoing generosity. Your financial contributions and support enable us to meet daily expenses and continue our mission. We truly appreciate every donation, which helps sustain our parish and encourages us to serve faithfully in building God's kingdom. We appreciate your support and generosity, which enables us to cover operational costs and continue our work in the Parish.

By considering to support the Burnie Wynyard Catholic Parish, we offer you the following options: (This guidance has been adapted from the previous correspondence authored by Fr. John G., former parish priest.)

- You can use the **Sacrificial Envelopes** which are available through the Parish Office (new sets will be available shortly; please contact the office if you would like to join those giving in this manner).

- You can use the **'Tap and Go'** terminals located at both Star of the Sea Church and St Brigid's Church. You may select the amount to give – and simply hold your card against the small screen, wait for the beep,

- You can **Direct Deposit** into the Parish account either through your online banking or visit your bank or financial institution to arrange for a regular offering to be made to the parish account.

#### BSB 067 000 and Account Number 1031 5695

- You can place a **Cash** amount in the collection basket during the Offertory collection at each of our weekend Masses.

May God reward you a hundred-fold in all your works for us!

Sincerely,  
Fr. Jessie Banez  
Burnie-Wynyard Parish  
Administrator

### Office of Youth Evangelisation:

Inviting the youth in our Parish to join in the upcoming Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). The Archdiocese of Hobart will be partnering with Harvest Pilgrimages to provide a safe, and secure experience for your young people.

The experience includes return flights from both Hobart and Launceston respective, transportation throughout Melbourne, a festival ticket, hotel breakfast, accommodation for 3 nights, and 5 meal packages throughout the festival. The Harvest package for the Hobart Archdiocesan group comes to a **total cost of \$1490**.

The best way to gather details of people who are interested in attending the festival is through our expression of interest online form, you can find this here.

<https://forms.gle/NYznSm4jaTFbjd2h6>

**Please see the adds @ SOS Parish Bulletin Board (at the right beside the Church main entrance)**

### RCIA Corner

Are you interested in deepening your faith? The Burnie-Wynyard Parish invites adults of all ages to join the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults program. This is for those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church or preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Last Easter, 6 candidates completed the program and are now active parish members. To learn more, contact Fr Jessie or Megan Robinson at 6431 2216.

As we approach National Child Protection Week, the Safe Communities Office is pleased to share with you the latest edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter. This edition highlights our ongoing commitment to creating safe, respectful and nurturing environments across all our parishes and communities.

Included in this edition are important updates and information regarding:

- The upcoming **Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) audit**;
- **National Child Protection Week & Safeguarding Sunday**;
- **New policies and key safeguarding documents** soon to be released from our office; and
- The introduction of **"Safeguarding Bites"**- short, practical safeguarding messages designed to be included in your **parish newsletters and bulletins**.

We hope these resources will support and strengthen your safeguarding efforts.

We **kindly ask that you print and distribute this newsletter** for your parishioners, ensuring our collective commitment to safeguarding is visible and accessible to all within our parishes.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to safeguarding.

Kind regards

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## First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### The Word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**

2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### The Word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

### The Gospel of the Lord.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
and development

#### Pledge for Life-Saving Aid to Gaza

Caritas Australia is calling on supporters to sign this urgent pledge, which will be delivered to the Australian Foreign Minister's office on Monday the 1st of September.

We do so in anticipation of new restrictive conditions for international NGOs that require them to breach the safety and security of their staff or face deregistration which will prevent them from providing critical, life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinians

These come into force on September 9th, and will likely see aid volumes fall below a level that is already claiming innocent lives.

While Caritas partners are likely unaffected, it is clear there is simply no room for overall aid levels to drop. The people of Gaza cannot eat less than they already are.

We are aiming to gather as many signatures as possible in the coming weeks to demonstrate strong public support for increased humanitarian aid access to Gaza.

Every signature helps amplify the call to protect innocent lives and ensure vital aid reaches those who need it most.

**The pledge closes on Sunday 31 of August, with final copies to be sent to [act@caritas.org.au](mailto:act@caritas.org.au) OR via post to Advocacy Team, Caritas Australia, Reply Paid 84241, Mascot, NSW, 2020.**

**You pledges will need to reach Caritas Australia by the 31 of August for you to be included in the list of signatories delivered to the Ministers Office.**

#### Sign our pledge online and access further resources

More than 2 million people are trapped in Gaza, facing hunger, and displacement. Over 60,000 lives have been lost - including over 18,000 children - and the entire population is in urgent need of humanitarian aid.

This is not just a crisis, it is a test of our shared humanity.

At Caritas, we believe in the dignity of every person. In the face of suffering, we are called to act with compassion, courage, and hope.

To join us, sign our pledge online and access further resources.



[www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/act/gaza)



## Parish Schedules & Announcements

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### SATURDAY

5pm Vigil Mass with Confession at Wynyard

#### SUNDAY

8am Mass at Somerset

10am Mass at Burnie

5pm Mass at Yolla (every second Sunday of the month)

### MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

#### BURNIE SOS

26 August (Tue) - NO Mass

29 August (Fri)

5:30 PM - Mass

6.00 PM - Adoration, Benediction and Confession

#### SOMERSET SHC

27 August (Wed) - Mass @ 9:30 AM

#### WYNYARD SBC

28 August (Thu) - Mass @ 9:30 AM

### Sacramental Program 2025

We are currently in the **9th week of the Parish Sacramental Program**, with candidates actively engaging in the topics related to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This weekend sessions will be held at both Parish Centres:

- ♦ Wynyard at 3:30 PM | 23 August 2025
- ♦ Burnie at 11:00 AM | 24 August 2025

We invite you to keep the 32 candidates in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the Sacramental Program.

### Prayer Intentions:

#### Sick

Let us keep the sick and frail in our prayers especially, David Mills, Ellen McLagan, Arniel Alinabon, Raymond O'Donnell, Brodie Johnstone, Carmen & Brian Luke, Kathleen Kennedy, Tony Butler, Carolyne Casey, Effendi Abucay, Cheryl Robinson, Linda Cumming, Sarah Elliott, Louise Henderson, Harry Rettino, Gif Last, Trish Okines, Roy Margetts and Carolin McCudden.

#### Deceased

Let us remember the names of parishioners who recently died that the angels in heaven may accompany them in the eternal glory with God.

We also pray for Valeria Oklewska, and all the parishioners whose anniversary of death, occurs about this time.



<https://www.catholic.com/qa/may-the-blessed-sacrament-be-exposed-on-good-friday>

### Come let us adore Him!

Parishioners are invited to Adoration every Friday at 6pm at Mary SOS Burnie. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and reposed by Benediction, with one hour devoted to prayer and devotion.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available during this time.

God of light,  
You meet us in the darkest places.

Every year, when we light our Easter Candle,  
we pray

*'may the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness  
of our minds and hearts'.*

We pray today that all people  
may work with you  
to dispel the darkness of violence and war.

May this fragile light be a sign of our hope  
for the people of Gaza.

May they find healing  
and lasting peace.  
Amen.

Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia



### Weekly Bulletin Request

Parishioners who wish to receive a copy of the weekly Bulletin can request one by sending an email to parish: [burniewyn@aohtas.org.au](mailto:burniewyn@aohtas.org.au)

Please include the message, "Please send me a weekly copy electronically," in your request.

### Support Our Sick and Retired Priests

The Sick and Retired Priest Fund supports diocesan priests in the Archdiocese of Hobart by providing accommodation, health care, and essential expenses in retirement or illness. Your donations help with living allowances, aged care, medical costs, and more.

Please give generously during the August appeal. Envelopes are available at your parish, or donate securely online at [hobart.catholic.org.au](http://hobart.catholic.org.au)

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Sick and Retired Priest Fund  
Annual Collection

**Sat 30 & Sun 31  
August 2025**

Appeal envelopes available in your parish,  
or you can donate at [hobart.catholic.org.au](http://hobart.catholic.org.au)

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

Archdiocese  
of Hobart

