



PARISH BULLETIN

BURNIE - WYNYARD CATHOLIC PARISH

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 & 19 October 2025

Dear Parish Family,

Last week, through the example of the Samaritan leper, Jesus taught us that gratitude is a sign of faith. This Sunday, the Gospel presents another important character of a widow who persistently asked for justice, relying in hoping against hope, a sign of faith in prayer. Specifically, her persistence highlights the prayer that asks, seeks, and implores: the "prayer of petition."

Our experience shows that prayer often brings comfort, especially when our requests are granted in the way we expect. However, prayer is not always met with immediate or apparent answers. Sometimes, prayer leads us into periods of darkness, uncertainty, and waiting.

Consider the prayer life of St. Therese of Avila during times of immense physical suffering. Her experience teaches us that suffering can break down self-will and pride, leading us to greater humility and detachment. Despite her struggles, she continued to pray, trusting that her pain served a purpose in her spiritual journey.

There are moments when it seems God does not respond, and we must wait a long time for His action to become clear. At such times, it can feel as if our prayers simply bounce off a blank wall. This experience can tempt us to stop approaching God altogether or to give up the habit of relying on Him. Some may even begin to doubt whether God exists at all. Yet, in these moments, Jesus guides us to respond with persistence rather than to react with despair. In today's Gospel, the Lord insists that we should continue praying. He even recommends that we pray "always," echoing St. Paul's advice to pray unceasingly. Jesus points to the example of a widow who persistently seeks what she desires, illustrating the value of persistent prayer.

In all our needs, we are called to exercise our capacity to pray. For Jesus, prayer is a sign of deep trust in the power and goodness of God. Through prayer, we reveal our dependence on a Father who provides for us. Prayer enables us to find hope even in the midst of struggles because persistent prayer is a powerful sign of strong faith in the God who listens.

- Fr. Jessie Banez



Source: <https://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/parable-of-the-persistent-widow?version=print>

Preparation Program - Retreat Day 2025

Date : 18th October
Time : 3:30 to 5:45 pm
Location : Wynyard Hall

Agenda/Activities

3.30 pm – Share afternoon tea (candidates to bring a plate of food to share)

3.50 pm – Gathering Prayer

4.00 pm – Parents to stay with Fr. Jessie to discuss sponsors, confirmation name for candidates, ask and answer questions, discuss the Mass, numbers for Mass, logistics of Mass rehearsal

Candidates to move to tea room to get to know one another

Play some games – Sacrament Bingo, Quiz/challenge game, Prayer craft,

Church symbol scavenger hunt – (4 x stations - 15 minutes per station)

5.00 pm – Families and candidates to join together to share their chosen Saint with the group – name and why!

5.30pm – Reflection of the program, answer any candidate questions and prayer and taste test of the host.

Candidates and Families to finish the afternoon by attending mass together at 6pm

All Saints Day & All Souls Day Masses

In preparation for All Saints Day, mass will be held on 31 October (Friday) at 6:00 PM at Wynyard, instead of 01 November.

All Souls Day will be observed at St. Mary SOS on 03 November (Monday) at 6:00 PM rather than 02 November. Mass will be offered for departed loved ones; please bring their portraits (laminated pictures) to be blessed for prayers and candle lighting during the ceremony.

Please bring your envelopes with their names and drop it to the basket during Sunday Masses so that we can gather to pray for them and mention their names on 03 November mass.

Clergy Retreat

Archdiocese of Hobart Clergy annual retreat will be on 10 to 14 November.

Please pray for their fruitful time of prayer .

Support and donate to our Burnie-Wynyard Parish via direct deposit—either through your online banking or by visiting a bank or financial institution—to arrange a regular offering to this Parish account.

BSB 067 000 and Account Number 1031 5695

May God reward your generosity a hundred-fold!



Sacred Space the Prayer Book is now available, and the parish would be happy to take orders for those who would like once again, to purchase 'Sacred Space the Prayer Book 2026' edition.

This prayer book has scripture readings, reflections and prayers for each day during 2026. The publication is from the Irish Jesuits, and is an excellent resource, to inspire you in prayer and help in forming

a deeper relationship with God.

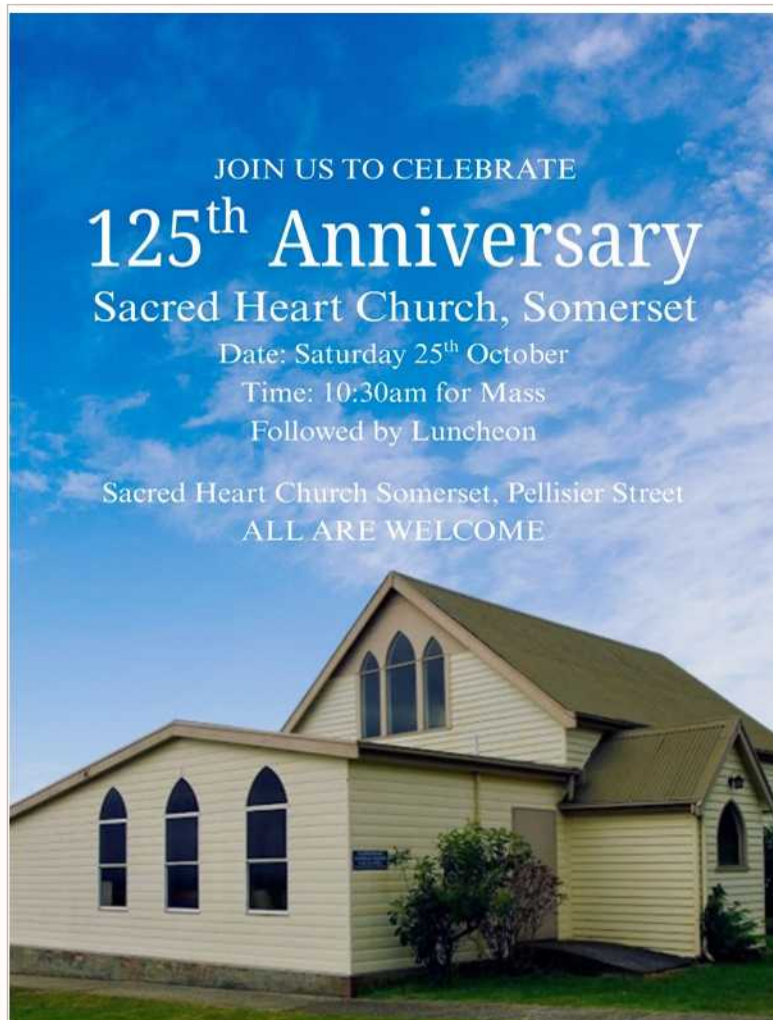
Should you wish to purchase a copy, then please place your money in an envelope together with your name and telephone number, drop it into the collection basket at our parish Masses, and we will place your order. Orders must be received **NO LATER THAN WEEKEND of 18/19th October** and cost will be \$39.00

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 via burniewyn@aohtas.org.au.



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

125th Anniversary

Sacred Heart Church, Somerset

Date: Saturday 25th October

Time: 10:30am for Mass

Followed by Luncheon

Sacred Heart Church Somerset, Pellisier Street

ALL ARE WELCOME

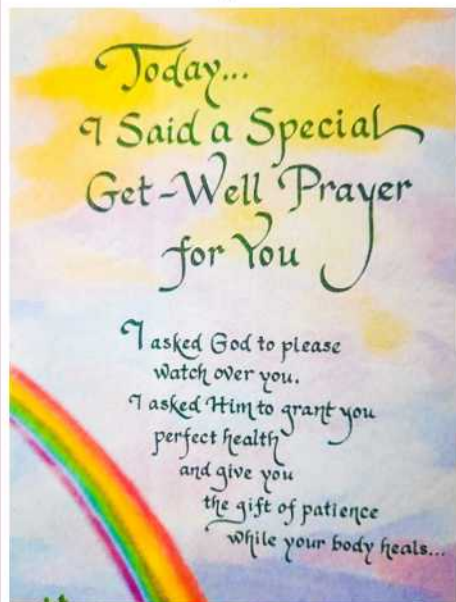
Parishioners please bring a plate.

Contact: Marilyn, Phone: 0466 837 920

If anyone has photos or memorabilia related to Sacred Heart Church, Somerset, and are willing to lend them for the Anniversary event, Contact: Sue, Phone: 0439447645

The Parish would like to thank the Grade One students of Stella Maris for making Get Well Cards and for their Prayers for Healing for those who are sick and frail in our community.

This is their Mercy charism to actively demonstrate Kindness, Gratitude and Compassion to those in need.



FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?

The Gospel of the Lord.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code.

Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Parish Schedules & Announcements

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY

10:30 AM Somerset 125th Anniversary (25 Oct 2025)

6:00 PM Vigil Mass with Confession at Wynyard

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Mass at Somerset

10:00 AM Mass at Burnie

5:00 PM Mass at Yolla (every second Sunday of the month)

MORNING WEEKDAY MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

BURNIE SOS

21 October (Tue) - Mass @ 9:30 AM

24 October (Fri) - Parish Confirmation @ 5:30 PM

NO Friday Devotion

SOMERSET SHC

22 October (Wed) - Mass @ 9:30 AM

WYNYARD SBC

23 October (Thu) - Mass @ 9:30 AM

YARAANDOO NURSING HOME

Mass (every 1st Wednesday of the month)

UMINA PARK NURSING HOME

NO Mass due to Sacramental Program on 24 Oct 2025

Next mass will be on 28th November (4th Friday of the month)

Join us after Mass
for good food and conversation

Saturday, 25 October from 6pm
at St Brigid's Hall

Please contribute
a plate of finger food
(sweet or savoury)

RSVP to Fern, Peggy or Agnes



Thank You to Stubbs Constructions Pty Ltd

Once again, we are indebted to Wayne Licht and David Stubbs for their generosity in providing the labour and materials to complete the work around the Sacred Heart Church in Somerset in readiness for the 125th Anniversary on Saturday 25th October 2025.

Your contribution to our Parish is valued immensely.

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

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

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 especially Jim Hursey, Dennis Macapal, Margaret Wright and those who recently died, that the angels in heaven may accompany them in the eternal glory with God.

We also pray for 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.

Thank you note for the Knights of the Southern Cross - BWS

On behalf of the Parish and the Confirmation candidates, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the Knights of the Southern Cross. The pins were received with gratitude and will be treasured as a reminder of this important step in the candidates' faith journeys. Your contribution helped us mark the sacrament with dignity and celebration.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your ongoing commitment to our parish and to the young people preparing to live out their faith. We look forward to opportunities to work together again in support of our community.

