

# *A Coffee with Alessio*



## **Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury and the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

This week's column is coming to you from Bunbury. Bunbury you say- yes, the South-West town of Bunbury. On the Labour Day long weekend, I had an overnight stay in Bunbury and went to visit the Cathedral. Thanks to the hospitality and generosity of one of the priests at St Patrick's Cathedral, I went on a guided tour of the whole Cathedral complex and I have to say the people involved have done a brilliant job of the building. Most importantly they have made the Cathedral a very accessible and practical building to use. Being a musician, I tried the organ out. It is a Rodgers 3-manual organ and makes plenty of noise, which is wonderful in a reverberant acoustic.

As I was going on my tour I thought about the Gospel reading (according to John) for this Sunday:

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Well, it was extremely unfortunate that a tornado destroyed the old Cathedral back in 2005, but what a magnificent worship space and office facilities the Diocese of Bunbury now has at its disposal. So yes the grain of wheat 'died', allowing much fruit to be produced in the new building.

Just as an aside, the Highway Hotel, which is just up the road from the Cathedral, serves delicious meals and most importantly make a good coffee as well!

There are various settings of the hymn 'Unless a grain of wheat' that have been published. I think the more common setting would be by Bernadette Farrell's, which is number 35 in *As One Voice* Volume 1.

So, keep up your great work and momentum as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week beginning next weekend.

Enjoy your coffee!

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