St. Joseph Catholic Parish of Busselton

Our Lady of the Bay Church, off College Avenue, West Busselton
St. Joseph's Church, Kent Street, Busselton

Vision: Growing in faith, inclusivity & outreach through openness.
Mission: To be a welcoming & loving community; journeying together; proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through words & deeds; nourished by the Holy Eucharist; discipleship is formed for the service of all.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (15 NOVEMBER 2026)

First Reading *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife - who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons,' since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is,' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21*

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



Parish Mass and Devotion			
Monday ~ 16 Nov	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday ~ 17 Nov	9:00 AM	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday ~ 18 Nov	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday ~ 19 Nov	8:00 – 5PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday ~ 20 Nov	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11:30 AM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday ~ 21 Nov	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday ~ 22 Nov	8:30 AM	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	9:00 AM	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	6:00 PM	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

Reflection:

The 'master' in the Gospel story seems like a dishonorable character. The third slave's description of him is unsettling: he is arrogant, opportunistic, greedy, harvesting where he has not sown, and gathering where he has not scattered. He is one tough master. In the story, the master praises the first two servants for doubling the talents entrusted to them. Are we supposed to follow their example? Are they not as ruthless as their master? Does the master approve of them because they follow his ways? And what about the third servant? Not a few people would say that it is he who does the honorable thing. The audience of Jesus may have realised that what the third servant does with the money is both legal and safe. What is the parable telling us? In what way does it disorient us and lead us to a different outlook? The story focuses on the third servant who is condemned as 'wicked and lazy' and whose talent is taken away from him. The opportunistic and hard-nosed master expected him to take a risk and obtain results, not to play it safe by hiding the money in the ground. It is easy enough to dismiss this as a greedy person's point of view. But in life, one who does not take risks may eventually lose out. 'Use it, or lose it', goes the saying. Lose what? Talents, skills, opportunities, connections – the list is endless. And this may well be true of eternal life. Jesus teaches that whoever would save their life will lose it, and whoever would lose their live will save it (Matthew 16:25). Jesus himself mat be regarded as a model of 'reckless living'. He is careless of his reputation: associating with sinners and outcasts, healing on the Sabbath, criticising the religious leaders. Is he not telling us by word and example that one cannot save anything without taking a risk? *~God's Word Daily Reflections 2026*



Prayers For The Sick

Melissa "Molly" Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Zelma Thomson
Fr Roy Pereira

Memorial Anniversary

2003: Joy Depiazzi
2007: Frances Piper
2009: Ada George
2011: Hope Oldfield
2013:Mariantonia Diblasi
2018: John Ray Jackson

Church Collections

(Weekend 2 November ~ 8 November)

Envelopes: $ 780.00
Loose: $ 1775.65
EFT Machine: $ 425.00
Direct Debit: $ 310.00
Containers for change $ 00.00

Tap and pay machines are now located in the foyers of both churches for the convenience of parishioners and visitors. Direct Deposits can be made to our account: Busselton Catholic Parish, quoting your surname and/or envelope number:
BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113

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Safeguarding Prayer

Gracious God
Help us to learn from Jesus. How to love, nurture and keep our children and vulnerable adults safe in a welcoming and empowering environment.
Help us to seek healing for those who have been harmed and pray for justice for all.
Keep us active in your service to safeguard our children and vulnerable brothers and sisters in communities that are connected in faith.
St Joseph, Protector of the Church, Pray for us
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us
Amen

Safeguarding Commitment

We hold zero-tolerance to all forms of abuse to ensure the safety and protection of children and vulnerable people.
Grounded in our faith, we are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services, and to upholding the highest moral, legal and ethical standard in creating a community where harm is neither ignored nor tolerated
~The Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS DD~
Bishop of Bunbury

17 & 18 November Priest Personal Development Day

Fr. Jess and Fr. Jay will be attending the Priest PD Day at Bunbury on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be **NO MASS on Tuesday** but there will be a regular mass on Wednesday.

SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

The parish will be undergoing an audit from the Director of Safeguarding Compliance on Wednesday, 18 November.

Farewell Lunch for Sr. Bernadette

The craft group has booked a lunch at The Esplanade to farewell Sr Bernadette on Tuesday November 17 at 12 noon. If you would like to join us for lunch please RSVP to Fran Smith 0428 220822 BEFORE 9AM MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

Thanksgiving Mass & Sundowner Friday 27th November

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all who serve in the various Parish Ministries (Acolytes, EMHC, Sacristans, Readers, Commentators, Musicians, Greeters, etc) to a Thanksgiving Mass at OLB on Friday 27th November at 5pm, followed by a sundowner in the Community Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Beer, wine and soft drinks provided. Please RSVP by Monday 23 November to Parish Office.

Christmas Craft

The Christmas craft and produce stall and morning tea is being held on Sunday December 6. As the craft group is very small, all parishioners are invited to make a contribution to the success of this morning. If you would like to donate craft items, produce from your garden or goods from your kitchen please contact Fran Smith 0428220822 or Julie McKenzie 0429976602. The theme of the stall is, obviously, Christmas! All proceeds to the parish. **Last Craft Group for 2026 - 24 November. Recommences 12 January 2027**

COLUMBAN CALENDARS – The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for sale at both churches. **Still only $10**.

Legion of Mary – New Members Welcome

The Legion of Mary warmly invites parishioners to join their weekly meetings every **Tuesday after the 9:00 am Mass** at the Ned Kenny Centre. Our gatherings include praying the Holy Rosary, sharing prayers and readings, and organising weekly visits to aged care homes and private homes to bring friendship, comfort and companionship to those who are lonely, elderly or unwell. As our number of members has decreased, **we are in great need of more volunteers** to continue this meaningful ministry. New members are most welcome! If you would like to join or find out more, please contact **Pauline on 0428 173 924**, or simply come along on Tuesday. Your time and presence could make a wonderful difference in someone's life.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

There are several options if you wish to donate the proceeds from your eligible bottles and cans (**showing the 10c refund logo**) to the Parish.

- **Take them to the Wright Street Depot and quote the identification Code C10344169.**
- **Bring the cleaned bottles and cans into the Parish Office. BOTTLE TOPS OFF and please leave the labels on.** (They will not accept them otherwise.

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

Solemnity of Christ the King 22nd Nov. Sunday

Advent Season 1st Sunday 29th Nov. The End and the Beginning: The Cycle of the Liturgical Year.

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES:

- 26 Nov, Thurs: Advent reflection after 5pm mass in Ned Kenny Centre every Thursday of the advent weeks.
- Advent Parish Reconciliation: 18th Dec Friday, 5pm @ St. Joseph's Church.
- Christmas Novena Masses **(SIMBANG GABI – EVENING MASS)** 15 Dec. Tuesday – 23 Dec. Wednesday 6pm at St. Joseph's Church; except 17 Dec. Thursday in Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Dunsborough.

St. Mary MacKillop College Year End Masses, Celebration and Ceremonies:

19 Nov. Thurs – Secondary Awards; Presentation Nights
9 Dec. Wed – Yr. 6 Celebration Mass & Awards Night
11 Dec. Fri – PP-Yr. 10 Thanksgiving Mass, 9am
18 Dec. Fri – Staff Year End Mass 8:30am

Bishop George's Christmas Appeal for CatholicCare 14th & 15th November

The CatholicCare Appeal is the only annual appeal made to support organisations providing services within our own Diocese. This year, Bishop George's goal is to raise $25,000 to help people in need throughout our communities. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible. Appeal envelopes are available in the pews. Please take one home, read Bishop George's letter, and use the enclosed return envelope to make your donation. Cash donations should be placed in the Offertory basket. Please do not post cash donations. Cheque and credit card donations may be placed in the Offertory basket or posted directly to the Diocese.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BUSSELTON CALLS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The following items are in short supply - **1ltr UHT milk, packets of pasta, breakfast cereals, rice, sweet and savoury biscuits, cans of fruit, baked beans and spaghetti, pasta sauce.** Please help fill the baskets in the entry to both our churches or consider a monetary donation – envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses. **VOLUNTEERS** are welcome to join our wonderful group of conference members. If you would like to share in this amazing mission, please contact President Maria Parkinson (phone *0428 771140* or email *maria.parkinson14548@gmail.com*).

November Mass Envelopes

November Mass envelopes are now available in the pews and at the back of the church.
Throughout November, we remember and pray for the souls of our faithful departed. May they rest in eternal peace.

God's Farm

God's Farm warmly welcomes you to Eucharistic Adoration and Feast of Christ the King on November 21st & 22nd. Join us for mass on Saturday at 11am, preceded by Confession at 10am. Sunday Feast Day mass at 10am during which we will consecrate Australia to Christ the King. Both days have fellowship after mass. Please bring a plate to share. Enquiries: Mary 0438054199.

Funeral for Fr. Ignatius

On 23 November 2026, 10:30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Let us pray for his soul that may he rest in peace, Amen.

Weekend Mass Liturgical Ministry Roster ~21 & 22 November ~

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Murray
Greeters	Di, Lily
Commentator	Sue
First Reading	Angela
Second Reading	Trish W
Laptop	Rhona
Music	Carmelina
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte
Cleaners	Natalie

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Terry
Greeters	Aileen & Pat Oreo
Commentator	Barb P.
First Reading	Pat T.
Second Reading	Denise M.
Laptop	Veronica
Music	John G.
EMHC	Kaye C, Kaye M, Heather, James
Sacristan	Julie
Altar Servers	Leon, Olivia, James K
Children's Lit.	Sonia & Jack

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Allen
Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Roger
First Reading	Catherine C
Second Reading	Gay
Laptop	Michelle
Music	Robyn
Altar Server	Adriana, Esther

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Divine Mercy
First Sundays: 8.45am Our Lady of the Bay Church

Rosary Group
Monday, 10am: St. Joseph's

Legion of Mary
Tuesday, 9.30am Ned Kenny Centre

Pilgrim Statue
Escorted to a Parishioner's home. To schedule a visit call Loly 0411 080 141

Craft & Coffee Group
Tuesday, 1-4pm Ned Kenny Centre.

Meditation
Every Wednesday 10am at Ned Kenny Centre

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, 8am-5pm: St Joseph's Church

Catholic Women's League
2nd Friday of the month after the 12 nn Mass. Ned Kenny Centre

Catenian Koffee Klub
Meets the **4th Sunday** of each month at 11.30am at 'The Esplanade' for coffee and/or a meal.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

Lord Jesus Christ,
The Holy Land is once again struck by violence, hatred, and death.
Lord, look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.
Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair.
You are our peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.
Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love.
Have mercy on us and on our time.
Amen.

Prayer for All Saints' Day

Heavenly Father,
On this Solemnity of All Saints, we give You thanks for the countless holy men and women who have gone before us in faith.
May their lives inspire us to walk more closely with You, to love more generously, to forgive more readily, and to serve others with humble hearts.
Through the intercession of all the saints, strengthen our faith, guide us in holiness, and help us remain faithful to Your will.
May we, too, one day rejoice in Your heavenly Kingdom, united with all the saints in Your eternal love and peace.
Amen.

All Saints of God, pray for us!

Playgroup WA

Joeys Playgroup welcomes parents, carers and little ones for a morning of play, friendship and community. Join us every Tuesday during school term, 9.30am–11.30am at OLB Hall. New families are welcome—come along for a free trial!
For more information, email busseltonjoeysplaygroup@live.com.au or find us on Facebook: Busselton Joeys Playgroup.

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
The Fruit of the Vine

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