

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (20 SEPTEMBER 2026)

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or
by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then
death would bring me something more; but then again, if
living in this body means doing work which is having
good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am
caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with
Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me
to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your
sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be un-
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like
a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for
his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard.
Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing
idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they
went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the
ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about
the eleventh hour he went out and found more men
standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you
been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has
hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vine-
yard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them
their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending
with the first." So those who were hired at about the elev-
enth hour came forward and received one denarius each.
When the first came, they expected to get more, but they
too received one denarius each. They took it, but grum-
bled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they
said "have done only one hour, and you have treated
them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's
work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said,
"My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not
agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I
choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have
I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and
the first, last."

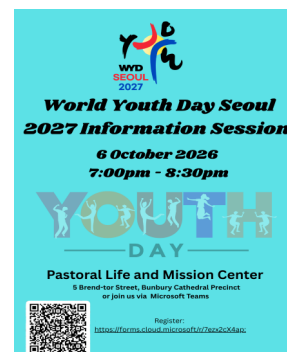
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Philippians 2:1-11 |

Matthew 21:28-32



Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	21 Sept	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	22 Sept	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	23 Sept	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	24 Sept	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	25 Sept	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	26 Sept	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	27 Sept	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:

Today, our Gospel invites us to reflect on the generosity of God. The landowner represents the loving heart of God towards each one of us. There are two things in particular that might catch our attention in this passage. Firstly, God wants everyone to work in his vineyard. Secondly, in the end, each will receive the same reward. Perhaps, like some of the workers in the parable, we may feel that the landowner is being unjust: How is it that the last receive the same pay as the first? We need to appreciate that the way of God is the way of generosity. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are not our ways, and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Lord, we pray that you might help us have a heart that is free, and looks at others not with judgement or criticism but with generosity and openness.

~God's Word Daily Reflections 2026



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY UPDATE

September 2026

'Encounter and listening are not the ends in themselves, leaving everything just as it was before. On the contrary, whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed.'

Pope Francis, Homily for the Opening of the Synodal Path.

Dear All,

Over six weeks have passed since our parishes joined together for our Diocesan Assembly. The three days were filled with prayer, discernment, friendship, and positive and challenging conversations.

Since the Assembly the Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) has gathered the responses from the Conversations in the Spirit and we have taken time to carefully read and discern over the responses. The DST is now working through each Pathway to ensure that we are listening deeply to the voice of the Diocese; represented by members of your parish.

As we now step into our next stage of discernment, please be assured that we will continue to move forward on this synodal journey.

Over the next few months, the DST will endeavour to keep you updated. On behalf of the Diocesan Synodal Team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of your parish who were able to participate in the Parish Conversations and attend the Diocesan Assembly for your openness, honesty and obvious commitment to our Diocese.

It is in this spirit that the words of Pope Francis, continue to guide our journey. Through listening, dialogue and faithful reflection, we seek to recognise where God is leading our Diocese and how we are being called to serve Christ more fully in our parishes, our communities and one another.

With thanks and appreciation,

Kerrie Merritt

Chancellor

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury



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The Safe Guarding Program

Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults
in the Catholic Church

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

Liturgical Readers – please arrive early for Mass and check with the Acolyte or Priest that you have prepared for the correct Sunday Mass reading. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BUSSELTON CALLS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

With grateful thanks to the Winter Appeal at St Mary MacKillop college our cans supply has almost seen us through the winter months.

BUT, 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 welcomed to join our wonderful group of conference members. Welfare is open 3 days a week from 10am to12noon and depending on availability, members are rostered 2 - 3 times a month. If you would like to share in this amazing mission please contact President Maria Parkinson (phone 0428 771140 or email maria.parkinson14548@gmail.com).

National Survey of Newly Married Couples Over September

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

Please Observe Silence

Respectful Preparation:

Arriving early & remaining quiet before the mass starts allows everyone to transition from the noise of daily life into an encounter with God. Shared silence unites the congregation in a collective pause, preventing the church from becoming a social hall or distracting environment.

Let us observe silence and spend time in prayer preparation as we celebrate the Holy Mass.

Church Collections

(Weekend 7 September ~ 13 September)

Envelopes:	\$ 730.00
Loose:	\$ 1582.00
EFT Machine:	\$ 625.00
Direct Debit:	\$ 100.00

Containers for change \$

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

Welcome & Congratulations!

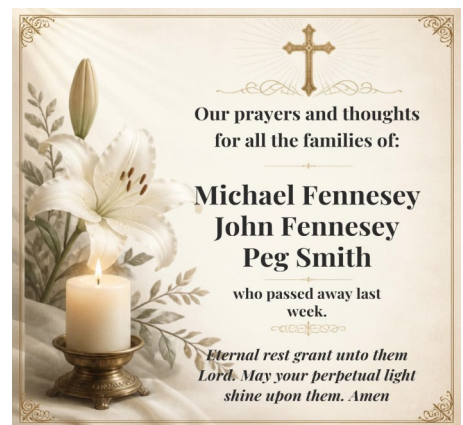
We warmly welcome and congratulate our newly installed Acolytes and newly commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We thank them for generously answering the call to serve our parish community. May God bless them as they begin their ministry and guide them in serving with faith, love and devotion.

The BUNBURY CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the *Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir Bishop of Bunbury Scholarship* for 2027–28. A scholarship of \$1500 over a two year period is offered to students year 7—12 from within the Diocese who wish to join the choir and further their musical and choral talents. Applications close Friday 16th October 2026. Interviews and auditions will take place on Wednesday October 28th, 2026. For further information please contact :

The Director | Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir | 85 Pearce Road, Australind WA 6233
Email : millsmusic@bigpond.com

St. Joseph's Church Toilet Keys

A gentle reminder that the toilet keys for St. Jo's are kept in the Ned Kenny Centre. Please use the side sacristy to use the toilet.



Prayers For The Sick

Melissa “Molly” Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Meg Helyar
Zelma Thomson
Fr Roy Pereira



Memorial Anniversary

2010: Peter Smith
2020: Colin Merritt
2023: John Freakley
2023: Deacon Paul Gee
2024: Tony Paternity



WEEKEND ROSTER

26 & 27 September

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Murray
Greeters	Di, Lorraine
Commentator	Di
First Reading	Angela H
Second Reading	Dylan
Laptop	Carla
Music	Carmelina
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte
Cleaners	Rosary Group

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Terry
Greeters	Maria H & Alexandra L
Commentator	Jack R.
First Reading	Pat T.
Second Reading	Denise M.
Laptop	Veronica
Music	Recorded Music
EMHC	Trish W, Gay, Denise M, Heather M
Sacristan	Patricia E.
Altar Servers	Leon, Olivia, James K.
Children's Liturgy	

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Frank N
Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Nicolle A
First Reading	Janet D.
Second Reading	Roger
Laptop	Jo
Music	Robyn
Altar Server	Andriana, Grace, 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 noon 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 of St. Francis of Assisi (The year of St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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.

PROUD MEMBER OF
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 busseltonjoeyisplaygroup@live.com.au or find us on Facebook: Busselton Joeys Playgroup.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

*Snippet from the Final Document: Part III -
Synodality and Participatory Bodies*

107. The Assembly paid special attention to best practices and positive experiences of reform. These include creating networks of pastoral councils within communities, parishes, pastoral areas, and among diocesan pastoral councils. The regular hosting of ecclesial assemblies at all levels is also encouraged. Without limiting consultation to members of the Catholic Church, these gatherings should be open to listening to the contributions from other Churches and Christian Communions. Attention should also be paid to other religions in the territory.

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