

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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***GROWING IN FAITH, INCLUSIVITY & OUTREACH,
THROUGH OPENNESS.***

The EPIPHANY of the LORD

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation (*When there is a musician the 'Alleluia' will be sung*)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Parish Masses & Devotions
9 January - 15 January**

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle (all welcome)	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	9.00am	Communion Service + HC	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	9.00am	Communion Service + HC	St. Joseph's
Thursday	5.00pm	Communion Service + HC	St. Joseph's
Friday	12.00pm	Communion Service + HC	St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.30pm	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5.30pm	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay



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‘The salvation which God has wrought,
and the Church joyfully proclaims, is for everyone.
God has found a way to unite himself
to every human being in every age.
He has chosen to call them together as a people
and not as isolated individuals. . .
To those who feel far from God and the Church,
to all those who are fearful or indifferent,
I would like to say this: the Lord, with great respect and love,
is also calling you to be part of his people!’
(Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel)

FINAL INSTALMENT: THE FEASTS OF CHRISTMAS

Epiphany

The second great feast of the Christmas season that amplifies our awareness of the person of Jesus is the Western church's separate celebration of the ancient Eastern feast of the Epiphany. While the Eastern church concentrates on the baptism of Jesus as the divine revelation of the Holy Trinity, the Western church continues to maintain the story of the Magi. These foreign kings, themselves altered by strange manifestations of the stars in the heavens, like the shepherds, find their way to the child and, the scriptures say, "to pay him homage." (Matthew 2:2) The world recognises the heavenly in this tiny child. And the child recognises the people of God in them. This is not a Christian child only; **this child belongs to the world.**

The Baptism of Jesus

The Christmas season ends in the West with its own celebration of the baptism of Jesus by John at the Jordan. As the Eastern church points out, it is at this moment that we see for the first time the union of God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. But we see something else as well. We see Jesus accepting baptism by John, a sign that Jesus accepts humanity. His own and ours, in all of its struggles, all of its limitations, all of its burdens, and all its focus on the ultimate, on the divine.

The feast days of Christmastide make the full meaning of Christmas clear. There can be no doubt about it: this child is human, yes, but he is of heavenly as well as earthly origin. In this child's light we all walk safely through the unknown. We are all here with the Magi, full of gifts to give on his behalf. What's more, with the opening of the heavens on the bank of the Jordan, we all have our first vision of life beyond life. Christmas is larger than a baby in a manger. Christmas is the coming of a whole new world. More than that, it is what makes that world possible.

(Source: The Liturgical Year-The Fullness of Time-Joan Chittister)

REFLECTION

We can identify with the Magi because we, like them, are searchers. We don't have all the answers. We have questions about our faith and about the big issues in life like sickness, war, natural disasters, recession and death. We are terrified by modern-day, power-hungry Herods. We wonder how a loving God can seemingly allow evil and hatred to flourish. Yet we can take comfort from the example of the Magi who did not search alone but found support in one another. We too find support and encouragement in the people who join us in our churches and communities week in and week out. With them, we listen, pray and search, and from them we get encouragement and comfort. Like them, we have the light of Christ to guide us. Just as the Magi finally found the one for whom they were searching, so, too, will we.

(Source: God's Word 2023)

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the Wadandi people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and thank them for protecting this coastline and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people who might be present today.

JANUARY INTENTION

For educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

LECTORS

Could the Lectors at each weekend Mass, please meet in the Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

**WHEN
ENTERING THE
CHURCH**



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

LEAVING ON A JET PLANE!

♪♪♪ All his bags are packed and he's ready to go ... ♪♪♪ Fr Jaybee flies home on the 10th for a couple of weeks as part of his annual leave. (There is a school reunion) He has **huge hunks** of leave (both annual and long service) due, so he'll be taking it in dribs and drabs so as not disrupt the Parish unduly. (We can point the finger at co-vid for the build up.) Fr John Finlayson will be helping us out the first weekend he is gone, and Fr Tony and Fr Ian the second weekend. Please keep all of our Priests in your prayers and pray that Fr Jaybee enjoys every single one of his days away and returns to us safe and sound.

♪♪♪ So kiss him and smile for him ♪♪♪

DON'T FORGET

Both the Legion of Mary and the Tuesday Coffee and Craft Group resume this week. You are most welcome to join them.

FIRST MENS BREKKY FOR 2023

Catch up with other 'holy Romans' this **Thursday, 12th January** at **8.30am** @ 'The Good Egg Café' on Albert Street. Brekky with mates. A good start to the new year or what?

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR DIARY

For the annual **Ladies Sundowner** set for **Friday, 27 January**? It's more than wine and nibbles (excellent though they might be), it's a chance to catch up with other ladies you may not have seen for awhile. (With three weekend Masses on offer it's easy to miss each other.) Perhaps you are a new Parishioner, have recently returned, or you just can't make it to Mass often due to whatever circumstances, this is a chance to reconnect. Will be held at Our Lady of the Bay in the outdoor area of the Community Centre. More info shortly.

DOWNLOAD 'THE RECORD' FROM OUR WEBSITE

To ready many facts on Pope Emeritus Benedict's life and death.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED???

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023:

POPE FRANCIS, VATICAN II, AND THE FUTURE

Presenter: Fr Tony Chiera. Every 25 years the church celebrates a Jubilee year. It is a sacred time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance, and acts of mercy. The next Jubilee Year will be in 2025, and Pope Francis has invited us to spend some time over the next two years in preparation for the Jubilee. 2023 is dedicated to a renewed look at Vatican 2 and 2024 will focus on prayer. The Diocesan Summer School will explore the event of Vatican 2 and some of its core teachings. These teachings are the basis for the ongoing life and mission of the Church into the future. For all venues hosting the Summer School 2023, please see the poster in the foyer.

Busselton Parish Centre: Saturday 21st January 9.30am- 1.00pm Please register on 97521687 and please bring a plate for morning tea.

A BIG THANK YOU

To all who helped out with our Christmas celebrations. Like the wise men from the east who brought gifts to the new born king, **so too did you offer your gifts**, both to him and to all who came to our Christmas Masses. What a truly wonderful way to show God how much you loved him.

AND IF YOU TOO

Would like to experience the joys of serving God, by putting your name down for the weekend rosters, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH CENSUS

If you are newly arrived in the Parish or have changed addresses, please fill out the census form found in the foyer (or drop into the office).

The Sick

Please pray for:

- Sione Hehea;**
- Doris Byrne;**
- Ev Brand;**
- Roma Barrett;**
- Damien Philp;**
- Fr Johny Arattukulan;**
- Chris Johnson;**
- Bill Middleton;**

Memorial Anniversary

- 1995: Stella Samuel**
- 2008: Harold Cargeeg**
- 2011: Eunice Happ**
- 2012: Alfred Cooper**
- 2016: Rachael McGlenn**



Church Collections

Weekend 31 December / 01 January

Envelopes: \$ 905.00
Loose: \$ 1,443.95



Containers for Change: \$ 104.20

(Could everyone take the lids off their bottles please. It's a bit time consuming so would help enormously if you could do that part at home. We really appreciate that so many are getting behind this simple fundraiser.)

☺ *Many Thanks!*

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 14/15 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Tim
- Greeters:** Di, Lily
- Commentator:** Sue
- Readers:** Rosemary, Trish W
- Musician:** Carmelina
- Projectionist:** Nola
- EMHC:** -
- Cleaning:** Janet, Di
- Laundry:** Di

Sunday 9am

- Acolyte:** Terry
- Greeters:** Maria, Alexandria
- Commentator:** Loly
- Readers:** Denise & Yunis
- Musician:** John G
- Projectionist:** Veronica
- Recorded Music:** -
- EMHC:** -
- Sacristan:** Helen

Sunday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Frank
- Greeters:** Joan, Roz
- Commentator:** Joan
- Readers:** Robin, Kevin
- Projectionist:** Genevieve
- Recorded Music:** Jo

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Legion of Mary
 Tuesday 9.30am: Ned Kenny Centre

Pilgrim Statue
 Is escorted to a Parishioner's home.
 Please call Loly Scott 0411 080 141 to schedule a visit

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

Meditation
 Restarting 2023

Eucharistic Adoration
 All day Adoration resumes on Thursday 2 February.

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

WHAT'S IN HIATUS?

Wednesday Novena: Resumes 1 February
Thursday Adoration: Resumes 2 February
Friday Holy Hour: Resumes 3 February
Meditation: Resumes sometime in 2023.

SUMMER LEADERS RETREAT

12-16 January @ Catholic Youth Camp Busselton Ages 16+ Retreat with us for DYMO's Summer Leader's Retreat! Leadership training, formation and activities, discussion groups, plenty of free time to relax and time to pause, reflect and pray. Open to potential leaders who are interested in being trained and formed to lead in youth ministry AND experienced leaders looking to expand, debrief and share. Our leaders and volunteers are important to us! We are investing in our leaders and building capacity in youth ministry! Retreats are about stepping back from our lives and stepping out of our time. It is a time to stop, reflect and have space just to be and to breathe. **Registrations made ASAP are highly appreciated! Register via Brushfire:**
<https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/546355>

CELEBRATING

The first feast day of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of Catholic Mission. **9 January at Holy Family Church Kirup. 9.30 - 2pm.** Includes celebration of Mass and lunch. Please advise attendance **0419939864** or deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com

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.**
- **Bag it, Tag it** (with the above identification code) **and Drop it, at the Rendezvous Road Waste Facility.**
- **Bring the cleaned bottles and cans into the Parish Office.**

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

MARIST REUNION

All former Marist students are warmly invited to participate in the upcoming annual reunion. **Date:** Wednesday 25 January 2023 **Time:** 4.30 p.m. Mass in the Newman College Chapel 5.30 p.m. Fellowship. 'BYO everything' **Venue:** Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands **Enquiries:** Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104 Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187 **RSVP** not necessary.

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