

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (17th MAY, 2026)

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise

him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next Week's Readings

(Year A)

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 |

John 20:19-23

Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	18 May	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	19 May	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	20 May	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	21 May	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	22 May	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	23 May	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	24 May	9:00 AM	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
		6:00 PM	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

Reflection:

For forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, sometimes to one person, sometimes to a small group and on one occasion to more than 500 people, as St. Paul reports. Then after about forty days these appearances ceased, and the disciples realised that he had returned to the Father having completed his mission on earth. He had ascended into heaven.

Jesus' return to the Father does not however mean that he is no longer with us. St Matthew wrote his Gospel to reassure Christians that Jesus is still with us. At the very beginning of his Gospel, the angel tells Joseph that the child will be called Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. And in the very last words of his Gospel, which we hear today, Jesus says, 'And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time'. And in the middle of the Gospel Jesus says, 'when two or three come together in my name, I am there with you' (Matthew 18:20).

While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet and heart of Christ in our world. It is we who must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the risen Christ.



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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

Happy Ordination Anniversary, Fr. Nathan!

Thank you for your faithful service and for being a blessing to our parish. As we also bid you farewell, we pray that God continues to guide and strengthen you in your next mission.

~With gratitude and prayers~



Pilgrimage with us to
World Youth Day Seoul
Jul-Aug 2027
Register your interest now by
scanning the QR Code!

This is where every pilgrimage begins. Not when everything is clear. Not when life is perfectly in order. But when we are willing to walk just as we are with Christ. Dear young people, you do not need to have everything figured out. You only need the courage to take the first step.

The Most Reverend, George Kolodziej SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury,
WYD Launch Mass



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

May: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please introduce yourself to Father and our greeters. They will be able to give you our Parish **Membership Form**, and **'Welcome Booklet'** which will help you to know what is happening in and around the Parish. Please feel free to drop into the Parish Office on Kent Street (next to St Joseph's Church) when next you pass by. We'd love to meet you.

Priest Annual Conference

19th ~ 21st May. Fr. Ian will cover the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mass at St. Jo's.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

20 May, Wednesday, 1:00pm at Ned Kenny Center.

The 2026 National Count of Attendance

The 2026 National Count of Attendance will be taking place over the first four (4) weeks of May, starting on the 9th and 10th of May 2026. The first and second counting (9th, 10th and 16th, 17th) is the general mass attendance. The third counting (23rd & 24th) is based on gender, and lastly (30th and 31st) is based on age group. We ask your assistance and support in ensuring that the National Count of Attendance is successful in our parish.

Cleaner Volunteers Needed at St. Joseph's Church. Please visit our parish office to register.

Parish conversation in preparation for Synodal Assembly

Please join Fr. Jess and our parish facilitators Gay Cooper, Jo Camilleri, and Mona Damjanovic for a parish conversation, an opportunity for us to listen deeply to each other and attend to how the Holy Spirit is moving within us. Our Parish Conversation is on 28th of June, after Sunday 9am mass in the OLB Hall.

Parish Revegetation Outreach

Our parish revegetation outreach will be on 21st June Sunday after 9am mass. Join the Parish Pastoral Council for tree planting in connection with the celebration of the year of St. Francis.

5 First Saturday Devotion

There is a 9am mass every first Saturday of the month in Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Dunsborough.

Church Collections

(Weekend 4 May ~ 10 May)

Envelopes: \$ 725.00
Loose: \$ 1730.60
EFT Machine: \$ 260.00
Direct Debit: \$ 380.00

Containers for change : \$ 66.10

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

Facilitator's Training for Parish Synodal Team

We are grateful to the following parishioners who agreed to be our Parish Synodal Facilitators:

Josephine Camilleri, Gay Cooper and Mona Damjanovic
The training and workshop will be on 23rd May, Saturday at OLB Hall from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.
Neighbouring parishes will be sending their delegates to join the training.

Remembering Sr Irene

The annual remembrance of Sr Irene McCormack will be held on Thursday 21 May at The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Catholic Church, Kirup. Since 2021, an event has been held in the Bunbury Diocese to recall the life and legacy of this West Australian Josephite Sister, Irene, who was shot and killed by Shining Path terrorists in Huasahuasi, Peru on 21 May 1991. The event is from 9.30am to mid-day - please see the flyer for further details. To register: Deborah 0419 939 864 or Shendelle 0423 219 665.

KSC WA Gala Dinner 2026 notice

The 2026 Gala Dinner sponsored by the **Knights of the Southern Cross (WA)** is on **Friday 22nd May at 6:30 pm**. The event will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral parish hall, with guest speaker, **His Lordship, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS**, Bishop of Bunbury, giving a post-dinner address. Register online at <https://go.kscwa.au/gala-dinner-22May26>. Contact Laurie Sutherland for further information: (M) 0488 966 400

Diocesan Assembly July 30 – August 1, 2026

On Thursday March 19, Bishop George celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. He also launched the Diocesan Assembly: July 30 – August 1, 2026.

In June each parish will be invited and encouraged to take part in conversations and dialogue, to share your experiences, hopes and the challenges that you see for the future of our church. Your voice together will guide the preparation of our five-year Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This will be a very important time in our 'Year of Connectedness'. You are invited to come with open hearts and trust, together let us listen to one another, together let us listen to God and together let us shape the future of our diocese.

Prayers For The Sick

Melissa "Molly" Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Meg Helyar
Norma Chester
Merle Teal
Deacon Greg Dudley

Memorial Anniversary

2009: Brian Walsh
2015: Brian Crompton-Couvella
2017: Margaret Hearn
2021: Cecilia 'Cis' Reynolds
2023: Colin Impson
2023: Edith Congrene



WEEKEND ROSTER

23 & 24

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	M Hegney
Greeters	Di Mas, Lorraine
Commentator	Brian L.
First Reading	Trish W.
Second Reading	Brian L.
Laptop	Carla
Music	Carmelina
Cleaners	Natalie

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Terry T
Greeters	Maria Haggett, Alexandra Lewis
Commentator	Kaye M.
First Reading	Julie M
Second Reading	Barb P.
Laptop	Veronica
Music	John G
EMHC	Denise M, Kaye C, James D, Heather
Sacristan	Julie
Altar Servers	Leon, Olivia
Children's Liturgy	Jess K, Sam K

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Allen C
Greeters	Joan P
Commentator	Robyn
First Reading	Catherine C
Second Reading	Roger
Laptop	Nola
Music	Jo
Altar Server	Andiana, 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 diseased 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 refugee. Let the people be safe in your Love.

Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Diocesan Assembly Prayer

Loving and faithful God,

As we walk along the road of our lives help us to recognise that You are with us.

Stay close to us.

Open our hearts when we hear Your Word.

In the blessing and breaking of the bread and of our lives

together, help us to recognise You and know that You are near.

Fill us with Your Spirit and your joy, so we may go and share Your Good News.

Send Your blessing on all the people of our Diocese as we

prepare for our assembly in August.

May Your Spirit of wisdom inspire and guide all our

conversations and gatherings.

May Your Spirit of loving communion unite us more closely in our parishes and diocese.

May our walking together be fruitful and be a sign of Your presence in our world.

Our Lady of the Way – Pray for Us

St Joseph Protector of the Church – Pray for Us.

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.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Snippet from the Final Document: Part III - Ecclesial Discernment for Mission

92. In a synodal Church, the authority of the Bishop, of the Episcopal College and of the Bishop of Rome in regard to decision-taking is inviolable as it is grounded in the hierarchical structure of the Church established by Christ; it both serves unity and legitimate diversity (cf. LG 13). Such an exercise of authority, however, is not without limits: it may not ignore a direction which emerges through proper discernment within a consultative process, especially if this is done by participatory bodies. It is not appropriate to set the consultative and deliberative elements involved in reaching a decision in opposition to each other: in the Church, the deliberative element is undertaken with the help of all and never without those whose pastoral governance allows them to take a decision by virtue of their office. For this reason, the recurring formula in the Code of Canon Law, "merely consultative" vote (*tantum consultivum*) should be reviewed to eliminate the possibility of ambiguity. It seems appropriate to carry out a revision of Canon Law from a synodal perspective, clarifying the distinction and relation between consultation and deliberation and shedding light on the responsibilities of those who play different roles in the decision-making process.

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