

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (15 March 2026)

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet', replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him'. Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Reflection

In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of 'the world', and the blindness of sin. Jesus, as the divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision—not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities which lie *beyond* this world—that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond *all* things.
~ *God's Word Daily*



Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

Monday	16 March	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	Ned Kenny Center
Tuesday	17 March	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	18 March	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	19 March	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	20 March	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30 AM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	21 March	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	22 March	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



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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 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.

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.

MARCH INTENTION

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.
You have the right to remain silent

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN RECONCILIATION ~ 18th March at 6pm St Joseph's

LENTEN REFLECTION ~ after Thursday evening Mass at Ned Kenny Centre

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ 20th March, Friday at 6pm in Our Lady of the Bay

ADULT YOUTH GROUP(18-35yrs old) ~ 20th March, Friday in Our Lady of the Bay

LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT ~ To support Caritas Project Compassion – Friday **20th March** at OLB centre after the Stations of the Cross. The movie is about St Francis of Assisi.

The special year of St Francis is a Catholic Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV from 10th Jan 2026-10th Jan 2027, marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi.

Good Friday Afternoon Tea with Hot Cross buns ~ Friday, 3 April 2026 After 3:00pm Good Friday service

Holy Week Services 2026



28th March 6pm Saturday ~ Palm Sunday Vigil at St. Joseph's Church

29th March 9am Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

29th March 6pm Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

31st March 11am Holy Tuesday ~ Holy Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

2nd April 7pm Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper / Washing of the feet at Lady of the Bay Church

3rd April 10am Good Friday ~ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church

3rd April 11am Good Friday ~ Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church

3rd April 3pm Good Friday ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady of the Bay Church

4th April 7pm Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil at Our Lady of the Bay Church

5th April 9am Easter Sunday ~ Easter Mass at Our Lady of the Bay Church

Parish Office Open Hours

Monday—Thursday

9:00am ~ 1:00 pm

Fridays 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

Calling Acolytes, Altar Servers, Commentators, Greeters, Collectors, Readers & EMHC:

If you're here for Holy Week and Easter, could you please consider adding your name to the different liturgical rosters in the main entrance of the Church? Thank You.

PILGRIMAGE to Czech Republic, Slovakia & Poland -13 days 10 nights- visiting shrines including Devine Mercy & St John Paul II. Those interested please contact :ANAWIM Journeys on 08 6118 7313 or talk to Fr Jess

Invitation from God's Farm

God's Farm Eucharistic Adoration Weekend is on March 20-21. Fr Pavol, visiting from Perth, will preside at Holy Mass and benediction at 11am Saturday 21st. Confession will precede mass at 10am - 10.45am. Shared lunch to follow. All are welcome! RSVP Mary 0438054199.

Let Us Pray For the Elects

Emma Colombera, Romain Goimard, Noah Staines, Alice Le, Sandra McDonald, Alexander Forrest

Jo Wilson, Brooke Sewbalak

As they approach towards their reception into Catholic Faith and Church.



HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

Receiving from the cup is optional. The full grace of the Sacrament is received even under one kind.

If you have colds or are unwell, please refrain from having communion of the chalice.

We, as communicants, have the pastoral care for the well being of our ministers.

Funeral Mass



Of Gerry Monaghan will take place at 11am on

Monday 16th March

in St Joseph's Church

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual

Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

REMINDERS:

Next **Parish Morning Tea** - 22nd March after 9am Mass hosted by Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee & Liturgy Committee

Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass

Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD will be celebrating his Episcopal Ordination Mass on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 9.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome to celebrate his wonderful first year in the life on the Bunbury Diocese.

Morning tea will follow.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent ,we are called to **UNITE AGAINST POVERTY** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Parish Sacramental Out-of-School Program

Will start this coming week (16th & 17th March)

Every Mondays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Tuesdays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Eucharist

Prayers For The Sick

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

Memorial Anniversary

**2008: Dorothy Cargeeg
2010: Tadeuse Pawlik
2010: Donald Harrington
2012: Benedictus Schaler
2013: Carol Hayes
2014: David Shugg
2017: John Farrell**



Church Collections

(Weekend 28th of Feb & 1st March)

**Envelopes: \$ 535.00
Loose: \$ 1954.70
EFT Machine: \$ 275.00
Direct Debit: \$ 940.00**

Containers for change : \$0.00

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

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 21/22 MARCH

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Tim Murphy
Greeters: Sue L., Lorraine
Commentator: Bryan Love
Readers: Lynn Stone, Sue L.
Musicians: Carmellina
Projectionist: Carla Yu
EMHC:
Cleaning:
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe Lavorgna
Altar Servers: Razil G, Charlotte B, Louis G.
Greeters: Maria H., Alexandra Lewis
Commentator: Loly S.
Readers: Denise M, Kaye C.
Musician: -
Projectionist: Mona D.
Recorded Music:
EMHC: Denise M, Maria P, James D
Sacristan: Jo
Children's Liturgy: Sam K. , Jess K.

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin D.
Altar Servers: Prince S. Charles S.
Greeters: Joan P., Roz
Commentator: Joan P.
Readers: Roger R, Robyn C.
Projectionist: Maxine Z
Recorded Music: Nola
EMHC: -

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

Wednesday, 10am 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.

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

83. Listening to the Word of God is the starting point and criterion for all ecclesial discernment. The Scriptures testify that God has spoken to His People to the point of giving us in Jesus the fullness of all Revelation (cf. DV 2). They indicate the places where we can hear His voice. God communicates with us first of all in the liturgy because it is Christ himself who speaks "when scripture is read in the Church" (SC 7). God speaks through the living Tradition of the Church, the Magisterium, personal and communal meditation on the Scriptures, and the practices of popular piety. God continues to manifest Himself through the cry of those who are made poor and in the events of human history. God also communicates with His People through the elements of Creation, whose very existence points to the Creator's action and which is filled with the presence of the life-giving Spirit. Finally, God also speaks through the personal conscience of each person, which is "the most intimate centre and sanctuary of a person, in which he or she is alone with God and whose voice echoes within them." (GS 16). Ecclesial discernment demands the continuous care for and formation of consciences and the maturing of the *sensus fidei*, so as not to neglect any of the places where God speaks and comes to meet His People.

Introducing the Diocesan Synodal Team

The Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) was established by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS DD last year in response to the *Final Document – For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission* by the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 2021 – 2024.

It is established to serve the synodal animation and formation of the Diocese of Bunbury and to assist the Bishop of Bunbury in his responsibilities in the implementation phase of the Synod.

The DST role is to plan, prepare and operationalise our Diocesan Assembly. The Diocesan Assembly will be a moment of grace and renewal that will set a direction for coming years and help create a diocesan pastoral plan. Addressing the DST, Bishop George said, "It is about forming a community of missionary disciples who can accompany our parishes in renewal."

The members of the DST are:

- Ms. Helen Brown, Mr. Aaron Faure Fr. Victor Lobo ,Mrs. Kerrie Merritt (Chairperson) Fr. Pierre dela Cruz Repuyan, Fr. Archie Carampatan, Fr. Tony Chiera, Mrs. Vanessa Dicker

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