



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (25 OCTOBER 2026)

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

The Scriptures offer a profound and multi-faceted revelation of God. In different situations God is revealed as judge, as saviour, as servant, as creator, as father, as mother, as lover, etc. One of the most powerful and perhaps shocking images we find, especially in the book of Exodus, is of God as a warrior who frees the Israelites from slavery by slaying their enemies. Clearly God, the warrior, is not one to ignore. The Israelites would not have treated lightly the Lord's threat to kill them with the sword if they molested or oppressed the stranger in their midst or treated widows and orphans harshly.

This warrior God is praised in today's responsorial psalm. The Scriptures put this psalm on the lips of David after the Lord had rescued him from the clutches of his enemies. Using military images, David praises the Lord for being his fortress, his shield, his stronghold and his mighty strength against his foes.

The image of God as a warrior can be very disturbing. We need to see that what motivates the Lord to be a warrior is a deep love for those who are oppressed. We can think of the fierce love of parents who will do anything to protect their vulnerable children.

We cannot love this God without also loving God's people. Not to love our neighbour is to put ourselves at enmity with God. Today's first reading urges us not to adopt a narrow definition of neighbour. The stranger in our midst will always be the object of the special love of our warrior God.

~ God's Word Daily Reflections 2026

Parish Mass and Devotion

Monday ~ 26 Oct	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday ~ 27 Oct	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday ~ 28 Oct	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday ~ 29 Oct	8:00 – 5PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday ~ 30 Oct	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11:30 AM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday ~ 31 Oct	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday ~ 1 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

October Month of the Holy Rosary Schedules

Tuesdays: 8:30am
 Wednesday: 8:30am
 Thursdays: 4:15pm
 Fridays: 11:15am
 Saturdays: 5:30pm
 Sundays: 8:30am & 5:30pm

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

October: For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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Safeguarding Prayer

Gracious God

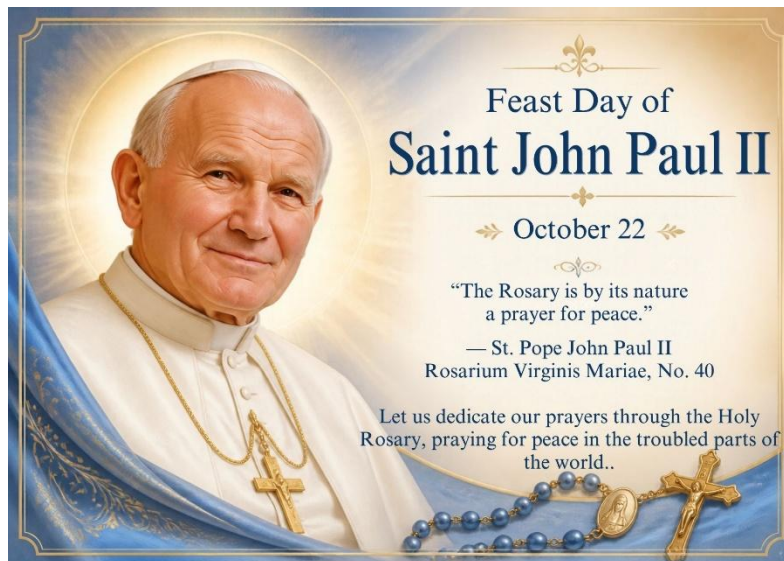
Help us to learn from Jesus.
 How to love, nurture and keep
 our children and vulnerable
 adults safe in a welcoming and
 empowering environment.
 Help us to seek healing for
 those who have been harmed
 and pray for justice for all.
 Keep us active in your service
 to safeguard our children and
 vulnerable 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



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Accommodation Needed – Can You Help?

We are seeking a unit or granny flat to rent in Busselton or Dunsborough for one of our parishioners who currently serves as a sacristan at the church in Dunsborough. She is urgently seeking suitable accommodation and would be very grateful for any assistance our parish community can offer. If you have a unit or granny flat available, or know someone who may be able to help, please contact the **Parish Office on (08) 9752 1687**. Your kindness and generosity would be greatly appreciated.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Throughout the month, we will begin all weekday and weekend Masses with the Rosary. We invite everyone to come a little earlier and join us in prayer as we reflect on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

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 welcome to join our wonderful group of conference members. Welfare is open 3 days a week from 10am to 12noon 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).

Thanksgiving Mass and 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.

Thursday Adoration on 29th October

Please be advised that Holy Hour will be temporarily interrupted due to scheduled repairs to the church organ at St. Joseph's Church. The schedule will be as follows:

8am – 11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Hour

12nn – 1:30 pm: Break for organ repairs

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Holy Hour resumes

4:15 pm: Holy Rosary

5:00 pm: Holy Mass

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Church Collections

(Weekend 12 October ~ 18 October)

Envelopes: \$ 665.00

Loose: \$ 1570.20

EFT Machine: \$ 365.00

Direct Debit: \$ 405.00

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: Busseton Catholic Parish, quoting your surname and/or envelope number: BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113

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.

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.

Morning Tea – November 1

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for morning tea after the 9:00 am Sunday Mass on 1st November, generously hosted by our Filipino parishioners. Come along and enjoy some delicious food, a cuppa, and a lovely time of fellowship with our parish family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves. Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future. And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment. To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work or email Diocesan Director, Shendelle Mullane, at bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

Congratulations to our St. Mary MacKillop Yr 12 who had a graduation mass and ceremony last Wednesday, October 21st. Let us pray for those who are taking exams in the next coming weeks.

PARISH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- We thank you for those who have led the Holy Rosary during the month of October especially the Legion of Mary and we hope to continue this every month of the holy rosary in October.
- We thank the Parish Financial Committee and Liturgy Committee for installing the blind curtains in OLB.
- **A Heartfelt Thank You to Karen!** Our parish extends its heartfelt gratitude to Karen for her seven years of dedicated service in facilitating the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process. As Karen retires from this ministry, we sincerely thank her for the time, care and commitment she has given to accompanying and guiding those who have journeyed through the RCIA process and grown in their Catholic faith. We are truly grateful for her faithful service to our parish community. May God bless Karen abundantly as she begins this new chapter.
- **World Mission Sunday** – Thank you to everyone who generously supported World Mission Sunday. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. If you have not yet returned your Mission Sunday envelope, you may hand during the offertory collections. Thank you for helping support the Church's missionary work around the world. Special thanks to Jack Rapanaro and Roger Ronaldo, our Parish Youth Mission Ambassadors who delivered the reflection last week.

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

2007: Timothy Johnson
2008: Elizabeth Ford
2010: Eva Heath
2011: Dorothy McCarthy
2016: Tony White
2025: Margaret Wilcox

Weekend Mass Liturgical Ministry Roster ~ 31 October & 1 November ~

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass		Sunday - 9:00am Mass		Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Tim	Acolyte	Terry	Acolyte	Jack
Greeters	Di, Lorraine	Greeters	Aileen & Pat Oreo	Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Di	Commentator	Barb P.	Commentator	Nicolle A
First Reading	Lynn S	First Reading	Pat T.	First Reading	Robyn
Second Reading	Rhona	Second Reading	Loly S.	Second Reading	Mona
Laptop	Kate J	Laptop	Isabelle	Laptop	Nola
Music	Carmelina	Music	John G	Music	Jo
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte	EMHC	Maria P, Julie M, Sonia H, Kaye C	Altar Server	Adriana, Dominic, Esther
Cleaners	Rosary Group	Sacristan	Patricia		
		Altar Servers	Leon, Olivia, Isaiah		
		Children's Lit.	Heather & Jess K		

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.

A Prayer for Mission

Gracious God,
You call us to be one in Christ, united in mission.

Bless your Church as we celebrate a century of World Mission Sunday. Ignite in us the missionary zeal that filled Blessed Pauline Jaricot's heart. Strengthen us to be witnesses to your Gospel with courage and compassion.

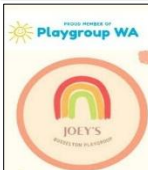
May we recognise Christ present in every person and every culture. Inspire us to build bridges of justice, peace, and solidarity.

Guide our communities to share generously with those most in need.

May your Spirit lead us to walk together as one global family.

We ask this through Christ, our companion in mission.

Amen.



Joey's 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 Joey's Playgroup.



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