

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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (26 JULY 2026)

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

Shrewd financial traders advocate diversifying investments rather than plunging everything into one item, so the Parables of the Treasure in the Field and Pearl of Great Price are counter intuitive and definitely not guidance from astute financial advisers. They reflect the joy we should have in discovering the Good News of Jesus Christ and the sacrifices we should be prepared to make in its service.

In case we are left with impression that the 'hidden treasure' and 'valuable pearl' are solely for our own personal benefit, the Parable of the Dragnet shows that we are called to serve the kingdom of heaven. Solomon recognised that, to be of such service, the treasure he needed was discerning judgement. Jesus adds with the Parable of the Storekeeper, the ability to identify what is of value in both old and new. St. Paul affirms that when we align our lives in such a way, God loves and calls us according to his purpose.

~God's Word Daily Reflections 2026

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3 | Romans 8:35, 37-39 |

Matthew 14:13-21

"The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field..."

Matthew 13:30

Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	27 July	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	28 July	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	29 July	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	30 July	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	NO MASS	St. Joseph's
Friday	31 July	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	NO MASS	St. Joseph's
Saturday	1 Aug	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	2 Aug	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

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.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

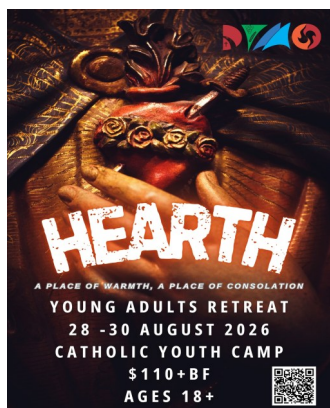
Please introduce yourself to Father and our greeters. They will be able to give you our Parish **Membership Form**, and 'Welcome Booklet' which will help you to know what is happening in and around the Parish. Please feel free to drop into the Parish Office on Kent Street (next to St Joseph's Church)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



Reach out. Give life.



worldwide
marriage
encounter



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

July: For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Our Synodal Journey



What is God asking of us today?



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



Fr Jess Navarra

Parish Priest
0439 942 241

Fr Jayan Johnson

Asst. Priest
0469 329 223

Isabelle Punzalan

Parish Secretary

Tim Murphy

Safeguarding Officer
0418 932 170



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

Eucharistic Adoration Weekend in God's Farm

God's Farm warmly invites you to our monthly Eucharistic Adoration weekend July 31 - August 2nd. Saturday mass (August 1st) is at 11am, preceded by Confession at 10am. Join us for lunch on Saturday and bring plate to share please. A holy reflective hour 3-4pm allows time for meditation on The Passion of Christ, Divine Mercy Chaplet and sacred music. New comers most welcomed. Experience the peace of God's Farm. Enquiries: Mary 0438054199.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Will resume on 2nd of August

Morning Tea

We would like to invite everyone to join our morning tea on 2nd August sponsored by the Vietnamese Parishioners, Legion of Mary, and Catenians.

St. Joseph's Church Toilet Keys

Are kept in the Ned Kenny Centre. Please use the side sacristy to use the toilet.

Diocesan Assembly

Catholic Diocese of Bunbury will hold an assembly from 30th July to 1st of August. The 1st of August, Saturday, will be attended by participants from all parishes, priests, and school leaders. Our parish participants are the following: Jo Cammilleri, Gay Cooper, Michael Tonks, Jack Rapanaro and Roger Ronaldo. Let us pray for our diocese as we continue journey together in the spirit of synodality.



SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details

3-4 September 2026

- Online
- 10 - 4:30 pm (AEST)

- Registration:
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



PILGRIMAGE: EASTERN EUROPEAN SHRINES

Poland, Czechia and Slovakia ~ 13 days and 10 nights~
27th Sept – 9th Oct 2026 | Fr. Jess – Spiritual Director | For more information please see Fr. Jess or call Anawim Journey Pilgrim Consultants. Tel. 0861187313 or email mail@anawimjourneys.com
Final presentation will be on 2nd of August during morning tea.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

We invite you to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. **There is a live-out Weekend in Bunbury on 25/26 July this year and a Live-in Weekend is scheduled for October 23~25 in Perth.** For more information about coming Weekends contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493 534 865.

Email WAbookings@wwme.org.au Visit www.wwme.org.au

Spirituality Hub Kirup

Peace Vigil Quiet Day, Thursday 6th August Hiroshima Day. 9.30am-2pm. Please join us for all or part of the day to pray for peace in these difficult times. The contemplative practice of the labyrinth will be part of our prayer. Also, **save the date** for St Phoebe's Day on 3rd September. Contact Deborah for further details 0419939864.

No Mass

30 & 31 July Thursday and Friday – Fr. Jess and Fr. Jay will be attending synod assembly in Bunbury

Special celebration for the Presentation Sisters

This year marks 250 years since the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary were founded in Cork, Ireland, by Venerable Nano Nagle in 1775. **On Sunday 6 September Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the St. Patrick's Cathedral** to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese, since 1902.

Church Collections

(Weekend 13th July ~ 19th July)

Envelopes:	\$ 555.00
Loose:	\$ 1726.20
EFT Machine:	\$ 325.00
Direct Debit:	\$ 295.00

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

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

2006: Maureen Tucker
2012: Annabelle Potter
2014: Brian Regan
2015: Frank Cockin
2021: Mark Krasenstein
2023: Ed Whitely



WEEKEND ROSTER

1st & 2nd August

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Murray H
Greeters	Di Mas, Lorraine
Commentator	Sue L
First Reading	Angela H
Second Reading	Lynn S
Laptop	Carla
Music	John AW
Cleaners	Sue

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Terry T
Greeters	Maria H & Alexandra L
Commentator	Jack R
First Reading	Janet D
Second Reading	Kaye C
Laptop	Veronica
Music	John G
EMHC	James D, Denise M, Trish W, Peta
Sacristan	Patricia
Altar Servers	Leon La, Olivia La
Children's Liturgy	Jo C & Sara D

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Allen C
Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Marcus
First Reading	Roger
Second Reading	Nicolle
Laptop	Nola
Music	Robyn
Altar Server	Adriana, 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.

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.



Ukraine's humanitarian needs continue as support remains vital.



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Snippet from the Final Document: Part III -

Ecclesial Discernment for Mission : Transparency, Accountability and Evaluation

100. Similarly, it is necessary to have structures and methods for regularly evaluating the exercise of ministry. Such evaluation is not a judgement upon an individual. Rather, it allows a way of assisting the minister by highlighting positive aspects of their ministry and bringing to light areas for improvement. The evaluation also assists the local Church in learning from experience, adjusting plans of action, determining the outcomes of its decisions in relation to its mission, and remaining attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

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E.M.H.C .			
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