



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.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (18 OCTOBER 2026)

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

In the ancient world, it was not uncommon for rulers to describe themselves as gods, claiming to have certain divine powers and qualities. The people of Israel would never allow their rulers to be called gods. There is only one God, the Lord. Their faith is expressed in today's psalm: 'The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods (pagan rulers). The gods of heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens'.

The people of Israel were, however, tolerant of pagan rulers calling themselves gods. They saw these rulers as having a subordinate role in God's governance in the world. Through them God's will could be accomplished among the peoples. A good example was Cyrus, the Persian king mentioned in today's first reading, whom the Jews saw as God's chosen instrument to liberate them from their exile in Babylon.

In our own day the leaders of nations have the power to effect good and promote the values of the kingdom of God. Not all leaders do this but there are many who strive to exercise wise and just leadership. There need not to be an unbridgeable gulf between civil governance and the governance of God. In fulfilling our obligations toward the state, we can in fact be promoting the values of the Kingdom of God. Respecting legitimate temporal authority is one means of paying homage to God, the only One to whom all praise and honour are due.

~ God's Word Daily Reflection 2026

Parish Mass and Devotion

Monday ~ 19 Oct	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday ~ 20 Oct	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday ~ 21 Oct	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday ~ 22 Oct	- 5PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday ~ 23 Oct	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11:30 AM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday ~ 24 Oct	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday ~ 25 Oct	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



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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

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.

From Spiritism to the Rosary: The Conversion of St Bartolo Longo

Most saints are remembered for a life of faith. St Bartolo Longo's story is striking because, for a time, he had walked far away from it. Born in Italy in 1841, Bartolo studied law and eventually became a lawyer. During his university years in Naples, however, he abandoned the Catholic faith and became involved in spiritism. His life began to change when he returned to the practice of the faith in 1865. He later became a Dominican Tertiary and developed a deep devotion to the Holy Rosary. In 1872, Bartolo travelled to the Valley of Pompeii, where he encountered people living in both material and spiritual poverty. It was there that he experienced the moment that would shape the rest of his life.

Troubled by his past and longing for salvation, he recalled the conviction that those who spread devotion to the Rosary would be saved. Bartolo made a decision: he would not leave Pompeii without making the Rosary known there. St John Paul II later described him as a true "apostle of the Rosary."

What began as a personal conversion became much more. In 1875, Bartolo brought an image of Our Lady of the Rosary to Pompeii. The following year, the first stone was laid for the shrine that would eventually become the famous Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii. But his devotion did not stop at prayer. Together with his wife, Countess Marianna De Fusco, he established charitable works for those most in need, including an orphanage and homes for the children of prisoners.

Bartolo died in 1926. He was beatified by St John Paul II in 1980 and, on 19 October 2025, Pope Leo XIV canonised him as Saint Bartolo Longo.

His story reminds us that the Rosary is not simply a prayer for those who already feel close to God. For Bartolo, it became part of a journey back to God—and then a means of bringing hope to others. Perhaps that is one of the quiet graces of the Rosary: bead by bead, mystery by mystery, it continually leads us back to Christ, with Mary beside us.

Source: Holy See, Canonization Booklet for Bartolo Longo and six other Blessed (19 October 2025); St John Paul II, Rosarium Virginis Mariae (2002); Vatican Press Office, Canonization Mass (19 October 2025).



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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.

SVDP Meeting

21 October in Ned Kenny Centre, 1pm

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).

Don't forget 6th December is the Craft Group Christmas craft and produce morning tea. As the craft group is very small, everyone is invited to donate craft items or produce for sale - proceeds to parish funds.

Further details later but please remember this is not a 'garage sale', items for sale would ideally make a Christmas gift!

Contact Fran 0428220822 or Julie 0429976602

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.

Church Collections

(Weekend 05 October ~ 11 October)

Envelopes: \$ 599.00

Loose: \$ 1443.80

EFT Machine: \$ 460.00

Direct Debit: \$ 170.00

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: Busselton 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.

God's Farm warmly invites you to our Eucharistic Adoration

weekend October 23-25. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 24th at 11am preceded by Reconciliation at 10am. Sacred Holy Hour at 3pm. Sunday mass at 10am. Please bring a plate and come enjoy the beauty, peace and blessings that a visit to God's Farm bestows! Enquiries: Mary 0438054199

Tuesday Gals Book Night

Ladies of the Parish are invited to join Tuesday Gals at their Book Swap evening at the Ned Kenny Centre on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm. You are welcome to bring along a book or two that you no longer need in your library, pick up some new titles, or simply enjoy listening to our special guest speaker Ebony Taylor, former MacKillop graduate and published author of two children's book. Ebony is going to share her literary journey with us and I'm sure she will be happy to answer questions.

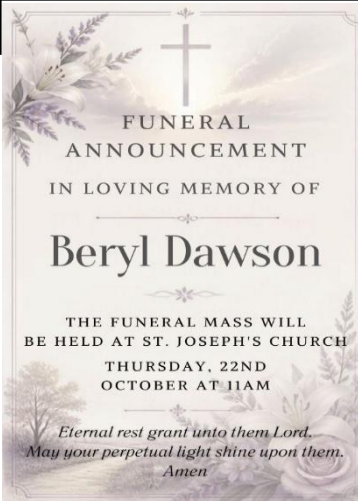
DEFIBRILLATOR AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Please be advised that the defibrillator at St Joseph's Church is currently malfunctioning. Arrangements are being made with the St John's representative for the unit to be collected for assessment. At this stage, we are awaiting further information regarding its repair or replacement and when a working unit will be available. We will keep parishioners informed of any updates.

Today you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi

as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate today 100 years of World Mission Sunday, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.

To learn more, email Diocesan Director, Shendelle Mullane, at bunbury.director@catholicmission.org.au



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

2006: Noel Dunne
Sr. June Barrett, RSJ
2007: Alan Thomas
2010: Vienna Garuccio
2010: Ronald Turnbull
2010: Francis Schuller
2012: Peggy Glendon
2022: Dr. Michael Jackson
2025: Sr. Margaret Kane
2025: Tim Whitely

Weekend Mass Liturgical Ministry Roster ~ 24 & 25 October ~

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass		Sunday - 9:00am Mass		Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Tim M	Acolyte	Joe L	Acolyte	Allen C
Greeters	Di, Lorraine	Greeters	Maria H & Alexandra L	Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Rosemary	Commentator	Jack R.	Commentator	Roger
First Reading	Trish W	First Reading	Pat T.	First Reading	Catherine C
Second Reading	Dylan	Second Reading	Denise M.	Second Reading	Volunteer
Laptop	Carla	Laptop	Veronica	Laptop	Jo
Music	Carmelina	Music	John G.	Music	Robyn
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte	EMHC	Courtney K, Gay, Julie, Heather M	Altar Server	Andriana, Grace, Esther
Cleaners	Aileen & Di	Sacristan	Jo		
		Altar Servers	Leon, Olivia, James K		
		Children's Lit.	Nicole J & Sam 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.

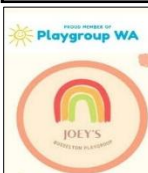
May we recognise Christ present in every person and every culture. Inspire us to build bridges of justice, peace, and solidarity.

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.



Joeys 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 busseltonjoeyplaygroup@live.com.au or find us on Facebook: Busselton Joeys Playgroup.



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