

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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St. Joseph's Church, Kent Street, Busselton

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

**3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (25 January)**

## First Reading

**Is 8:23-9:3**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation .

## Second Reading

**1 Cor 1:10-13, 17**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

**Mt 4:12-23**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his

preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

## **FR JESS**

### **WISHING HAPPY RETIREMENT TO YOU, TRISH:**

Thank you for being the heart of our Parish Office for so many years. Your patience, wisdom and unwavering dedication have touched us all. We are so grateful for your office ministry. Thank you for your faithful service to our Lord and our parish family. Indeed, it is a great witness of your love for God and this parish community. The strength and grace you brought to your role made our parish a true home for so many. On behalf of the Parish, we all wish you a retirement filled with joy, rest and everything that brings you happiness. May this new season be a wonderful adventure, full of time for family, friends and new passions. May God bless you abundantly in your retirement. You will be deeply missed. On the **15 February**, Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay church, there will be a morning tea after Mass. It is our opportunity to thank Trish as our Parish Secretary for 24 years. Please bring a plate to share.

**INTERIM PERIOD:** In this transitory time, we are grateful to NOLA DELPH and PETA SOMMA to take the tasks and share the load of the parish office. In this time of change, we seek your understanding and patience until we are able to permanently fill in the office secretary position.

### **POSITION VACANT:**

St Joseph's Parish, Busselton is seeking a friendly, organised and reliable **Part-Time Parish Secretary** to support the pastoral and administrative life of our parish community. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is committed to supporting the mission and values of the Catholic Church.

#### **Position Details:**

**Position:** Parish Secretary (Part-Time)

**Location:** St Joseph's Parish, Busselton

**Hours:** Part-time (23 hours negotiable)

**Commencement:** By negotiation

**How to Apply:** Please submit a brief cover letter and current resume outlining your suitability for the role to:

**[stjosephbsn@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephbsn@outlook.com)**

**Applications close: 20 February, 2026**

For further information, please contact:

**Fr Jess Navarra (0439 942 241) or**

**Tony Wheeler (0407 988 160)**

**Next Week's Readings (Year A)**

Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12

**PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS**  
26 January - 1 February

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Rosary Cenacle</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Joseph's</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>Divine Mercy</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Bay</b>
	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Bay</b>
	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Bay</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Bay</b>

**REFLECTION**

In our reading today we get only a small extract from the first narrative that includes the call of the first disciples. We begin with a one-line summary of the central message of Jesus: '**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand**'. We heard these same words on the Second Sunday in Advent on the lips of John the Baptiser. We shall hear them again throughout the season of Lent. '**Repent.**' It is worth saying again that the Greek imperative verb metanoeite means to turn around and head in a completely new direction. Jesus came to stop us getting lost and to point us in the right direction; he came to help us find God again. Today we meet four small-businessmen, Simon and Andrew, James and John. They have a little food-supply industry. We hear time and again these days that small business is the backbone of the economy. These four guys are making their contribution to the economic development of their community. This is what many of us also do. Now, as important as that is for their own success and prosperity, Jesus calls them to follow him, calls them to leave that all behind. Why would he do that? And why would they listen to him? As St Augustine says in one of his homilies, '*What the Lord has commanded seems hard and harsh, that any who wish to follow him should deny themselves*'. Why does anyone take up a sea change? It is all about finding meaning and purpose in life. It is not that there is anything wrong with working, but Jesus calls us to see that there is more to life than this. Augustine says, '*learn to love yourself by not loving yourself*'. In other words, put things into perspective. This is what it means to turn around and head off in the right direction. Today we can thank God that, like Simon and Andrew, James and John, each one of us is called by Jesus to repent, to turn around, to go in the right direction. We can be thankful that each one of us is called to follow him, to fish not for food but for life. The Eucharist of the broken body and the blood poured out is the direction we are to follow; it is the life we are to seek.

*(Geoffrey Dunn-Liturgia)*

**THIS SUNDAY**

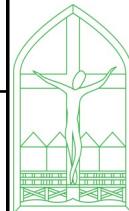
After the 9am Mass could all Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attend the meeting to re-orient and prepare for the reintroduction of Holy Communion under both Body and Blood of the Lord.

**LADIES SUNDOWNER**

Our annual Sundowner will be held this **Friday, 30 January**, in the outside area of the OLB Community Centre between **5pm - 7pm**. Proceeds support the CWL scholarship for a student to attend SMMC. **Cost \$10** - includes food, drinks and a ticket in the door prize. Bring some coins for the raffle and games. Please come along, lots of laughs and a chance to forge new friendships.

**CITY NIGHTWORKS**

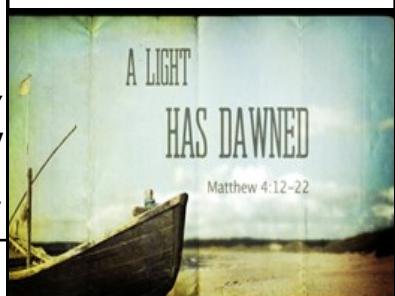
Roadworks are expected to commence on Bussell Hwy, Queen Street and surrounds in mid-February to the end of March. As this may make it hard to navigate during this period all **PPC and Liturgy Committee meetings** will be held at OLB Community Centre during **February and March**.



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**Assistant Priest**  
**Fr Nathan Barrie**  
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**Deacon**  
**Rev Barry Cruickshank**  
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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. Trish, the secretary, would love to meet you.

**JANUARY INTENTION**

**For prayer with the word of God :**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**GENTLE REMINDER**

**Please turn off your mobile phone.**

## MARK YOUR DIARY

**HOLY PILGRIMAGE SEPT/OCT 2026:** Let us journey to EASTERN EUROPE SHRINES: CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA AND POLAND. The Pilgrim Directors will visit Busselton for the presentation of the itinerary on **Sunday, 8 February** after the 9am Mass at OLB. For more information, talk to Fr. Jess.

## AND NOW YOU KNOW

As Mass comes to an end, the priest does something many people barely notice. Before he leaves the sanctuary, he returns to the altar and kisses it again. This is not repetition. It is completion.

The altar is not a piece of furniture. It represents Christ Himself, His sacrifice, His body, and His victory. At the beginning of Mass, the priest kisses the altar to greet Christ. At the end of Mass, he kisses it again to take leave of the Lord who has just offered Himself. In the early Church, altars were built over the tombs of martyrs. To kiss the altar was also to honour those who gave their lives for Christ. That tradition remains. Every kiss acknowledges the communion of saints and the blood that testified to the faith we celebrate. There is also a deeply human meaning. We kiss those we love when we depart, not because they disappear, but because the bond remains. The priest's kiss says, *"I am leaving this place, but I remain united to You."*

This final kiss teaches the faithful something essential: **Mass does not end by walking away from Christ, it ends by carrying Him with us.** The altar remains sacred. The presence of Christ remains real. And the mission continues beyond the sanctuary walls. So the next time you see the priest kiss the altar before leaving, understand what is happening: **A sacred encounter is being sealed with love, reverence, and fidelity.**

## KIRRUP SPIRITUALITY HUB

Quiet in Kirup at the Spirituality Hub this year will provide a course in contemplative practices commencing on Wednesday, **4 February** and continuing on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please see flyers in Church foyer for further details or contact Deborah [deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com](mailto:deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com) Our schedule of other events is also available in the foyer.

## AUSTRALIA DAY

Is the one day of the year when:

- Thongs are the official dress code
- The barbecue gets more attention than your family
- Everyone suddenly remembers the words to the national anthem ... at least the first verse
- It's socially acceptable to drink before the sun is over the yardarm

If the sausages fall through the barbecue grill, that's not a mistake — that's just *tradition*.

Only in Australia do we celebrate a national holiday by standing around the barbecue in 40-degree heat complaining how hot it is.

Where "Yeah nah" means no

Where "Nah yeah" means yes

And everyone understands exactly what both mean.

Happy Australia Day! (Majellan Media)

## Prayers For The Sick

Shane Williams  
Lorraine Wielgomasz  
Sr Eileen Johnson  
Fr Hugh Galloway  
Bob Tebbit  
Meg Helyar  
Norma Chester  
Merle Teal  
Michael Damnjanovic

## Memorial Anniversary

2003: Rex Bowron  
2006: Jacobus Liedermoy  
2008: Gail Kearney  
2010: Alfred Whittaker

## Church Collections

(Weekend 17/18 January )

Envelopes: \$ 796.00  
Loose: \$ 2,017.50  
EFT Machine: \$ 325.00  
Direct Debit: \$ 295.00  
Containers for Change: \$ 35.80

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 31 JANUARY/1 FEBRUARY

### Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray  
Greeters: Di, Lorraine  
Commentator: Di  
Readers: George, Evangeline  
Musicians: Carmelina  
Projectionist: Trish  
EMHC: -  
Cleaning: -  
Laundry: Di

### Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry  
Altar Servers: Razil, Charlotte  
Greeters: Maria H, Alexandra  
Commentator: Patricia  
Readers: Kaye M, Pat  
Musician: John G  
Projectionist: David  
Recorded Music: -  
EMHC: Helen  
Sacristan: Patricia  
Children's Liturgy: -

### Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin  
Altar Servers: Adriana, Grace, Esther  
Greeters: Joan, Roz  
Commentator: -  
Readers: Joan, Roger  
Projectionist: Jo  
Recorded Music: Robyn  
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***

Resumes Thursday, 5 February.

### ***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 I - The Heart of Synodality***

72. In a synodal Church, Priests are called to live their service in a spirit of proximity to their people, to be welcoming and prepared to listen to all, opening themselves up to a synodal style. Priests "constitute along with their Bishop one presbyterium" and collaborate with him in discerning charisms and in accompanying and guiding the local Church with particular regard to the matter of safeguarding unity. They are called to live in solidarity with their brother Priests and to collaborate in providing pastorally for their people. Priests who belong to religious orders and congregations enrich the presbyterium with the uniqueness of their charism. These, along with Priests who come from Eastern Churches *sui iuris*, be they celibate or married, the *fidei donum* Priests, and those who come from other countries, assist the local clergy in opening themselves to a whole Church perspective. In turn, local Priests help clergy from elsewhere to become part of the history of a concrete diocese with its distinctive spiritual richness and traditions. In this way, the presbyterium, too, experiences a genuine exchange of gifts in the service of the Church's mission. Priests also need to be accompanied and supported, especially in the early stages of their ministry as well as at times of weakness and fragility.

73. Servants of the mystery of God and the Church, Deacons are ordained "not for the priesthood but for the ministry". They exercise this ministry in the service of charity, in proclamation and in the liturgy. In doing so they make real the relation between the Gospel and a life lived in love in every social and Church context. They also promote within the whole Church both a consciousness of service and a particular style of service towards all, especially the poorest. As the Tradition, the prayer of ordination and pastoral practice demonstrate, the functions of Deacons are many. Deacons respond to the specific needs of each local Church, particularly reawakening and sustaining everyone's attention to the poorest in a Church which is synodal, missionary and merciful. The ministry of Deacons remains unknown to many Christians, in part because, although it was restored by Vatican II in the Latin Church as a distinct and permanent grade, it has not been welcomed in every part of the world. The teaching of the Council needs to be more deeply explored, particularly in the light of a review of the lived experience of the diaconate. This teaching already offers good reasons to local Churches not to delay in promoting the permanent diaconate more generously, recognising in this ministry a valuable resource in the growth of a servant Church, following the example of the Lord Jesus, who made Himself the servant of all. This deeper understanding could also help to better comprehend the meaning of the diaconal ordination of those who will become Priests.

## **MINISTRIES**

### **SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

### **LITURGICAL LIFE**

E.M.H.C.

Musicians/Choir

Sacristan

### **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Legion of Mary

Rosary Group

### **FAITH FORMATION LIFE**

Catenians

Catholic Women's League

RCIA

RCIC

Catechists

Christian Meditation

### **JOSEPH CARE**

St Vincent de Paul

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