

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (10th MAY, 2026)

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles, he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result, there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

John 14:1-12 Jesus

said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Next Week's Readings

(Year A)

Acts 1:1-11 | Ephesians 1:17-23 | Matthew
28:16-20

Reflection:

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit, 'another Advocate', to be with them for ever. 'Advocate' is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot. who stands besides us in very difficult situations. As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognise that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. there are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy – for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as St. Peter reminds us in today's second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines, that attract people to Christ.

Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	11 May	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	12 May	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	13 May	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	14 May	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	15 May	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	16 May	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	17 May	9:00 AM	Mass	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



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



POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

May: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Happy Ordination Anniversary, Fr. Nathan!

Thank you for your faithful service and for being a blessing to our parish. As we also bid you farewell, we pray that God continues to guide and strengthen you in your next mission.

~With gratitude and prayers~



There will be a retiring collection after mass for our departing gift to Fr. Nathan.

On 17th May after mass, there will be a morning tea to celebrate Fr. Nathan's anniversary and to bid him farewell. Please bring a plate to share and all are welcome.

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.

Visit Our Piety Shop!

We warmly invite you to stop by our Piety Shop and discover our newly arrived items – perfect for gifts and personal devotion. With Mother's Day just around the corner, we also have a lovely selection of meaningful and heartfelt gifts to celebrate the amazing mothers in our lives. Come and take a look – we'd love to see you there!

The 2026 National Count of Attendance

The 2026 National Count of Attendance will be taking place over the first four (4) weeks of May, starting on the 9th and 10th of May 2026. The first and second counting (9th, 10th and 16th, 17th) is the general mass attendance. The third counting (23rd & 24th) is based on gender, and lastly (30th and 31st) is based on age group. We ask your assistance and support in ensuring that the National Count of Attendance is successful in our parish.

Facilitator’s Training for Parish Synodal Team

We are grateful to the following parishioners who agreed to be our Parish Synodal Facilitators:
Josephine Cammilleri, Gay Cooper and Mona Damnjanovic
The training and workshop will be on 23rd May, Saturday at OLB Hall from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.
Neighbouring parishes will be sending their delegates to join the training.

Remembering Sr Irene

The annual remembrance of Sr Irene McCormack will be held on Thursday 21 May at The Spirituality Hub at Holy Family Catholic Church, Kirup. Since 2021, an event has been held in the Bunbury Diocese to recall the life and legacy of this West Australian Josephite Sister, Irene, who was shot and killed by Shining Path terrorists in Huasahuasi, Peru on 21 May 1991. The event is from 9.30am to midday - please see the flyer for further details. To register: Deborah 0419 939 864 or Shendelle 0423 219 665.

Diocesan Assembly July 30 – August 1, 2026

On Thursday March 19, Bishop George celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. He also launched the Diocesan Assembly: July 30 – August 1, 2026.

In June each parish will be invited and encouraged to take part in conversations and dialogue, to share your experiences, hopes and the challenges that you see for the future of our church. Your voice together will guide the preparation of our five-year Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This will be a very important time in our ‘Year of Connectedness’. You are invited to come with open hearts and trust, together let us listen to one another, together let us listen to God and together let us shape the future of our diocese.

Tuesday Gals

Karaoke Night! 12 May Tuesday 7pm at Vanessa’s Place - 1 Cardinal Crescent. Join us for a fun night of singing with drinks and nibbles.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

13th May, Wednesday, 5pm at Ned Kenny Center

NEXT 'HR' BREKKY—THURS 14th MAY '26 @ 'GOOD EGG' 8.30 am

Priest Annual Conference

19th ~ 21st May. Fr. Ian will cover the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mass at St. Jo’s.

First Eucharist Family Meeting

12th May, Tuesday, 6pm at Our Lady of the Bay Hall

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – 160 Years in WA

The St Vincent de Paul Society in WA is celebrating its 160th Anniversary – for the SW region a special Mass will be offered in Busselton on **Saturday 16 May at 11am** in Our Lady of the Bay church with Bishop George as the main celebrant. Members from throughout the Bunbury Diocese will be joined by the SVdPWA State President and members travelling from Perth and beyond. Our Bunbury Diocesan choir will lead the singing of the Mass. **All parishioners are encouraged and welcomed to attend the Mass and the light luncheon to follow. For catering purposes an RSVP would be appreciated. (Maria 0428 771140)**

KSC WA Gala Dinner 2026 notice

The 2026 Gala Dinner sponsored by the **Knights of the Southern Cross (WA)** is on **Friday 22nd May at 6:30 pm**. The event will be held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral parish hall, with guest speaker, **His Lordship, the Most Rev. George Kolodziej SDS**, Bishop of Bunbury, giving a post-dinner address. Register online at <https://go.kscwa.au/gala-dinner-22May26>. Contact Laurie Sutherland for further information: (M) 0488 966 400

Church Collections

(Weekend 27 Apr ~ 3 May)

Envelopes:	\$ 525.00
Loose:	\$ 1364.60
EFT Machine:	\$ 185.00
Direct Debit:	\$ 210.00

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

Prayers For The Sick

Melissa “Molly” Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Meg Helyar
Norma Chester
Merle Teal
Deacon Greg Dudley



Memorial Anniversary

2007: Elizabeth O’Connor
2007: Rosalie Daff
2008: Basil Chambers
2009: Martin Mas
2018: Elaine Guthridge
2020: Joan Bartlett
2022: Sr. Maureen Hodge

WEEKEND ROSTER

16 & 17 MAY

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Terry Thompson
Greeters	Di Mas, Lily Buchanan
Commentator	Di Mas
First Reading	Volunteer
Second Reading	Sue
Laptop	Dylan
Music	Carmelina
Cleaners	Mae

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Joe L
Greeters	Fran & Greg Smith
Commentator	Kaye M
First Reading	Kaye C
Second Reading	Pat T
Laptop	Peta
Music	John G
EMHC	Heather;Julie; Maria P; Peta
Sacristan	Jo
Altar Servers	Regan, John, Louis
Children’s Liturgy	Haylee G, Sam K

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Frank N
Greeters	Joan P
Commentator	Maxine
First Reading	Mona
Second Reading	Melissa
Laptop	Nola
Music	Robyn
Altar Server	Prince, Charles

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 diseased 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 refugee. Let the people be safe in your Love.

Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

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.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Snippet from the Final Document: Part III - Ecclesial Discernment for Mission

91. Those in authority are, in several instances, obligated by current law to conduct a consultation before taking a decision. Those with pastoral authority are obliged to listen to those who participate in the consultation and may not act as if the consultation had not taken place. Therefore, those in authority will not depart from the fruits of consultation that produce an agreement without a compelling reason (cf. CIC, can. 127, § 2, 2°; CCEO can. 934, § 2, 3°) which must be appropriately explained. As in any community that lives according to justice, the exercise of authority in the Church does not consist in an arbitrary imposition of will. Rather, authority should always be exercised in service of communion and the reception of Christ, who is the truth towards whom the Holy Spirit guides us in different moments and contexts (cf. *Jn* 14:16).

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