

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent (22 March 2026)

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14 —
27:66

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

Monday	23 March	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	24 March	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	25 March	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	26 March	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	27 March	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30 AM	Reconcillation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	28 March	5:30 PM	Reconcillation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Palm Sunday Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	29 March	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
		5:30 PM	Reconcillation	Our Lady of the Bay
		6:00 PM	Palm Sunday Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

Reflection:

Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking who sleeps'. Moreover, Lazarus would have died at some time thereafter undergoing all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefited those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginable greater.

OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY

LENTEN REFLECTION ~ after Thursday evening Mass at Ned Kenny Centre

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ Friday at 6pm in St. Joseph's Parish

ADULT YOUTH GROUP (18-35yrs old) ~ Friday in St. Joseph's Parish after Stations of the Cross.

Good Friday Afternoon Tea with Hot Cross buns ~ Friday, 3 April 2026 After 3:00pm Good Friday service

Holy Week Services 2026



28th March 6pm Saturday ~ Palm Sunday Vigil at St. Joseph's Church

29th March 9am Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

29th March 6pm Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

31st March 11am Holy Tuesday ~ Holy Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

2nd April 7pm Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper / Washing of the feet at Lady of the Bay Church

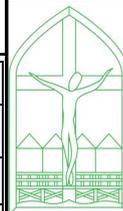
3rd April 10am Good Friday ~ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church

3rd April 11am Good Friday ~ Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church

3rd April 3pm Good Friday ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady of the Bay Church

4th April 7pm Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil at Our Lady of the Bay Church

5th April 9am Easter Sunday ~ Easter Mass at Our Lady of the Bay Church



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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*

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.

MARCH INTENTION

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2026 Busselton May Rosary
Celebration in honour of Our Lady**

Sunday May 3th 2026 at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12:30pm. Rosary Procession followed by Benediction commences at 1pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Bishop George Kolodziej commences at 2:30pm. Afternoon tea will follow - bring a plate to share. ALL WELCOME!

Parish Sacramental Out-of-School Program

Every Mondays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Tuesdays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Eucharist

**No Expositions on Holy Thursday
at St. Joseph's Parish**

Diocesan Training Formation

We warmly invite all interested parishoners to join the upcoming Diocesan Training Formation for Lectors, Readers, Commentators, and Acolytes on 18th of April. This formation is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of these important liturgical ministries and to serve our parish community more meaningfully. For those interested, please register at the parish office or contact us for more information.

Diocesan Assembly July 30 – August 1, 2026

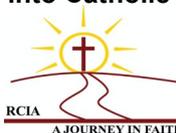
On Thursday March 19, Bishop George celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. He also launched the Diocesan Assembly: July 30 – August 1, 2026. In June each parish will be invited and encouraged to take part in conversations and dialogue, to share your experiences, hopes and the challenges 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.

Let Us Pray For the Elects

Emma Colombera, Romain Goimard, Noah Staines, Alice Le, Sandra McDonald, Alexander Forrest

Jo Wilson, Brooke Sewbalak

As they approach towards their reception into Catholic Faith and Church.



PILGRIMAGE to Czech Republic, Slovakia & Poland

13 days 12 nights- visiting shrines including Divine Mercy & St John Paul II. Those interested please contact :ANAWIM Journeys on 08 6118 7313 or talk to Fr Jess

Holy Communion from the Chalice

Receiving from the cup is optional. The full grace of the Sacrament is received even under one kind. If you have colds or are unwell, please refrain from having communion of the chalice. We, as communicants, have the pastoral care for the well being of our ministers.

Temporary Accommodation Needed

A member of our community is currently in need of short-term accommodation due to unforeseen changes in her living situation. She is a professional woman, employed within the Diocese, and is seeking a safe and welcoming place to stay for a limited period while she secures more permanent housing. If you, or someone you know, may be able to assist by offering a spare room or temporary accommodation, your generosity would be deeply appreciated. For more information or to offer assistance, please contact Father Nathan on 0420 711 769. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Memorial Anniversary

2008: Grace Hogan
2009: Emilio Callegari
2011: Domencio Garuccio
2014: Eunice Cockin
2014: Sr. Regina Noubitt
2015: Lavinia Savage
2015: Jennie Collins
2022: David Boyle
2025: Liz Neil



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

Church Collections

(Weekend 15 March)

Envelopes: \$635.00
Loose: \$2630.75
EFT Machine: \$390.00
Direct Debit: \$395.00

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

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 28 & 29 MARCH

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Terry Thompson
Greeters: Di Mas, Lily Buchanan
Commentator: Trish Whitely
Narrator: Bryan Love
Single Crowd: Murray Hegney
Readers: Sue Logan, Kaye Love
Musicians:
Projectionist: Kate Jennings
Cleaning:
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe Lavorgna
Altar Servers: Regan, John, Raziell, Charlotte
Greeters: Peter Etherington, Kaye C.
Commentator: Kaye Middleton
Narrator: Roger Ronaldo
Single Crowd: Jack Rapanaro
Readers: Patricia Etherington, Denise Moola
Musician: Carmelina
Projectionist:
EMHC: Denise M, Maria P, Kaye C
Children's Liturgy: Heather M, Nicolle A.

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin D.
Altar Servers: Adriana, Grace, Esther
Greeters: Joan P., Roz
Commentator: Barb P.
Narrator: Robyn C.
Single Crowd: Mona
Readers: Roger R, Marcus B
Projectionist:
Recorded Music: Jo
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

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.

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

84. The steps of ecclesial discernment will differ depending on the various places and their traditions. Based on the synodal experience, we have identified some elements of discernment which should be included:

- a) clearly setting out the object of discernment and disseminating information and the means for adequately understanding it;
- b) giving sufficient time for prayerful preparation, for listening to the Word of God and for reflection on the question;
- c) an inner disposition of freedom regarding one's own interests, both personal and as a group, and a commitment to the pursuit of the common good;
- d) listening attentively and respectfully to each person's voice;
- e) searching for the widest possible consensus which will emerge when our hearts burn within us (cf. *Lk 24:32*), without hiding conflicts or searching for the lowest common denominator;
- f) the leaders of the process formulate the consensus in such a way that allows the participants to say whether they recognise themselves in it or not.

Introducing the Diocesan Synodal Team

The Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) was established by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS DD last year in response to the *Final Document – For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission* by the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 2021 – 2024.

It is established to serve the synodal animation and formation of the Diocese of Bunbury and to assist the Bishop of Bunbury in his responsibilities in the implementation phase of the Synod.

The DST role is to plan, prepare and operationalise our Diocesan Assembly. The Diocesan Assembly will be a moment of grace and renewal that will set a direction for coming years and help create a diocesan pastoral plan. Addressing the DST, Bishop George said, "It is about forming a community of missionary disciples who can accompany our parishes in renewal."

The members of the DST are:

Ms. Helen Brown, Mr. Aaron Faure Fr. Victor Lobo ,Mrs. Kerrie Merritt (Chairperson) Fr. Pierre dela Cruz Repuyan, Fr. Archie Carampatan, Fr. Tony Chiera, Mrs. Vanessa Dicker

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