

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (2 AUGUST 2026)

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The hand of the Lord feeds us:

he answers all our needs.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he with-

drew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

The overabundance of God's unconditional love and God's desire to satisfy our deepest hunger are the threads running through today's readings. The passage from Second Isaiah reassures the people that God has seen their suffering and is lavishly reversing the terrible circumstances of Israel's exile. The invitation to God's generous, freely given banquet reminds Israel that nothing can satisfy their yearning more than renewing their relationship with God.

Following the death of John the Baptist, Jesus looks for some time alone. However, the crowds seek him out, hungry for healing, both physical and spiritual. Jesus recognises their yearning and is filled with compassion and sets about providing for them the type of abundant divine hospitality that we heard about in Isaiah. Yet Jesus' disciples are initially reluctant to bear responsibility for the crowd's hunger, preferring to send them away. Jesus wants his disciples to experience his same compassion for the people and, by turning towards the Father and blessing the loaves and fish, shows them that the abundance of God's love will be poured out through them.

Indeed, such is God's love for us that, as St. Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans nothing, absolutely no circumstance, nothing in existence, can separate us from God's love. This is our hope. Look at our God, who desires to satisfy my need! But am I even aware that what I hunger after is God?

Next Week's Readings

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 | Romans 9:1-5 |

Matthew 14:22-33

Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	3 Aug	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	4 Aug	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5 Aug	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	6 Aug	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	7 Aug	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	9 Aug	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	10 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.

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

August: For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Baptism

We joyfully welcome our newly baptised children into our parish family. May God bless them and their families as they grow in faith and love.

Rhyland Patrick McEvoy

Leni Isobel Shilling

Ned Hugo Shilling

Millie Faith Uragala

Welcome to our Catholic family!

*Pilgrimage with us to
World Youth Day Seoul
Jul-Aug 2027*

*Register your interest now by
scanning the QR Code!*

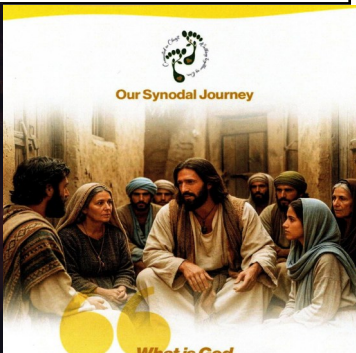
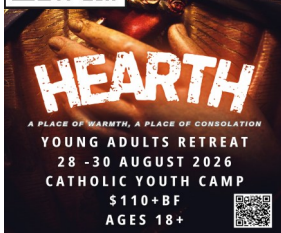
This is where every pilgrimage begins. Not when everything is clear. Not when life is perfectly in order. But when we are willing to walk just as we are with Christ. Dear young people, you do not need to have everything figured out. You only need the courage to take the first step."

*The Most Reverend, George Kolodziej SDS DD, Bishop of Bunbury.
WYD Launch Mass*



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.



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



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The SafeGuarding Program

Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults
in the Catholic Church

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*

Parish Sacrament of Confirmation

11th August Tuesday – Confirmation Retreat Day
12th August Wednesday – Bishop George visitation and conversation with the confirmands
16th August Sunday – Parish celebration of the sacrament of confirmation at OLB, 9am mass
Let us pray for our children preparing for the sacrament

NEXT 'HR' BREKKY

THURS 13th AUG. '26 @ the 'GOOD EGG' 8.30 am

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.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**.

Learn more and register: 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.

CWL Meeting

14 August, 12:30 noon at Ned Kenny Centre

Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting

19 August, 1pm at Ned Kenny Center

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.

Special celebration for the Presentation Sisters – Sunday 6 September – 10am St Patrick's Cathedral

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. There have been special celebrations around the world, wherever the Presentation Sisters have ministered. On Sunday 6 September Bishop George will celebrate Mass at 10 am in the cathedral to mark the presence and ministry of the Presentation Sisters in the diocese, since 1902.

If you were educated by, or involved with, the Presentation Sisters in the Bunbury diocese, any other place in WA, or elsewhere in Australia or Ireland, the Philippines or India, please come along and celebrate this occasion.

Church Collections

(Weekend 20 ~ 26 July)

Envelopes:	\$ 520.00
Loose:	\$ 2092.55
EFT Machine:	\$ 275.00
Direct Debit:	\$ 120.00

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

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

2008: Genevieve Woodward
2012: Erzebet Halden
2015: Maria Giacomel
2016: Martin Fallon
2021: John Von Beek
2023: Roma Barrett
2025: Olga Soter
2025: Phillip Le Blang



WEEKEND ROSTER

8th & 9th August

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Murray H
Greeters	Di Mas, Lorraine
Commentator	Sue L
First Reading	Carla
Second Reading	Rhona
Laptop	Kate J
Music	Carmelina
Cleaners	Natalie

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Joe L
Greeters	Fran & Greg Smith
Commentator	Kaye C
First Reading	Pat T
Second Reading	Janet D
Laptop	Veronica
Music	John G
EMHC	James D, Denise M, Trish W, Peta
Sacristan	Patricia
Altar Servers	Razil G, Charlotte B
Children's Liturgy	Sonia H & Jack

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Allen
Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Dylan
First Reading	Catherine C
Second Reading	Marcus
Laptop	Isabelle
Music	Jo
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.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (The year of St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 bussettonjoeysplaygroup@live.com.au or find us on Facebook: Bussetton Joeys Playgroup.

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 : Transparency, Accountability and Evaluation

101. Local Churches and their groupings are responsible for developing effective forms and processes of accountability and evaluation in a synodal way in addition to adhering to the criteria and oversight of structures already established by canonical norms. These should be appropriate to the context, including the requirements of civil law, the legitimate expectations of society and the availability of experts in the field. It is also necessary to draw on the skills of those, especially laypeople, who have greater expertise regarding accountability and evaluation. Best practices within civil society should be discerned and adapted for use within Church contexts. The way in which accountability and evaluation processes are implemented at the local level should be included in the report presented during the visits *ad limina*.

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