

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (22 September)

First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

- *Large Mass cards are available in the foyer as an aid to following the Mass. Small cards are also in a stand to help with the responses.*
- *Perhaps you would like to pick up a copy of the 'Kid's Bulletin' for your child or grandchild?*
- *Please don't forget to add our new email address: stjosephbsn@outlook.com to your contact list. Click on the entry you have the Parish under, edit entry and **save**.*

Next Week's Readings (Year B)

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
23 September - 29 September

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	8am-5pm	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	11.00am	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11.30am	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12 noon	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.30pm	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5.45pm	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay



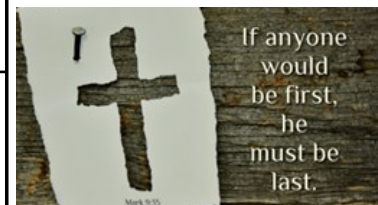
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REFLECTION

Have you ever listened to someone speaking with great passion about the work they do with those who live on the fringes of society? Their eyes sparkle with compassion and deep emotion as they tell stories of individuals whose lives have been turned around because of simple gestures of caring. These people often speak of how their own lives have been changed for the better too. By serving those who cannot give anything in return they discover the powerful presence of God.

Jesus said, 'If anyone wishes to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' If my value as a person doesn't depend on the job I do, or the riches I have accumulated, how do I measure up to Jesus' standards with the service I give? It is all about an attitude of mind and heart, being fully present to God through the one in need. Of course, I don't only have to be working with those on the edge to know the pain and commitment of love. I may be a parent who keeps on giving to my child irrespective of my own needs or a carer for an ageing parent I am certainly blessed if I can understand what greatness is in the eyes of the Gospel and of God. *(God's Word 2024)*

A LITTLE NOTE FROM FATHER

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks there have been many in our community who have been unwell with colds and some more serious ailments including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza A and B, Pneumonia and COVID-19. In some cases, this has led to being temporarily homebound and in some cases hospitalisation. As you know, our community is home to people with chronic health issues, and also the elderly, who are susceptible to infection, and vulnerable if afflicted. With your health, and wellbeing of the entire community in mind, I offer the following reminders and notes:

- If you are sick, it is **not** a sin to be absent from Mass on Sunday or Holy Days of Obligation. The whole of the Lord's Day is offered as a day of prayer, rest and recreation for God, so if you are unable to come to Mass due to illness, you may still consecrate the day (to the best of your ability) with private prayer, reading the Scriptures, and if possible with a visit from a priest or Acolyte or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
- It is an act of charity to refrain from interaction with others when unwell with colds, flus and other infectious ailments. In love, we care for our brothers and sisters by ensuring their health and safety.

SEASON OF CREATION - (1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER)

In this Season of Creation, in which we try to become more aware of the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor, let's look at the environment as Our Common Home, as Pope Francis calls it, the common home of all human beings and all living creatures. Let's dare to dream and hope that our love for Nature, for all living plants, animals and human beings can unite us all, bring us together healing fears and divisions.

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."
(Source: www.catholicbishops.ie)

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 and waters, and thank them for 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 **Census 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.

SEPTEMBER INTENTION

For the Cry of the Earth:
Let us pray that each of us listens with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

THREE TEACHINGS ON FEEDING THE HUNGRY

**“If I am hungry, that is a material problem;
if someone else is hungry, that is a spiritual problem.”**

Paul Farmer

**“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them.
This is how prayer works.”**

Pope Francis

(He replied) ‘You give them something to eat.’

Jesus - Luke 9:13

Perhaps you might consider helping those in our Community who are in need. It's as easy as purchasing a couple of non-perishable items for both **St. Vincent de Paul** (*baskets are in the church*) and our **Community Food Pantry** (*situated between the parish office and garages*). (You can also make a donation to St Vincent de Paul via the envelopes in the church foyer. *They'll do the shopping for you.*)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

A reminder that our monthly meeting has been brought forward to **Friday 4 October 1pm** after the midday Mass – in the Ned Kenny as usual, BYO lunch. Also a reminder that the **State Conference will be held in Perth on Friday 11 October**. All members are welcome to attend – we will leave from St Joseph's on Thursday 10 October – more details at the meeting – lifts available. **If you are interested in attending please contact Maria 0428771140 or Fran 0428220822 immediately so we can confirm numbers with state council.**

HOW ARE WE TRAVELLING IN THIS YEAR OF PRAYER?

Pope Francis asked us this year (ahead of the 2025 Jubilee) *“to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.”*

He wrote, “Prayer is the breath of faith; it is its most proper expression. Like a cry that issues from the heart of those who believe and entrust themselves to God.”

Archbishop Fisichella said, *“The Year of Prayer is a way of fostering our relationship with the Lord, offering moments of genuine spiritual rest. It is like an oasis sheltered from daily stress where prayer becomes nourishment for the Christian life of faith, hope, and charity.”*

Cardinal Comastri said, “only prayer gives space to God in our lives and in the history of the world: and with God everything is possible.”

In what ways have you upped your Prayer Life? Let's share our stories.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

*Faithful God,
You guide your people
and raise up leaders
in every generation.
We seek the person
you are calling
to be Bishop of Bunbury.
By your Spirit,
give to those involved
in the appointment
good counsel,
holy insight
and sound judgement.
Keep the person
you are calling
under the shadow of your wing,
and teach us all
to trust in the guidance,
which is yours alone,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

I AM A CATHOLIC

The Parish has purchased a number of **“I Am A Catholic”** cards from the Knights of the Southern Cross. These are designed to be placed with your licence or on your bedside table in case of an accident or emergency. There is a designated space for an emergency contact name and number as well as a name for Parish (or Priest) and their number. They are \$3 per card. Please visit or contact the Parish Office if you would like one. I can send it out to OLB or SJ in an envelope with your name on it, if you can't come in yourself.

Church Collections

(Weekend 7/8September)

Envelopes: \$ 1,195.00
Loose: \$ 1,077.00
Priests Welfare Foundation: \$1044.05
Containers for Change: \$ 4.80

Please make all cheques out to **‘Busselton Catholic Parish’**. **Direct Deposits**, quoting your surname and envelope number to the Parish Account: **BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113**

Prayers For The Sick

**Damien Philp; Clare Freeman;
Shane Williams; Judi Wilder;
Bruce Stronach**

Memorial Anniversary

**2010: Peter Smith
2018: Peter Jennings
2023: John Freakley
Paul Gee**

Funeral Notice Update

Service for **Dawn Vines** this **Wednesday** at **2pm** in **St Joseph's**, followed by refreshments at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club.

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 28/29 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Tim
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Sue
Readers: George, Evangeline
Musician: Carmelina
Projectionist: Trish
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Janet, Di, Aileen
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Maria H, Alexandra
Commentator: Pat T
Readers: Julie, Kaye C
Musician: John
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Helen
Sacristan: Julie
Children's Liturgy: -

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Joe
Greeters: Joan
Commentator: Jo
Readers: Mona, Sijo
Projectionist: ?
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

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.**
- **PLEASE NOTE the Rendezvous Road Waste Facility is no longer taking them..**

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE - BUSSELTON

St Mary MacKillop College is a Three-Year-Old to Year Twelve co-educational school providing a quality Catholic education. SMMC is a low fee school with generous reductions for family enrolments, Health Card Holders, or any family regardless of income wishing their child to attend our College. For further information, please contact the **College Office** on **9752 7400 Website:** mackillop.wa.edu.au **Email:** enrolments@mackillop.wa.edu.au

FROM THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC met on Wednesday evening 18th September. Here are a few points of discussion from the meeting.

Fr Nathan offered his heartfelt thanks to all who participated, volunteered, organised, or played some part big or small in the recent Parish Mission. Overall, the event was a resounding success. The opening concert and testimony with Fr Rob Galea had 119 registrations in total, representing people from Perth, Mandurah, Bunbury, Busselton, Dunsborough, Pemberton, and even Melbourne! A survey will be made available to all who attended to provide feedback for hopeful more events like this in future.

The PPC will be observing the Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross in Dunsborough over the coming months as they undertake parish renewal consultation from "Divine Renovation" an organisation that offers free coaching and tools to help your church escape maintenance mode, reclaim its purpose, and get back on track for mission. Our Parish will decide in the future if we too may benefit from this. For more information visit www.divinerenovation.org

Interest has been shown in a Columbarium for our Parish. Further consultation with other parishes with already established columbarium, and with related authorities (City of Busselton, Cemeteries Board, etc.) is underway. Once the necessary information has been obtained, a survey of interest will be undertaken in the parish to ensure viability of the project.

Research into digitisation of our parish record keeping (census, baptisms, sacraments, etc.) is being undertaken. This is a large project that will require a lot of planning and time. For the moment, this project is in the infancy stages of research and gathering information, and so will be an ongoing matter.

The Parish has supported the local "Carols by the Jetty" event for several years now with a financial donation. This year the PPC has agreed to continue our support. This event is organised by leaders from several local Christian communities. Our Parish is encouraged to attend the event this year on Saturday 7th December and discover what our support is going towards. For more information visit <https://www.carolsbythejetty.com.au/>

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