

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading

Num 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading

Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation (*When there is a musician the 'Alleluia' will be sung*)

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-112

**Parish Masses & Devotions
2 January - 8 January**

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle (all welcome)	St. Joseph's
Friday	11.30am 12.00pm	Reconciliation Mass	St. Joseph's St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.30pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation Mass	St. Joseph's St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.00am 5.30pm 6.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Mass	Our Lady of the Bay Our Lady of the Bay Our Lady of the Bay



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Mary, Mother of God

B 7: Mary, Mother of God Luke 2: 16-21



The Community Centre at Our Lady of the Bay Church will be closed from **Tuesday, 3 January — Thursday, 5 January inclusive**. The floors are being sanded, sealed and polished. It would be great if everyone could remember to not drag any furniture across the floor. Ask someone to give you a hand to lift anything. (Good for both your back and the floor.)

**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.

JANUARY INTENTION

For educators:

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

LECTORS

Could the Lectors at each weekend Mass, please meet in the Sacristy 10 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

**WHEN
ENTERING THE
CHURCH**



Please
Turn off Your
Mobile Phones

FIRST INSTALMENT: THE FEASTS OF CHRISTMAS

In her Christmas Meditation, *'The Fullness of Time'*, Joan Chittister tells us that the Christmas season is not about one feast day. Rather that it is a series of feasts that create a heightened awareness in us of what the season's major feast is all about. These feasts open up to us the real nature of this child whom, with the shepherds, we have come to realise lives with us, in us, as much today as yesterday. The minor feasts of Christmastide give us a great deal more than a manger. They give us, as adults, models to live by if we, too, are to be steeped in Jesus and full of new life. They give us a way of looking at our own world differently because through them we come to see Jesus differently.

The Feast of the Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family depicts Jesus in a home where he grows in wisdom, age, and grace. It is a model of what we want for the children of our time. It is a model of the kind of love and care that encourages children to grow up to be on their own but guides them as they do. This feast causes us to pause and look at our own families, both the ones we grew up in and the ones we're now developing ourselves. It raises questions in us about the harmony of the home we're in now — **and what part we play in both its peace and its disturbance**. We are brought to wonder what wisdom, maturity, and virtue the children of our time are able to see in us that will transfer itself to them. **We must ask ourselves if we are learning from one another, caring for one another; becoming more spiritual together as we go**. And if not, why not? And what do we intend to do about it, as Jesus did, for the sake of the rest of the world?

The Octave of Christmas: The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Very few feasts have an octave, an eight-day commemoration of the feast, meant to give even more significance to the dignity and importance of the major celebration itself. Like incense, an octave is the sweet memory, eight days later; of what has gone before. **It is the aura of a feast, so important, so impacting, that the power of its presence in the human soul lingers far after the feast itself. If nothing else, it is an octave that says to the deepest part of us, Don't overlook what you have just seen. Think again. Think about it always.** In that same way, this feast adds another layer to Christmas. The Octave of Christmas, January 1, while we are still very much aware of the birth of Jesus, confronts us with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. But this feast is not the church's answer to the annual Mother's Day so common in the secular world; this feast is a statement about both Mary and Jesus. She is human, we know, and therefore so is he. This Jesus is no Greek god, no being from another planet, no fairy-tale divine. **This child, born of Mary, is us.** The Solemnity of Mary is a cataclysmic theology of both the compassion of God for human limitation and the potential of the human spirit to grow into the divine.

(Source: *The Liturgical Year-The Fullness of Time-Joan Chittister*)

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

The World Day of Peace which has been celebrated on January 1 every year since 1967, is primarily a Catholic feast day dedicated to universal peace. The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace.

Pope Francis this year writes, "..... *What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognising that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.*"

FIRST MENS BREKKY FOR 2023

Start the year with a hearty breakfast with some mates on **Thursday, 12th January at 8.30am @ 'The Good Egg Café'** on Albert Street.

HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR DIARY

For the annual **Ladies Sundowner** set for **Friday, 27 January**? It's more than wine and nibbles (*excellent though they might be*), it's a chance to catch up with other ladies you may not have seen for awhile. (*With three weekend Masses on offer it's easy to miss each other.*) Perhaps you are a new Parishioner, or like Pat Tebbit you have recently moved back (*their return was a lovely Christmas surprise for the Parish*), or you just can't make it to Mass often due to whatever circumstances, this is a chance to reconnect. Will be held at Our Lady of the Bay in the outdoor area of the Community Centre. More info shortly.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023:

POPE FRANCIS, VATICAN II, AND THE FUTURE

Presenter: Fr Tony Chiera. Every 25 years the church celebrates a Jubilee year. It is a sacred time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance, and acts of mercy. The next Jubilee Year will be in 2025, and Pope Francis has invited us to spend some time over the next two years in preparation for the Jubilee. 2023 is dedicated to a renewed look at Vatican 2 and 2024 will focus on prayer. The Diocesan Summer School will explore the event of Vatican 2 and some of its core teachings. These teachings are the basis for the ongoing life and mission of the Church into the future. For all venues hosting the Summer School 2023, please see the poster in the foyer.

Busselton Parish Centre: Saturday 21st January 9.30am– 1.00pm Please register on 97521687 and please bring a plate for morning tea.

IT'S ALSO TIME TO

Put your thinking caps on. This year (November) will be the 20th birthday of Our Lady of the Bay Church. How will we as a Parish celebrate this milestone? If you have some great ideas or would like to get involved with the organising for this event, please contact the Parish Office.

A HUGE THANK YOU

To the Tuesday Craft Group and friends who helped raise a magnificent sum at their Christmas Craft Stall and morning tea on the 11th December. Monies raised will go towards kitting out the new Presbytery. The time, talent, your costs in making the various items and sheer hard work is very appreciated. Thank you!

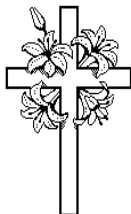
The Sick

Please pray for:

- Sione Hehea;**
- Doris Byrne;**
- Ev Brand;**
- Roma Barrett;**
- Damien Philp;**
- Fr Johny Arattukulan;**
- Chris Johnson;**
- Bill Middleton;**

Memorial Anniversary

- 2011: Margaret Jeffery**
- 2022: Peter Fennessey**



Church Collections

Weekend 24/25 December

Envelopes: \$ 985.00
Loose: \$ 1,939.80

Containers for Change: \$4.60

Christmas Craft Stall: \$ 1,678.15

Many Thanks!



WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 7/8 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Tim
- Greeters:** Di , Lily
- Commentator:** Di
- Readers:** Mary, George
- Musician:** John A-W
- Projectionist:** Trish
- EMHC:** -
- Cleaning:** Evangeline, Mae
- Laundry:** Di

Sunday 9am

- Acolyte:** Joe
- Greeters:** Kaye C, Peter
- Commentator:** Patricia
- Readers:** Maria, Kaye C
- Musician:** John G
- Projectionist:** Peta
- Recorded Music:** -
- EMHC:** -
- Sacristan:** Jo

Sunday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Kevin
- Greeters:** Joan, Roz
- Commentator:** Debbie
- Readers:** Joan, Mona
- Projectionist:** Robyn
- Recorded Music:** Jo

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rosary Group

Monday, 10am: St. Joseph's

Legion of Mary

Resumes 10 January 2023

Pilgrim Statue

Is escorted to a Parishioner's home.
 Please call Loly Scott 0411 080 141
 to schedule a visit

Craft & Coffee Group

Resumes 10 January 2023

Meditation

Restarting 2023

Eucharistic Adoration

All day Adoration resumes on
 Thursday 2 February.

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.**
- **Bag it, Tag it** (with the above identification code) **and Drop it, at the Rendezvous Road Waste Facility.**
- **Bring the cleaned bottles and cans into the Parish Office.**

Many thanks to those getting behind
 this Parish Fundraising initiative.

WHAT'S IN HIATUS?

Craft Group: Resumes 10 January

Legion of Mary: Resumes 10 January

Wednesday Novena: Resumes 1 February

Thursday Adoration: Resumes 2 February

Friday Holy Hour: Resumes 3 February

Meditation: Resumes sometime in 2023.

SUMMER LEADERS RETREAT

12-16 January @ Catholic Youth Camp Busselton Ages 16+ Retreat with us for DYMO's Summer Leader's Retreat! Leadership training, formation and activities, discussion groups, plenty of free time to relax and time to pause, reflect and pray. Open to potential leaders who are interested in being trained and formed to lead in youth ministry AND experienced leaders looking to expand, debrief and share. Our leaders and volunteers are important to us! We are investing in our leaders and building capacity in youth ministry! Retreats are about stepping back from our lives and stepping out of our time. It is a time to stop, reflect and have space just to be and to breathe. **Registrations made ASAP are highly appreciated!**

Register via Brushfire:

<https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/546355>

GOD'S FARM CALENDAR

It's the Gods Farm trustees endeavour to raise funds for the continuance of Gods Farm. A picturesque calendar of all things **"Gods Farm"** will be available over the coming weeks. Check it out. One for \$20 or two for \$30. Contact persons for calendar: Leo Diletti, Nola Delfs.

"CELEBRATING

The first feast day of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of Catholic Mission. **9 January at Holy Family Church Kirup. 9.30 - 2pm.** Includes celebration of Mass and lunch. Please advise attendance **0419939864** or **deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com**

MARIST REUNION

All former Marist students are warmly invited to participate in the upcoming annual reunion. **Date:** Wednesday 25 January 2023 **Time:** 4.30 p.m. Mass in the Newman College Chapel 5.30 p.m. Fellowship. 'BYO everything' **Venue:** Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands **Enquiries:** Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104 Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187 **RSVP** not necessary.

MINISTRIES

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E.M.H.C.
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SPIRITUAL LIFE

Legion of Mary
 Rosary Group

FAITH FORMATION LIFE

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 Catechists

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St Vincent de Paul

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