

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

6th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (11th February)

First Reading

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45



A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

- Should you need them to help with the responses in Mass, both small and large Mass cards can be found in the foyer.
- Have you thought about picking up a **Kids Bulletin** for your child or grandchild from the foyer? This week along with a couple of puzzles has a reflection on **Keeping Secrets**. There is also a simple story on Saint Claude de la Colombiere.

Next Week's Readings (Year B)

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
12 February - 18 February

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
ASH WEDNESDAY 9AM & 6PM @ St. Joseph's			
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	8am-5pm	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
	5.30pm	<u>Lenten Reflection</u>	Ned Kenny Centre
Friday	11.00am	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11.30am	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12 noon	Mass	St. Joseph's
	6.00pm	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>	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
	5.30pm	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

REFLECTION

Here's something curious: the leper and Jesus trade places in this story. At first, it's the leper who's forced into the wild by communal dread of his disease. In the end, it's Jesus who must retreat to the desert to avoid the crush of crowds brought on by publicity.

Biblical desert is a land of many facets. Literally, it's a place where life is challenging and death is near. Theologically, it's the domain of the devil, where temptation roams free. Both physical and spiritual realities of the desert made it a place to avoid when possible. To be sentenced to live there, with lepers and other outlaws, was a lonely and dangerous existence.

Yet Jesus, we know, often chose the desert. The Spirit first drove him there to test himself against the devil. Later, Jesus often returned there to pray and gather strength. Because he tamed the desert at the start of his journey, it was no longer a land of danger for Jesus, but a refuge. In the same way, we can surrender the desert terrain of our lives to the Spirit's authority, and let it be transformed into a sacred place. (GPBS eNews)

SHROVE TUESDAY

Did you know that according to a text reportedly translated around 1000AD, in the week preceding Lent it was custom for Christians to confess their sins? Even now it's a time, Catholics should spend in examining their conscience and reflecting on areas where spiritual growth is needed as they prepare for the penitential season of Lent.

Also traditionally, pancakes were prepared and enjoyed on this day, because in so doing a family depleted their eggs, milk, butter, and fat which were part of the Lenten fast. At this time, some areas of the Church abstained from all forms of meat and animal products, while others made exceptions for food like fish.

After Tuesday's 9am Mass, Fr Nathan will be cooking up pancakes in the Ned Kenny Centre. You are most welcome to stay and partake.

BEGINNING OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

This Wednesday, when we receive the Cross on our forehead with the ashes from the Palms blessed last Palm Sunday, we might remember the words of Fr Antony Kadavil, who wrote: *"The cross of ashes means that we are making a commitment – that we are undertaking Lent as a season of prayer and penitence, of dying to ourselves. It also describes our human condition: it says that we are broken and need repair; that we are sinners and need redemption. Most importantly, it tells us that, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are to carry our crosses."*

The Catholic Church requires able members from age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday. The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those 14 and older.

SUPPORT FOR THE JOURNEY

Lenten Reflection: 5.30pm on Thursday's in the **Ned Kenny Centre**. Join Fr Jaybee and Fr Nathan as we reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Light refreshments will be served with a cuppa after the meeting. The Diocesan Lenten Program can be found on our website or phone the Parish Office and arrange for a photocopy.



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Fr Jaybee

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Emergency only**
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0420 711 769

Deacons
Rev Barry Cruickshank
0409 116 809

Rev Greg Dudley
9754 8665



**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.

FEBRUARY INTENTION

For the terminally ill:
Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.
You have the right to remain silent

Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm on Friday at St Joseph's Church. Come hear our Lord's voice whispering in our hearts, *"This is the way; walk in it."* (Is 30:21).

PROJECT COMPASSION

As we prepare to celebrate once again the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, Project Compassion gives us the chance to act as Jesus did. To reach out to those in some of the most challenging situations imaginable. Once again, the theme for Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. This year, that theme is being drawn from the story of the burning bush. Moses was part of a stolen generation. He was taken from his family because Pharaoh was committing genocide against the people of Israel. One day, he was working for his father-in-law in what seems to have been a family business. His sheep wander off and suddenly Moses encounters a bush that is burning but not consumed. He is stunned. A voice tells him to remove his shoes because he is standing on 'holy ground'. The earth beneath our feet is indeed a sacred place. It is God's gift to us. God tells Moses that he has heard the cry of his people. God responds to injustice and chooses Moses to speak to Pharaoh. Moses is scared but God promises *'I will be with you'*. God will share the journey. All the time, God remains a mystery. He tells Moses *'I am who I am.'* Moses wants more detail, so God simply says that this the same God who has been longing for justice for the whole of history: *'By this name I shall be invoked for all future generations.'* **As God called Moses, so now God calls us to work 'for all future generations.'**

Our Project Compassion envelopes and boxes are in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come, eat and have a chat with other 'Holy Romans' on **Thursday, 15 February**, at 8.30am @ 'The Good Egg Café on Albert Street.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU - St Vincent de Paul Busselton thanks the many parishioners and friends who so generously supported us with the supply of food items and monetary donations over the Christmas period. Your ongoing continued support is much appreciated!! Baskets for donation of food items are available at the rear of both churches!

MEMBERSHIP – Our conference provides face-to-face interviews and assistance 3 times a week and is seeking new people to join our team. If you would like to become a member and go on roster for 2 hours once or twice a month please give me a call – my contact details are on the back of the Parish Bulletin.

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

COLLEGE COMMISSIONING MASS

The Commissioning Mass is Sunday **25 February** at 9.00 am in Our Lady of the Bay Church. St Mary MacKillop College will provide morning tea after the Mass for all in attendance. You are warmly invited.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

ARE WE MISREADING AUSTRALIAN HISTORY?

That's the title the editor of the Busselton Mail gave a letter sent in by one we know and love. If you didn't read it, I urge you to do so. It's a very interesting article.

Prayers For The Sick

Damien Philp; Ev Brand; Clare Freeman

*"So do not fear, for I am with you;
 do not be dismayed,
 for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you and help you;
 I will uphold you with my
 righteous right hand."
 (Is 41:10)*

Memorial Anniversary

2008: Antonio Antonioli



Church Collections

(Weekend 3/4 February)

Envelopes: \$ 1,135.00
Loose: \$ 1,367.25
Containers for Change: \$5.10

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

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 17/18 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Tim?
Greeters: Di, Lily
Commentator: Mary
Readers: Rosemary?, Sue
Musician: Carmelina
Projectionist: Trish
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Janet, Di
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Kaye C, Peter
Commentator: Loly
Readers: Patricia, Julie
Musician: John
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Maria P
Sacristan: Jo
Children's Liturgy: Cassandra, Brooke

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Mona
Readers: Robyn, Joan
Projectionist: Genevieve
Recorded Music: Jo

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, 3pm Ned Kenny Centre

Eucharistic Adoration

Resuming Thursday, 8 February

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.

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 in Busselton and the surrounding Capes region.

Would your son or daughter benefit from the St Mary MacKillop experience?

- St Mary MacKillop College 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. You may be surprised at how affordable our fees are!
- There are only a set number of places per year group. Once these places have been allocated, further enrolments will be placed on a waiting list. **St Mary MacKillop Year 6 students receive priority for entry into Year 7 along with students from St Thomas More Primary School (Margaret River) and Our Lady of the Cape Primary School (Dunsborough).**
- Families are to be supportive of the Catholic ethos; it is not essential to be Catholic.
- A tour of the College campus can be arranged during the week.

For further information, please contact the **College Office on 9752 4000**

Website: mackillop.wa.edu.au **Email:** enrolments@mackillop.wa.edu.au

SACRAMENTS 2024

If you have a child (*not attending SMMC*) who is a baptised Catholic and in **2024** wishes to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** (Year 3 or 9 years of age), **First Eucharist** (Year 4 or 10 years) or **Confirmation** (Year 6 or 12 years) please email or phone their details through to the Parish Office. The general **all** Sacrament meeting will be held **22 February** with the enrolment Mass on **10 March**. Please circle these dates on your calendar and don't delay in registering your child's name.

SR PAULINE DUNDON'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Please join the Bunbury Parish in celebrating Sr Pauline's 50 years of loving service as a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. **Date:** 3 March **Venue:** St Patrick's Cathedral.

Mass 10am followed by Morning Tea. If you are able to provide a plate of food to share, please contact Irene Rodgers. **irenerodgers1@bigpond.com** 0423 488 018

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE WITH THE MARRIAGE KIT BY SMARTLOVING

An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit The Marriage Week Sale ends on 29 February. Use the coupon code **MarriageWeek24** for a 50% discount.

CATHOLIC MISSION

In parts of Nigeria, ongoing conflicts between communities, marked by threats to safety and security, are all too common. Poverty, food insecurity, violent extremism, and tensions among ethnic groups have contributed to instability and violence. Beyond these challenges, our missionaries in Nigeria are facing fear and violence. In 2022 alone, four priests were killed, and 28 others were kidnapped. Amidst this danger, there are young seminarians who continue to answer their calling to the priesthood and to peace. Will you help train the next generation of church leaders who are dedicated to serving God and their communities? Your support assists seminarians in areas of conflict with formation, education and essential supplies to equip them on their journey to priesthood. To support seminarians in areas of conflict and help bring peace to communities in need, visit catholicmission.org.au/peace. To make an ongoing difference, please consider becoming a monthly Mission Partner.

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.

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