

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (13 SEPTEMBER 2026)

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful;

slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next Week's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9 | Philippians 1:20-24, 27 |

Matthew 20:1-16

Parish Mass & Devotion

Monday	14 Sept	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	15 Sept	9:00 AM	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	16 Sept	9:00 AM	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	17 Sept	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
		5:00 PM	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	18 Sept	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
		11:30	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		12:00 NN	No Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	19 Sept	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
		6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	20 Sept	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

Reflection:

How often we must forgive? Like Peter, this is a question many of us have asked Jesus. However, we can sometimes hold double standards when it comes to forgiveness – one standard for ourselves and another for others. How readily do we forgive those around us? Are we generous in extending forgiveness to others, especially when they seek our forgiveness? We are invited to model our forgiveness after Jesus, who was quick and generous in offering forgiveness to all. However, offering forgiveness does not mean allowing ourselves to be mistreated or taken advantage of. In some unhealthy relationships, it may be necessary to create distance. While forgiveness is always possible, reconciliation may not be.

Jesus, we pray that you help us embrace a spirit of mercy and forgiveness, extending to others the same mercy and forgiveness you have shown us. ~God's Word Daily Reflections 2026



Safeguarding Sunday

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

LOVE PROTECTS

A day dedicated to nurturing safety, dignity and hope in every community.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

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.



World Youth Day Seoul 2027 Information Session

6 October 2026
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Pastoral Life and Mission Center

5 Brend-tor Street, Bunbury Cathedral Precinct
or join us via Microsoft Teams

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.



WOMEN for the WORLD

You can help mothers have a safer chance to bring new life into the world

DONATE NOW
caritas.org.au/wftw

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

Register your interest now by scanning the QR Code!



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The Safe Guarding 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*

Priest / Clergy Annual Retreat

Will be on 14th – 18th of September. Let us pray for all priests/ deacons with the Bishop as they gather together on a week retreat in Safety Bay. There will be no masses during that week.

CWL Meeting

Monday, 14 Sept. 12:30nn at Ned Kenny Centre.

SVDP Meeting

Wednesday, 16 Sept. 1:00pm at Ned Kenny Centre.

National Survey of Newly Married Couples Over September

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey being funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

Priests Welfare Foundation “Father’s Day” Appeal

All priests of the Diocese wish to thank those who contributed most generously to the annual Priests’ Welfare Foundation “Father’s Day” Appeal. Your donation is gratefully appreciated. Donations can be made at any time using the Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church and placing these in the collection basket or sending them directly to the Foundation. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

Spirituality Hub Kirup - Quiet Day continuing our Contemplative Practices programme next Tuesday 15th September 9.30 to midday and beyond if desired. Spring in Kirup, beautiful. Contact Deborah 0419939864 for more info.

POPE LEO’S INTENTIONS FOR 2026
September: For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Installation of Acolytes and Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

On the 20th September, Sunday, 9am mass.

Ministry of Acolyte:

Jack Rapanaro
Roger Ronaldo
Peter

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Sonia Harper
Louise Cranley
Nicole Jasper
Jess Kane
Courtney Keedwell

Let us thank them for embracing the ministry they are called to exercise for the parish life & mission.

The BUNBURY CATHOLIC DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CHOIR is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the *Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir Bishop of Bunbury Scholarship* for 2027–28. A scholarship of \$1500 over a two year period is offered to students year 7—12 from within the Diocese who wish to join the choir and further their musical and choral talents. Applications close Friday 16th October 2026. Interviews and auditions will take place on Wednesday October 28th, 2026. For further information please contact :

The Director | Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir | 85 Pearce Road, Australind WA 6233
Email : millsmusic@bigpond.com

Don’t forget 6th December is the Craft Group Christmas craft and produce morning tea. As the craft group is very small, everyone is invited to donate craft items or produce for sale - proceeds to parish funds. Further details later but please remember this is not a ‘garage sale’, items for sale would ideally make a Christmas gift!
Contact Fran 0428220822 or Julie 0429976602

Church Collections

(Weekend 31 August ~ 6 September)

Envelopes:	\$ 630.00
Loose:	\$ 1513.65
EFT Machine:	\$ 245.00
Direct Debit:	\$ 2380.00

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

2010: Graham Cockin
2018: Connie Overton
2021: Leon Mruczkowski



WEEKEND ROSTER

19 & 20 September

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Tim M
Greeters	Di. Lily
Commentator	Di
First Reading	Dylan
Second Reading	Sue L
Laptop	Kate J
Music	Carmelina
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte
Cleaners	Aileen

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Jack R., Roger & Peter
Greeters	Kaye M & Charise
Commentator	Loly S
First Reading	Patricia E.
Second Reading	Trish W.
Laptop	Veronica
Music	Recorded Music
EMHC	Louise, Nicole, Jess K, Sonia H, Courtney
Sacristan	Patricia E.
Altar Servers	Regan La, John W-B, Louis A
Children's Liturgy	Hayley G & Sam K

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Frank N
Greeters	Joan
Commentator	Mona
First Reading	Maxine
Second Reading	Melissa
Laptop	Isabelle
Music	Robyn
Altar Server	Prince, Charles

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 Commitment – "Love Protects"

God of compassion, you know each of us by name and hold every child close to your heart. Your love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not rude or self-seeking; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and it always protects.

Today we renew our commitment to safeguarding in our parish: to listen when someone finds the courage to speak, to act without delay when there is a concern, to tell the truth even when it costs us, to never to confuse mercy with silence, and to reach out in practical care to those most easily overlooked - the children, the newcomer, the housebound, the elderly, the person living alone, the person with a disability, and anyone made vulnerable by their circumstances.

Give us Sirach's wisdom to set aside the pride that hides wrongdoing, Christ's compassion that goes out to the wounded first, Paul's vision of a love that always protects, and the Psalmist's confidence that you, O Lord, redeem what is broken and crown the humble with kindness.

May this parish be a true sanctuary, safe for the smallest among us, attentive to the most vulnerable, honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 busseltonjoeysplaygroup@live.com.au or find us on Facebook: Busselton 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 -

Synodality and Participatory Bodies

106. Equal attention needs to be given to the membership of the participatory bodies so as to encourage greater involvement by women, young people, and those living in poverty or on the margins. Furthermore, it is essential that these bodies include Baptised who are committed to living their faith in the ordinary realities of life, who are recognisably committed to an apostolic and missionary life, not only those engaged with organising ecclesial life and services internally. In this way, the ecclesial discernment will benefit from a greater openness, an ability to analyse reality and a plurality of perspectives. It may be appropriate to provide for the participation of delegates from other Churches and Christian Communions, as happened during this Synodal Assembly, or representatives of the religions present in a territory. Local Churches and their groupings can more appropriately indicate criteria for the composition of participatory bodies suitable to each context.

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