

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (7 December)

First Reading

Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Choir Practice:	9, 16, 23 December
Advent Reflections:	11 & 18 December
Vesting the Christmas Tree:	14 December
Simbang Gabi:	15 December - 23 December
Advent Reconciliation:	19 December

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Lady of the Bay

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm - Children's Mass
8.30pm - Carols
9.00pm - Mass

Christmas Day: 9.00am - Mass

St. Joseph's

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm - Carols
12.00am - Mass

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 33:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

8 December - 14 December

Monday	9.00am 10.00am	Mass (<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>) <i>Rosary Cenacle</i>	St. Joseph's St. Joseph's
Tuesday	11.00am	Mass	St. Patrick's Cathedral
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	5.00pm 5.30pm	Mass <u>Advent Reflection</u>	St. Joseph's Ned Kenny Centre
Friday	11.00am 11.30am 12 noon	<i>Holy Hour</i> <i>Reconciliation</i> Mass	St. Joseph's St. Joseph's St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.00pm 6.00pm	<i>Reconciliation</i> Mass	St Joseph's St. Joseph's
Sunday	8.30am 9.00am 5.00pm 6.00pm	<i>Reconciliation</i> Mass <i>Reconciliation</i> Mass	<i>Our Lady of the Bay</i> Our Lady of the Bay <i>Our Lady of the Bay</i> Our Lady of the Bay

REFLECTION

John the Baptist, a voice crying out in the wilderness with urgency, honesty and hope. **For families and parishioners today**, his message is not a distant echo from another time. It is a personal invitation to look at our own lives and our communities through the lens of renewal. John is calling people to wake up, to clear away whatever blocks the path to God and to step more intentionally into the life they were made for. This call is as real now as it was then. Families live in their own kind of wilderness at times. Busy schedules, constant noise, competing priorities and the pressure to keep everything together can make it easy to lose sight of what matters most. John's voice breaks through that chaos with a reminder that God desires to meet us right where we are. His call to repentance is not about guilt. It is about possibility. It is God saying YOU are not stuck. YOUR family can grow. YOUR relationships can heal. YOUR home can become a place where grace has room to breathe.

For parish communities, John's challenge to avoid complacency is just as important. It can be tempting to settle into familiar routines and assume that showing up is enough. But John invites us to deeper engagement, to examine what needs changing in our hearts and in our parish life. He pushes us to create spaces where all people feel welcomed, seen and encouraged to draw closer to Christ. **He reminds us that being a disciple is not passive. It is active, intentional and always open to conversion.** In an age when many voices compete for our attention, John the Baptist calls us back to the One voice that leads to life. His message encourages us to be people who bring hope into everyday interactions, who model forgiveness in our homes and who carry the light of Christ into our communities.

As the season of Advent unfolds, this passage invites us to lean into its spirit of expectation and preparation. Advent reminds us that God is drawing near and that our hearts and homes can make room for God's arrival in new and surprising ways. John's message urges us to clear the clutter that keeps us from noticing God's presence, to trust that renewal is possible and to live each day with a readiness for Christ who comes to heal, to guide and to transform. God is at work even now. The path can still be made straight. And each of us has a part to play in preparing the way for Christ in our world today.

(GPBS eNews)

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Choir Practice: All Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend the Christmas Choir rehearsal this **Tuesday, 9 December** at 6pm at Our Lady of the Bay. For those who missed the first rehearsal, please make sure you get there early to make sure your hymnbook is correct. New harmonies are being learnt. Be there Please!

Advent Reflection: Is this **Thursday**, at 5.30pm in the Ned Kenny Centre (*after the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's*). Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. We invite you to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season and join us as we follow the Diocesan Program and reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel over a cuppa. Advent Programmes are a gold coin donation or can be downloaded from our website or emailed to you by the Parish Office.

Advent Reconciliation: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps:51) Please mark your diaries for the Parish Advent Reconciliation on **Friday, 19 December. 6.00pm** in St. Joseph's Church.



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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 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 **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. Trish, the secretary, would love to meet you.

DECEMBER INTENTION

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

You have the right to remain silent

THIS WEEKEND

Morning Tea: All are invited to the morning tea after Sunday's 9am Mass. The hosts this month are The Craft Group and the Tuesday Gals. Come and meet up with old friends or maybe make some new ones. **Look out for our returning pilgrims** from the Youth Festival in Melbourne. Find out what moved them and ask how we as a parish can help them on their journey forward. Is there something they would like to see happening here???

R.C.I.A Catechumenate Meeting: After the Sunday 9am Mass.

MEN'S BREKKY

Come for a Christmas get together with other 'Holy Romans' on **Thursday, 11 December**, at 8.30am @ 'The Good Egg Café on Albert Street. Last breakfast for the year.

VESTING OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

We invite our parish families to bring a bauble to decorate the Our Lady of the Bay Christmas tree next **Sunday, (14 December)**. Perhaps you would like to write your family name on the bauble?

ROSTERS

Could all who minister of a weekend please advise the Parish Office which Christmas Masses you will be attending (Sheets are in the foyer to fill out), and of weekends **available/not available** in **January**.

JUBILEE OF HOPE - DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to the Diocesan Pilgrimage and closing of the Jubilee Year next **Saturday, 13 December**. **Pilgrimage Walk** takes place at 9am from the Hayward Street Carpark, on Ocean Road, South Bunbury and the **Jubilee Mass** starts at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral.

Weddings

Congratulations to:

Timothy & Arielle Ryall & Liam & Teresa Gale

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Parishioners are, once again, invited to contribute to the SVDP Annual Christmas Appeal. The provision of Christmassy and other food items would be greatly appreciated. Lists of suggested items are shown with the baskets at both our churches. If you prefer to offer a cash donation, envelopes are available at the rear of the churches – *these can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass*. **The need this year has been enormous – in the past three months we have given out over 100 food parcels!** Imagine what it would like to not have something special on the table at Christmas?? Many thanks for your continued support! *Maria Parkinson*

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2026

From the 8 - 11 January at the Catholic Youth Camp. Busselton Open from ages 13 – 18 yrs. **Register** at <https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.bushfire.com/events/620238> Follow us @bunburydioceseyouth or <https://www.facebook.com/BunburyDYMO> for updates & sneak peeks! Don't miss out on the ultimate summer experience — a chance to grow in faith, find hope, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

BISHOP GEORGE'S PASTORAL LETTER

Can be found on our website. There are a couple of copies in the church. Ring the Parish Office if you need a hard copy.

Anniversary Ordinations

I HAVE CHOSEN YOU John 15:16

Fr Wally: 08.12.1997

Fr Ian: 09.12.1972

Fr Jaybee: 10.12.2005

Fr Gerald: 11.12.1998

Please pray for our Priests, they need our prayers and support that they remain strong in their faith and ministry.

Prayers For The Sick

Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Jon Wilder
Meg Helyar
Norma Chester
Merle Teal



Memorial Anniversary

2008: Antonia Alabisi

2012: Josie Dunne

2017: Bob Eaton



Church Collections

(Weekend 29/30 November)

Envelopes: \$ 650.00
Loose: \$ 1,888.30
EFT Machine: \$ 345.00
Direct Debit: \$ 220.00
Containers for Change: \$ 12.80

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

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 13/14 DECEMBER

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Tim
Greeters: Di, Lily
Commentator: Di
Readers: Rosemary, Sue
Musicians: Carmelina
Projectionist: Trish
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Christmas Spring Clean
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Altar Servers: Leon, Olivia, Louis
Greeters: Pat, Aileen
Commentator: Loly
Readers: Julie, Barb
Musician: -
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: Mario
EMHC: Helen
Sacristan: Patricia
Children's Liturgy: Jo + volunteer

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Allen
Altar Servers: Andrea, Grace, Esther
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Joan
Readers: Catherine (both readings)
Projectionist: Kate
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

Resumes Tuesday, 12 January.

Meditation

Wednesday, 10am Ned Kenny Centre

Eucharistic Adoration

Resumes Thursday, 5 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.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION**Snippet from the Final Document: Part I - The Heart of Synodality**

56. **Listening to those who suffer exclusion and marginalisation strengthens the Church's awareness that taking on the burden of wounded relationships is part of its mission.** The Church does this in order that the Lord, the Living One, can heal them. This is the only way that the Church can be "as a sacrament or instrumental sign of intimate union with God and of the unity of all humanity". At the same time, being open to the world allows one to discover that the Spirit has sown the seeds of the Gospel in every corner of the globe, in every culture and in every human group. These seeds bear fruit in the ability to live healthy relationships, cultivate mutual trust and forgiveness and overcome fear of diversity. They also give life to welcoming communities, promote an economy respectful of people and the planet and bring about reconciliation after conflict. History leaves us with a legacy of conflicts motivated also by religious affiliation, undermining the credibility of religions themselves. Much suffering has been caused by the scandal of division between Christian communions and the hostility between sisters and brothers who have received the same Baptism. The renewed experience of ecumenical momentum that marks the synod's journey opens the way towards hope.

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP

On Wednesday, **3 December**, 10am to 2pm we will host a women's retreat "**Advent-Waiting in Hope**" led by Sr Pauline Dundon. See flyers for details or contact Deborah 0419939864

CAROLS BY THE JETTY—13 DECEMBER

Are you able to help at this event? From setting up, to packing up, to taking up the collection or helping at the First Aid station there are a lot of jobs up for grabs. Please contact **Richard Lock 0421692224** if you can help.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES (SIMBANG GABI)

A Filipino tradition for the nine days before Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

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

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

15 Dec	Monday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
16 Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	OLSC, Dunsborough
17 Dec	Wednesday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
18 Dec	Thursday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
19 Dec	Friday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
20 Dec	Saturday	6.00pm - normal Mass	St. Joseph's
21 Dec	Sunday	6.00pm - normal Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
22 Dec	Monday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
23 Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's - Shared Supper

Our lives find their ultimate purpose in becoming who God made us to be, by living out his will. You are not the result of a random process. Each of you is WILLED, each of you is LOVED, each of you is NECESSARY.

- Pope Leo

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