

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

**Third Sunday of Lent (8 March 2026)**

## First Reading

**Exodus 17:3-7**

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

## Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## Second Reading

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## Gospel

**John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,  
you would have been the one to ask,  
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water  
will get thirsty again;  
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give  
will never be thirsty again:  
the water that I shall give  
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal  
life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming  
when you will worship the Father  
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.  
You worship what you do not know;  
we worship what we do know;  
for salvation comes from the Jews.  
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -  
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit  
and truth:  
that is the kind of worshipper  
the Father wants.  
God is spirit,  
and those who worship  
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

## Next Week's Readings (Year A)

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS**  
9th—15th March

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



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**OUR PARISH LENTEN JOURNEY**

**LENTEN REFLECTION** after Thursday evening Mass – Ned Kenny centre

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - every Friday at 6pm– St Joseph's Church

**ADULT YOUTH GROUP(18-35yrs old)** - every Friday after stations of the cross – Ned Kenny Centre

**HEALING MASS with anointing of oil** – 12th March at St Joseph's

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION** –18th March at 6pm St Joseph's

**ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY MASS** - 19th March at 5pm join us for a Cake and a cuppa to celebrate our Parish Patron Saint, Lenten Reflection follows.

**LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT:** To support Caritas Project Compassion – Friday 20th March OLB centre. The movie is about St Francis of Assisi.

The special year of St Francis is a Catholic Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV from 10th Jan 2026-10th Jan 2027, marking 800 years since the death of St Francis of Assisi.

**HOLY WEEK: 29th March – 5th April** liturgical services and celebrations to be arranged.

**Good Friday Afternoon Tea with Hot Cross buns**

Friday, 3 April 2026 After 3:00pm Good Friday service

Priest Formation Days –10th –11th March in Bunbury there will be no Masses on those days

**REMINDERS:**

**Parish Pastoral Council** next meeting 11th March at 5pm Ned Kenny Centre

**Liturgy Committee** next meeting 12th March at 6pm OLB

Next **Parish Morning Tea** - 22nd March after 9am Mass hosted by Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee & Liturgy Committee

**Episcopal Ordination Anniversary Mass**

Bishop George Kolodziej SDS DD will be celebrating his Episcopal Ordination Mass on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 9.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome to celebrate his wonderful first year in the life on the Bunbury Diocese.

Morning tea will follow.

**Parish Office Open Hours**

Monday—Thursday

9:00am ~ 1:00 pm

Fridays 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm

**Calling Acolytes, Altar Servers, Commentators, Greeters, Collectors, Readers & EMHC:**

If you're here for Holy Week and Easter, could you please consider adding your name to the different liturgical rosters in the main entrance of the Church? Thank You.

**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. We'd love to meet you.

**MARCH INTENTION**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**GENTLE REMINDER**

**Please turn off your mobile phone.**

**You have the right to remain silent .....**

**PILGRIMAGE to Czech Republic, Slovakia & Poland** -13 days 10 nights- visiting shrines including Devine Mercy & St John Paul II. Those interested please contact :ANAWIM Journeys on 08 6118 7313 or talk to Fr Jess

**NEXT 'HR' MENS BREKKY**

THURSDAY 12th MARCH '26  
@ 'the GOOD EGG' 8.30 am



**HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE**

Receiving from the cup is optional. The full grace of the Sacrament is received even under one kind.

If you have colds or are unwell, please refrain from having communion of the chalice.

We, as communicants, have the pastoral care for the well being of our ministers.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** —This Lent ,we are called to **UNITE AGAINST POVERTY** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**Let Us Pray For Our**

**Catechumens:**

Emma Colombera, Romain Goimard,  
Noah Staines, Alice Le,  
Sandra McDonald, Alexander Forrest

**Candidates:**

**Reflection**

Jesus speaks to a Samaritan woman, and through her, he speaks to us. He describes the kind of worship that is pleasing to God, worship 'in spirit and in truth'. To worship God in spirit and truth implies that our devotion and prayer is not simply to be matter of mechanical formal observances. Indeed, such formal observances are, in the sight of God, of infinitely less consequence than disposition of heart. This is not to say that formal religious observances are futile or devoid of value—indeed, they are essential to Christians, since they are an expression of our union with Christ's mystical body, the Church. Nevertheless, the glory of God, can also become a true and genuine act of worship—a living sacrifice of praise, a passionate song of love, and even a heart-felt pleas for forgiveness.  
*~God's Word Daily*

**Invitation**

**The Bunbury & Leschenault Catholic Women's League**

Associates invite you to join us for a  
"A synodal journey with Chancellor Kerrie Merritt"

**Thursday 12 March 2026**

10am - followed by morning tea

**Bunbury Cathedral Parish Hall**  
Money St, Bunbury

**Prayers For The Sick**

Shane Williams  
Lorraine Wielgomasz  
Sr Eileen Johnson  
Fr Hugh Galloway  
Bob Tebbit  
Meg Helyar  
Norma Chester  
Merle Teal  
Deacon Greg Dudley

**Memorial Anniversary**

2010: Josephine Adams  
2010: Beverley Campbell  
2016: Bob Szymanski  
2016: Joseph Bax  
2018: Sonia Ruru



**Church Collections**

(Weekend 28th of Feb & 1st March)

Envelopes: \$ 575.00  
Loose: \$ 2055.50  
EFT Machine: \$ 540.00  
Direct Debit: \$ 220.00

Containers for change : \$0.00

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 14/15 MARCH**

**Saturday 6pm**

Acolyte: Murray  
Greeters: Di, Lily B.  
Commentator: Rhona  
Readers: Rosemary, Carla  
Musicians: Carmellina  
Projectionist: Angela  
EMHC:  
Cleaning:  
Laundry: Di

**Sunday 9am**

Acolyte: Terry T  
Altar Servers: Leon, Olivia  
Greeters: Fran S., Greg S.  
Commentator: Kaye M.  
Readers: Maria P., Nicolle A.  
Musician: John G  
Projectionist: Veronica  
Recorded Music:  
EMHC: Vanessa, Gaye, Peta  
Sacristan: Jo  
Children's Liturgy: Nicole J. Sam K.

**Sunday 6pm**

Acolyte: Allen  
Altar Servers: Andriana, Grace, Esther  
Greeters: Joan P., Roz  
Commentator: Robyn C.  
Readers: Catherine C., Joan P.  
Projectionist: Nola  
Recorded Music: Jo  
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. 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 -***

***Ecclesial Discernment for Mission***

82. Ecclesial discernment is not an organisational technique but rather a spiritual practice grounded in a living faith. It calls for interior freedom, humility, prayer, mutual trust, an openness to the new and a surrender to the will of God. It is never just a setting out of one's own personal or group point of view or a summing up of differing individual opinions. Each person, speaking according to their conscience, is called to open themselves to the others who share according to their conscience. In this sharing, they seek to recognise together "what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" (Rev 2:7). As ecclesial discernment entails the contribution of everyone, it is both the condition and a privileged expression of synodality, in which communion, mission and participation are lived. The more everyone is heard, the richer the discernment. Therefore, it is essential that we promote the broadest participation possible in the discernment process, particularly involving those who are at the margins of the Christian community and society.

**Introducing the Diocesan Synodal Team**

The Diocesan Synodal Team (DST) was established by the Most Reverend George Kolodziej SDS DD last year in response to the *Final Document – For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission* by the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops 2021 – 2024.

It is established to serve the synodal animation and formation of the Diocese of Bunbury and to assist the Bishop of Bunbury in his responsibilities in the implementation phase of the Synod.

The DST role is to plan, prepare and operationalise our Diocesan Assembly. The Diocesan Assembly will be a moment of grace and renewal that will set a direction for coming years and help create a diocesan pastoral plan. Addressing the DST, Bishop George said, "It is about forming a community of missionary disciples who can accompany our parishes in renewal."

The members of the DST are:

Ms. Helen Brown, Mr. Aaron Faure Fr. Victor Lobo ,Mrs. Kerrie Merritt (Chairperson) Fr. Pierre dela Cruz Repuyan, Fr. Archie Carampatan, Fr. Tony Chiera, Mrs. Vanessa Dicker

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