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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – (8 NOVEMBER 2026)

First Reading — Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel — *Matthew 25:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS FOR 2026

November: For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.





Parish Mass and Devotion			
Monday ~ 9 Nov	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday ~ 10 Nov	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday ~ 11 Nov	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday ~ 12 Nov	8:00 – 5PM	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday ~ 13 Nov	11:00 AM	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11:30 AM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12:00 NN	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday ~ 14 Nov	5:30 PM	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6:00 PM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday ~ 15 Nov	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:
In biblical times, on the last day of a wedding feast, the bridegroom, along with his friends, would go to the bride's house towards evening to take her to the wedding ceremony. Young females with torches (bridesmaids of the parable) would wait with the bride. But the groom's coming may be delayed and those who wait can fall asleep. Once awakened by the groom's arrival the bridesmaids need to be ready to accompany the bride to the feast. Through this parable, Jesus is drawing attention to the need to be 'wise' and ever watchful. Regarding the kingdom, he underlines the symbolism of 'being asleep' and 'staying awake'. This is not to be taken literally, for in the parable all the bridesmaids become drowsy and fall asleep. 'Sleep' here means spiritual unpreparedness, coldness. A person who no longer cares for spiritual values, and no longer respects God and people is spiritually asleep. This is what being 'foolish' means. On the other hand, 'being awake' means to be alive and dedicated to one's Christian calling, active in the service of God and neighbour, living one's life to the full, never postponing conversion to the last minute. This is being prepared and being 'wise'. There are moments in the lives of each one of us when we need to 'wait in the dark' – moments of tension, of temptation, of struggle, of discouragement that put us into the 'dark night of the soul'. On these occasions, one appreciates the value of some 'oil' – our faith, our hope, our courage, our life experience, our support networks, etc. In time this oil will produce the light that breaks through the darkness. The night passes and salvation dawns.
~God's Words Daily Reflections 2026



Prayers For The Sick

Melissa "Molly" Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Zelma Thomson
Fr Roy Pereira

Memorial Anniversary

2015: Jaime Craigie
2017: Fr. William Holmes
2020: Blake Wilson
2021: Peter Ball

Church Collections

(Weekend 26 October ~ 1 November)

Envelopes: $ 520.00
Loose: $ 1555.05
EFT Machine: $ 265.00
Direct Debit: $ 100.00
Containers for change $ 00.00

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

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The Safeguarding 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

Farewell Lunch for Sr. Bernadette

The craft group has booked a lunch at The Esplanade to farewell Sr Bernadette on Tuesday November 17 at 12 noon. If you would like to join us for lunch please RSVP to Fran Smith 0428 220822 BEFORE 9AM MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.

Thanksgiving Mass & Sundowner Friday 27th November

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites all who serve in the various Parish Ministries (Acolytes, EMHC, Sacristans, Readers, Commentators, Musicians, Greeters, etc) to a Thanksgiving Mass at OLB on Friday 27th November at 5pm, followed by a sundowner in the Community Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Beer, wine and soft drinks provided. Please RSVP by Monday 23 November to Parish Office.

NEXT 'HR' MENS BREKKY

THURS Nov 12th '26 8.30am @ 'GOOD EGG'

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 11, 5pm at Ned Kenny Centre

Liturgy Committee Meeting

November 12, 6pm at Ned Kenny Centre

CWL Meeting

November 13, 12:30 at Ned Kenny Centre

CHURCH KEY HOLDERS' REGISTRATION

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and parish security, we are currently updating our records of volunteers who hold keys to our churches and parish facilities.
We kindly ask all volunteers who have parish keys in their possession to visit the Parish Office to register their keys.
Please note that you are not required to return your keys. This is simply to ensure that our records are accurate and up to date. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and secure parish environment.

Spirituality Hub in Kirup

"Grounded in Ignatian spirituality, John Auer will again be with us at the Spirituality Hub in Kirup to lead us in "Falling in love with nature …. Again" on Thursday 12th November. See details on flyer and contact Deborah 0419939864, deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com for registration and information."

November Mass Envelopes

November Mass envelopes are now available in the pews and at the back of the church.
Throughout November, we remember and pray for the souls of our faithful departed. May they rest in eternal peace.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS – The 2027 Columban Calendar is now available for sale at both churches. **Still only $10**.

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.

Bishop George's Christmas Appeal for CatholicCare

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Next weekend, the Annual Christmas Appeal for CatholicCare will be held. Appeal envelopes will be available at Mass from next weekend.
Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible.

Christmas Craft

The Christmas craft and produce stall and morning tea is being held on Sunday December 6. As the craft group is very small, all parishioners are invited to make a contribution to the success of this morning. If you would like to donate craft items, produce from your garden or goods from your kitchen please contact Fran Smith 0428220822 or Julie McKenzie 0429976602. The theme of the stall is, obviously, Christmas! All proceeds to the parish.

Legion of Mary – New Members Welcome

The Legion of Mary warmly invites parishioners to join their weekly meetings every **Tuesday after the 9:00 am Mass** at the Ned Kenny Centre. Our gatherings include praying the Holy Rosary, sharing prayers and readings, and organising weekly visits to aged care homes and private homes to bring friendship, comfort and companionship to those who are lonely, elderly or unwell. As our number of members has decreased, **we are in great need of more volunteers** to continue this meaningful ministry. New members are most welcome! If you would like to join or find out more, please contact **Pauline on 0428 173 924**, or simply come along on Tuesday. Your time and presence could make a wonderful difference in someone's life.

Accommodation Needed – Can You Help?

We are seeking a unit or granny flat to rent in Busselton or Dunsborough for one of our parishioners who currently serves as a sacristan at the church in Dunsborough.
She is urgently seeking suitable accommodation and would be very grateful for any assistance our parish community can offer. If you have a unit or granny flat available, or know someone who may be able to help, please contact the **Parish Office on (08) 9752 1687**. Your kindness and generosity would be greatly appreciated.

RCIA & RCIC

Will be in a new approach. It will be family preparation & sessions. Currently, there are 2 families with parents and children are inquiring to become Catholic. Vanessa Philp, the coordinator, will commence the inquiry sessions on the 15th November, Sunday, after 9am mass.

Lost and Found – Final Reminder

Parishioners are kindly reminded to check the Lost and Found items located at the back of the church in the Piety Store. If you have misplaced any personal belongings, please take a moment to see if they are among the items collected. **Any unclaimed items remaining after 31 December 2026 will be donated to St Vincent de Paul Society.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BUSSELTON CALLS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The following items are in short supply - **1ltr UHT milk, packets of pasta, breakfast cereals, rice, sweet and savoury biscuits, cans of fruit, baked beans and spaghetti, pasta sauce.** Please help fill the baskets in the entry to both our churches or consider a monetary donation – envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets at weekend Masses. **VOLUNTEERS** are welcome to join our wonderful group of conference members. If you would like to share in this amazing mission, please contact President Maria Parkinson (phone *0428 771140* or email *maria.parkinson14548@gmail.com*).

Weekend Mass Liturgical Ministry Roster ~14 & 15 November ~

Saturday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Tim M
Greeters	Di, Lorraine
Commentator	Di
First Reading	Louise
Second Reading	Rhona
Laptop	Carla
Music	Carmelina
Altar Servers	Raziel & Charlotte
Cleaners	Sue

Sunday - 9:00am Mass	
Acolyte	Peter Le
Greeters	Fran & Greg Smith
Commentator	Loly S
First Reading	Patricia E.
Second Reading	Maria P.
Laptop	Isabelle
Music	Recorded Music (Jo)
EMHC	Courtney, Julie M, Jess K, Vanessa
Sacristan	Julie
Altar Servers	Regan, John WB, James K
Children's Lit.	Laura T & Hayley

Sunday - 6:00pm Mass	
Acolyte	Kevin
Greeters	Roz
Commentator	Mona
First Reading	Robyn
Second Reading	Nicolle
Laptop	Nola
Music	Jo
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 nn 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 for All Saints' Day

Heavenly Father,
On this Solemnity of All Saints, we give You thanks for the countless holy men and women who have gone before us in faith.
May their lives inspire us to walk more closely with You, to love more generously, to forgive more readily, and to serve others with humble hearts.
Through the intercession of all the saints, strengthen our faith, guide us in holiness, and help us remain faithful to Your will.
May we, too, one day rejoice in Your heavenly Kingdom, united with all the saints in Your eternal love and peace.
Amen.

All Saints of God, pray for us!

Playgroup WA

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.

NEWSLETTER OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
The Fruit of the Vine

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