

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (28 December)

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Second Reading

Col 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

**May the Lord crown your New Year
with His goodness,**

**guide your steps in His truth,
and fill your heart with unshakable peace.**

**May His light shine upon your path,
and His grace carry you
through every season ahead.**

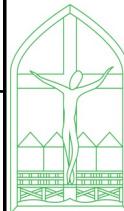
**Wishing you a blessed and
Christ-centred New Year!**

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
29 December - 4 January

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Thursday	9.00am	Mass (Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God)	St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.30pm	Reconciliation	St Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	8.30am	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5.30pm	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay



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REFLECTION

The Feast of the Holy Family Year A reminds us that Jesus lived in a real family. He had a mother and a father who cared for Him and protected Him. Mary and Joseph did not have easy lives, but they trusted God and followed His plan. Their home was simple, but it was full of love.

This feast helps us think about our own families. Every home has struggles. But like the Holy Family, we are called to listen to God and care for each other with patience. Love grows in quiet moments, hard choices, and daily kindness.

The readings for the Feast of the Holy Family Year A show how God works through family life. They speak about honouring parents, caring for others, and choosing peace. These small acts shape a strong and faithful home.

(Young Catholics)

What makes the Holy Family holy? Not simply the fact that Mary and Joseph are the parents of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are holy because each of them lived a life of loving obedience to God without compromise. As Jesus says of his mother: she is the one who heard the word of God and obeyed it. And, numerous times in the Gospel, Joseph hears the command of the Angel of God and obeys. Jesus, too, affirms that he came to do the will of his Father. St Therese of Lisieux says: Holiness consists in doing God's will and being what God wants us to be.

Being holy, however, is no protection against the difficulties and sufferings of life. In the Gospel, we hear of the hardships that the Holy Family endured, having to escape multiple times from those who wished to do them harm. The family unit is under threat today with the rise of selfish individualism and aggressive assertiveness. St Paul exhorts us to live lives of holiness by being compassionate, kind, humble, patient, gentle and forgiving. In this way we will live in peace within our families and God will reign in our hearts and homes.

(God's Word 2025)

A STORY FROM GATEWAY.COM

In 2003, a man named Narayanan Krishnan, a chef from India, was on his way to work when he saw a homeless man eating from a trash can. This sight moved Narayanan to tears, and he decided to quit his job and start a nonprofit organisation, "Akshaya Trust," to feed the hungry and homeless. Narayanan began by cooking and serving meals to just 30 people, but soon his organisation grew to serve over 1.5 million meals to those in need. He and his team also provide shelter, clothing, and medical care to the homeless and marginalised. Narayanan's work has inspired many, and he has received numerous awards for his selfless service. His story shows that even one person's compassion and determination can make a significant difference in the lives of many.

Each of us can make a difference too. By contributing non-perishable food items for St Vincent de Paul or the Parish Food Pantry we are able to help those in need. Your gift of a cash donation to SVDP help people in our town keep the lights on, stay on top of their rent, and the car running. Envelopes for cash donations can be found in the foyer of the church.

**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

PARISH SECRETARY

This part-time position will become vacant at the end of January. If you are interested please contact Trish in the Parish Office for further details.

(If you love God and love your Parish, this is the ideal job for you!)

WALKING WITH JESUS INTO THE NEW YEAR

As the New Year approaches, it's a perfect time for Christians to reflect on the past year. Consider the ways God has been faithful and how you have grown in your faith. This reflection can help you appreciate the blessings and lessons learned, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. Instead of traditional New Year's resolutions focussed solely on personal improvement, consider setting spiritual goals that align with our faith.

Daily Prayer: Commit to spending time in prayer each day, seeking guidance and strength from God.

Bible Study: Set a goal to read through the Bible or specific books of the Bible, deepening your understanding of God's Word.

Community Involvement: Engage more with your church community through volunteering, attending services, or joining a small group for fellowship and support. (wolm.org)

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2026

From the 8 - 11 January at the Catholic Youth Camp. Busselton Register at <https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/620238> Open from ages 13 – 18 yrs. 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. Early Bird special \$145 until 15 December.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BACKGROUND VOLUNTEERS for summer camp! Roles include cooking, water safety, first aid, setting and packing up equipment and general tasks. Open to those 30 years old and up! It is a great way of giving back and helping our young people. If you are interested or would like to know more contact us at diyouth@bunburycatholic.org.au or 9721 0508

Death

Bette Walker passed away last Thursday. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady of the Bay Church this **Wednesday at 11am**. Our thoughts are with the family and we pray that Bette's Soul and the Souls of all the Faithful departed, rest in the peace of Christ.

Birthday Blessings

Fr Ian Johnson
31.12.1945

May the Lord bless you and keep you

Anniversary Ordinations

I HAVE CHOSEN YOU John 15:16

Fr Marcelo Rosales: 02.01.1999

Fr Pierre Repuyan: 02.01.1999

Prayers For The Sick

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



Memorial Anniversary

2012: Margaret Jeffery
2015: Syd Slee
2022: Peter Fennessey
2024: Marie Mofflin
2025: Fr Johny Arattukulam

Church Collections

(Weekend 20/21 December)

Envelopes: \$ 785.00
Loose: \$ 1,874.05
EFT Machine: \$ 435.00
Direct Debit: \$ 448.16
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

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 3/4 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Sue
Readers: Rosemary, Trish W
Musicians: John A-W
Projectionist: Evangeline
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Evangeline, Mae
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Altar Servers: Leon, Olivia
Greeters: Maria H, Alexandra
Commentator: Patricia
Readers: Pat, Julie
Musician: John G
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Helen
Sacristan: Jo
Children's Liturgy: -

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Allen
Altar Servers: Adriana, Grace, Esther
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Robin
Readers: Catherine, Mona
Projectionist: Nola
Recorded Music: Jo
EMHC: -

<p>ALL ARE WELCOME!</p> <p>Divine Mercy First Sundays: 8.45am Our Lady of the Bay Church</p> <p>Rosary Group Monday, 10am: St. Joseph's</p> <p>Legion of Mary Tuesday, 9.30am Ned Kenny Centre</p> <p>Pilgrim Statue Escorted to a Parishioner's home. To schedule a visit call Loly 0411 080 141</p> <p>Craft & Coffee Group Resumes Tuesday, 12 January.</p> <p>Meditation Wednesday, 10am Ned Kenny Centre</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Resumes Thursday, 5 February.</p> <p>Catholic Women's League 2nd Friday of the month after the 12 noon Mass. Ned Kenny Centre</p> <p>Catenian Koffee Klub Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 11.30am at 'The Esplanade' for coffee and/or a meal.</p>	<p>FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION</p> <p>Snippet from the Final Document: Part I - The Heart of Synodality</p> <p>60. By virtue of Baptism, women and men have equal dignity as members of the People of God. However, women continue to encounter obstacles in obtaining a fuller recognition of their charisms, vocation and place in all the various areas of the Church's life. This is to the detriment of serving the Church's shared mission. Scripture attests to the prominent role of many women in the history of salvation. One woman, Mary Magdalene, was entrusted with the first proclamation of the Resurrection. On the day of Pentecost, Mary, the Mother of God, was present, accompanied by many other women who had followed the Lord. It is important that the Scripture passages that relate these stories find adequate space inside liturgical lectionaries. Crucial turning points in Church history confirm the essential contribution of women moved by the Spirit. Women make up the majority of churchgoers and are often the first witnesses to the faith in families. They are active in the life of small Christian communities and parishes. They run schools, hospitals and shelters. They lead initiatives for reconciliation and promoting human dignity and social justice. Women contribute to theological research and are present in positions of responsibility in Church institutions, in diocesan curia and the Roman Curia. There are women who hold positions of authority and are leaders of their communities. This Assembly asks for full implementation of all the opportunities already provided for in Canon Law with regard to the role of women, particularly in those places where they remain underutilised. There is no reason or impediment that should prevent women from carrying out leadership roles in the Church: what comes from the Holy Spirit cannot be stopped. Additionally, the question of women's access to diaconal ministry remains open. This discernment needs to continue. The Assembly also asks that more attention be given to the language and images used in preaching, teaching, catechesis, and the drafting of official Church documents, giving more space to the contributions of female saints, theologians and mystics.</p>
<p>CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.. <p>Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.</p>	<p>SPIRITUALITY HUB - KIRUP</p> <p>Our first event for 2026 is Celebrating the Feast Day of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, foundress of what we now know as Catholic Mission in Australia. We will reflect on this year's diocesan theme "Connected in Christ, walking together as one", celebrate Eucharist, and share a light lunch (provided). Further info Deborah 0419939864 and on flyer. The initial schedule for Kirup in 2026 can also be found in the foyer.</p>

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