

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (1 February)

First Reading

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

FR JESS

On the **15 February**, Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay church, there will be a morning tea after Mass. It is our opportunity to thank Trish as our Parish Secretary for 24 years. Please bring a plate to share.

INTERIM PERIOD: In this transitory time, we are grateful to NOLA DELFS and PETA SOMMA to take the tasks and share the load of the parish office. In this time of change, we seek your understanding and patience until we are able to permanently fill in the office secretary position. The office will be open from **9.30am-12.30pm** on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday** during this transition time.

POSITION VACANT:

St Joseph's Parish, Busselton is seeking a friendly, organised and reliable **Part-Time Parish Secretary** to support the pastoral and administrative life of our parish community. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys working with people, has strong administrative skills, and is committed to supporting the mission and values of the Catholic Church.

Position Details:

Position: Parish Secretary (Part-Time)

Location: St Joseph's Parish, Busselton

Hours: Part-time (23 hours negotiable)

Commencement: By negotiation

How to Apply: Please submit a brief cover letter and current resume outlining your suitability for the role to:

stjosephbsn@outlook.com

Applications close: 20 February, 2026

For further information, please contact:

Fr Jess Navarra (0439 942 241) or

Tony Wheeler (0407 988 160)

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

2 February - 8 February

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

REFLECTION

We seek God through seeking justice and peace with integrity and humility. It doesn't matter if we seem foolish and weak by human standards - God gives us the wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom necessary for the task. Jesus sees the crowd and goes up a hill where he is joined by his disciples, the ones he has deliberately chosen for God's work. I imagine he speaks to them first, telling them that it will only be through a personal relationship with God that they will come to understand his words. Then he gives them nine rather surprising invitations to bring about change in the lives of people they encounter. The consequences may lead to strong opposition and persecution, but those called to be disciples of Jesus are promised joy and gladness and an eternal reward for their efforts. ***Today I reflect on how I seek God in my everyday life. I ask myself if I truly believe that I have been chosen by God to make a difference in the life of another. (God's Word)***

THIS SUNDAY

After the 9am Mass the catechumens and candidates will meet for their RCIA session.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: *“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ”*. **May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures.** For as the sacred author taught of old: *“This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance”* (Dt 30:14). (Pope Francis)

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK 1-7 FEBRUARY

This week is dedicated to promoting harmony among people of faith and for those who are not religious. It focuses on two simple ideas: ***love of the good and love of neighbour***. These themes are wide-ranging enough to include many traditions—religious and secular—and to inspire people into action. “*Love of neighbour*” can look like everyday kindness, standing up to discrimination, or learning how other people understand life’s big questions. “*Love of the good*” can mean committing to justice, protecting the vulnerable, caring for the environment, or serving the community. In a world of conflict, misinformation, and “*us versus them*” thinking, World Interfaith Harmony Week is a reminder that cooperation is possible. It encourages people to listen first, speak respectfully, and find shared values.

(Majellan Media)

MARK YOUR DIARY

HOLY PILGRIMAGE SEPT/OCT 2026: Let us journey to EASTERN EUROPE SHRINES: CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA AND POLAND. The Pilgrim Directors will visit Busselton for the presentation of the itinerary on **Sunday, 8 February** after the 9am Mass at OI B. For more information talk to Fr. Jess



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Fr Jess Navarra
0439 942 241**

**Assistant Priest
Fr Nathan Barrie
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**Deacon
Larry Cruickshank
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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. We'd love to meet you.

FEBRUARY INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases :

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

You have the right to remain silent

CITY NIGHTWORKS

Roadworks are expected to commence on Bussell Hwy, Queen Street and surrounds in mid-February to the end of March. As this may make it hard to navigate during this period all **PPC and Liturgy Committee meetings** will be held at OLB Community Centre during **February and March**.

KIRRUP SPIRITUALITY HUB

Quiet in Kirup at the Spirituality Hub this year will provide a course in contemplative practices commencing on Wednesday, **4 February** and continuing on the 1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Please see flyers in Church foyer for further details or contact Deborah deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com Our schedule of other

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE - GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

- * 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.
- **APPROACH THE MINISTER:** As you approach the minister of the chalice, they *will hold the cup and say, "The Blood of Christ".* You respond with a clear "Amen".
- **TAKE THE CHALICE:** Securely grasp the chalice with both hands and bring it to your lips. Take a sip of the Precious Blood.
- **RETURN THE CHALICE** to the minister.
- **NO INTINCTION (DIPPING):** Communicants are not permitted to dip the sacred hosts into the chalice.

After receiving, return reverently to your seat for quiet prayer and thanksgiving. We will start on the **15 February**, Sunday at **9:00am mass** at Our Lady of the Bay church and the weekday Masses of that week. We are short of Ministers at this stage. Thus, Saturday and Sunday evening Masses will still be Communion of sacred hosts, no communion of the chalice until we regularise the roster.

Let Us Pray For Our



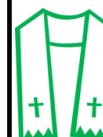
Catechumens:

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

Candidates: Jo Wilson,
Brooke Sewbalak

Anniversary Ordinations

I HAVE CHOSEN YOU John 15:16



Fr Tony
06.02.1982

Deacon Greg
03.02.1991



Prayers For The Sick

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

Memorial Anniversary

2003: Steve Paterniti
2007: Bill Pascov
Guiseppina Anghinetti
2010: Archibald Buller
2012: Ivy Hughes
2016: Margaret Cavill
2022: Jim Buchanan

Church Collections

(Weekend 24/25 January)

Envelopes: \$ 485.00
Loose: \$ 1,749.70
EFT Machine: \$ 395.00
Direct Debit: \$ 535.00
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 7/8 FEBRUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lily
Commentator: Di
Readers: Rosemary, Angela
Musicians: John A-W
Projectionist: Trish
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Yvonne, Noreen
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Altar Servers: Regan, John, Louis
Greeters: Pat, Aileen
Commentator: Loly
Readers: Patricia, Janet
Musician: John G
Projectionist: Veronica
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Peta
Sacristan: Patricia
Children's Liturgy: Jess, Heather

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Allen
Altar Servers: Prince, Charles
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Kevin D
Readers: Catherin, Jency
Projectionist: Robyn
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

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 I - The Heart of Synodality

73. Servants of the mystery of God and the Church (cf. LG 41), Deacons are ordained "not for the priesthood but for the ministry" (LG 29). They exercise this ministry in the service of charity, in proclamation and in the liturgy. In doing so they make real the relation between the Gospel and a life lived in love in every social and Church context. They also promote within the whole Church both a consciousness of service and a particular style of service towards all, especially the poorest. As the Tradition, the prayer of ordination and pastoral practice demonstrate, the functions of Deacons are many. Deacons respond to the specific needs of each local Church, particularly reawakening and sustaining everyone's attention to the poorest in a Church which is synodal, missionary and merciful. The ministry of Deacons remains unknown to many Christians, in part because, although it was restored by Vatican II in the Latin Church as a distinct and permanent grade (cf. LG 29), it has not been welcomed in every part of the world. The teaching of the Council needs to be more deeply explored, particularly in the light of a review of the lived experience of the diaconate. This teaching already offers good reasons to local Churches not to delay in promoting the permanent diaconate more generously, recognising in this ministry a valuable resource in the growth of a servant Church, following the example of the Lord Jesus, who made Himself the servant of all. This deeper understanding could also help to better comprehend the meaning of the diaconal ordination of those who will become Priests.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

Focus on Nigeria. Friday, 6 March St Mary's Anglican Church @ 2pm

AND NOW YOU KNOW

When the Gospel is about to be proclaimed, something changes in the church. People rise to their feet. This is not courtesy. It is recognition. In the Church, standing is the posture reserved for authority, honour, and readiness. **We stand because Christ Himself is about to speak.** The Gospel is not merely a reading; it is the living Word proclaimed in the assembly. In ancient times, people stood when a king entered the room or when a royal decree was announced. By standing for the Gospel, the Church confesses that Jesus is King, and His words demand our full attention and reverence. Standing is also a sign of respect for the Resurrection. The early Christians prayed standing because they believed Christ had conquered death. When we stand for the Gospel, **we proclaim that the One who speaks is alive, not a memory from the past.** There is also a personal challenge hidden in this posture. Standing means readiness to respond. The Gospel is not meant to comfort us alone, **it is meant to call us, correct us, and send us.** So before the Gospel is even proclaimed, the Church asks us to preach with our bodies: - **"I am listening. I am ready. I will follow."** The Gospel is the moment when heaven addresses earth, and the Church stands to receive it.

MINISTRIES

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

LITURGICAL LIFE

E.M.H.C.

Musicians/Choir

Sacristan

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Legion of Mary

Rosary Group

FAITH FORMATION LIFE

Catechists

Catholic Women's League

RCIA

RCIC

Catechists

Christian Meditation

JOSEPH CARE

St Vincent de Paul

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