



St Joseph's Parish-Busselton



Welcome Booklet



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I welcome you to our Parish community and pray that you will find with us a warmth and hospitality that will spiritually nourish you in the months and years ahead. I am glad you're here joining us in His loving presence and fellowship. We hope that this booklet will in some way provide you with a sense of who we are and what we have to offer, so that together we may grow

in our faith and be a support to one another as we endeavour to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

I wrote a little background about myself, and hope in the days to come, I can have the privilege of knowing a little of your story too.

I am Fr. Adolfo 'Jaybee' Bonghanoy Junior and was born in the Philippines in 1969. I joined the seminary of the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP) in June 1997. The MSP is a group of Filipino missionary priests trained "to be sent" to other countries, to share and strengthen the gift of faith. As part of the seminary formation, I was sent to Papua New Guinea a few years before my ordination to experience the life in the mission. It was challenging living with people amid a thick forest with no electricity, television, mobile phone or radio. Just the big and tall trees that surrounded us, and a deafening silence apart from the chirping of birds early in the morning and the sound of the crickets when evening fell. The only way to communicate with my family was by mail. Letters took weeks to be received and answered. However, my experience in PNG helped me in my discernment in responding to God's call to the priesthood. So too did I realise how blessed I was - I could not ask for more. After more than a year in the jungle, I returned home to continue my studies in the seminary.

A year later, I was ordained a Deacon in Manila (June 2005) and then ordained into the Priesthood on the 10th December 2005 in Tagaytay City. In 2007, I was sent to the Diocese of Bunbury. I was first assigned to St. Patrick's Cathedral as Assistant Priest until midway through 2008. From there, I was moved to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Mandurah as Assistant Priest to July 2011; to St Brigid Parish in Collie as Parish Priest to January 2018. I have been stationed here in St. Joseph's Parish, Busselton since then.

I continue to feel blessed and thank God for his gift of vocation. Each new stop on my journey has made an impact on my life. I pray, it is within this parish setting of, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, listening to the Word of God proclaimed, finding forgiveness of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving communal support that will continue to give life to our faith.

Fr. Jaybee Bonghanoy, MSP

***"Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."
(Ps 37:4)"***

5. JOSEPH CARE: Parish Outreach

This Commission is responsible for promoting outreach and social justice within the Parish and civic community. Among its responsibilities are:

- Developing a Parish information action program based on the Gospel social teachings of the Church
- Identifying social issues and human needs in the Parish and Civic Community and developing broad Christian service action plans to aid in meeting those needs.

Joseph Care encompasses many areas of Welfare in the Parish and wider community. To coordinate these welfare areas, the Parish Pastoral Council has appointed a Sub-Committee of Joseph Care.

Please, if you or anyone you know needs assistance in any one of the following areas and you don't know who to approach, please contact the Parish Office and they will direct you to the appropriate people.

- St. Vincent de Paul Conference;
- Visiting the sick whether at home or in hospital;
- Visiting the home bound and lonely;
- Transport to Mass, Hospital, Appointments, etc.;
- Grief and Bereavement;
- Home Help - Handyman - Gardening, etc.

***"Ask and you will receive, Seek and you will find
Knock and the door will be opened
For the love of the Lord is for all."***

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a just and compassionate society. We offer the people in need a hand up by always respecting their dignity and sharing our hope and encouragement that they take control of their own destiny. To this end we assist those in need here in Busselton with emergency relief in the form of food, clothing, furniture and household items. We also assist with short term emergency housing, transport to medical appointments, and to Mass, Visitation of the Sick and lonely, helping with utility bills such as electricity, gas, water and telephone where these have reached and emergency level. We ask for your support in this work in the future and thank you for your wonderful generosity in the past.

*If you would like to participate in any of the Parish Ministries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office 97521687 or email sjparish@westnet.com.au
The back page in the parish bulletin has the coordinator's contact details.*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (R.C.I.C.)

R.C.I.C is the process through which children of catechetical age (7 years and older), are prepared to celebrate the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and be welcomed into the Catholic Church. It is the process of initiation the Church asks us to use and is modelled on the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults).

The children and families who choose to participate in the R.C.I.C. will form a community of disciples as they grow in relationship with Jesus and with the Church. Together, the children and families are introduced to the life of faith in the Church and the meaning of the celebration of the sacraments. The children and families will form a bond with their catechists (teachers) and members of the parish, including the priest and other members of the pastoral life of the local Church community.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

The Church welcomes all people who genuinely search for God. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Faith.

R.C.I.A. is for adults who are unbaptised, adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church and non-practicing Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

The Rite of Initiation is likened to a spiritual journey that takes place within the Parish community. It involves a series of sessions with members of the faithful, to pray together, to learn about the life of Jesus through the Gospels, and discuss what his message means for us in everyday life. Another important aspect of the sessions is to enlighten, inform and discuss Catholic beliefs and practices.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Facebook @BusseltonCatholicParish

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm
Friday 9am-4pm

We would appreciate it, if you could take the time to complete the enclosed Parish census. This census helps identify the people whom the Parish is serving and the gifts that the people are willing to share with the Parish community.



MASS TIMES AND DEVOTIONS

St. Joseph's Church (Kent St - Central)



Monday:	10am	Rosary
Tuesday:	9am	Mass
Wednesday:	9am	Mass
Thursday:	8am-5pm 5pm	Adoration Mass
Friday:	11am 11.30am 12 noon	Holy Hour Reconciliation Mass
Saturday:	5.30pm 6pm	Reconciliation Mass

OLB- Our Lady of the Bay (Kelly Drive - West Busselton)



Sunday:	9am 5.30pm 6pm	Mass Reconciliation Mass
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Welcoming Coordinator



Carol D'Costa (0413 946 917)

Please contact Carol, if you would like to meet with her, or have her help you in any way; or ask Father or the Parish Office to pass your details on so she may contact you.

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE (K to year 12)



Principal– Mark Browning

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The College was named after Australia's first saint, **Mary MacKillop**, who was a key figure for Catholic education in regional Australia. Mary founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866 - the first religious order to be founded by an Australian. She dedicated her life to teaching all children from isolated rural communities, especially the poor and marginalised, and established schools and welfare institutions across Australia. Mary MacKillop was canonised in 2010.

St Mary MacKillop College seeks to follow Mary MacKillop's example of humility, simplicity of life, and service to others, through a commitment to promoting justice and peace at all levels – local, national, and global.

Please visit the College website for enrolment information.

4. FAITH FORMATION LIFE

This Commission is responsible for the ongoing faith formation programs of the Parish. Among its specific responsibilities are:

- Establishing goals and objectives to meet the spiritual and religious educational needs of children, adolescents, adults and persons with special needs;
- Promoting, supporting and aiding implementation of evangelisation programs, ecumenical activities and vocation awareness programs within the Parish.

Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.)

This is a Parish based organisation which serves the spiritual and practical needs of the community. It is an organised voice for women of all ages and is concerned with women, family social justice, human rights and bio-ethics. The Catholic Women's League is the only officially recognised national Catholic lay women's organisation in Australia and operates at Parish, Diocesan, State and National levels. It was founded in England in 1905 and established in Australia in 1913, coming to Western Australia in 1936. The Busselton Branch has been going strong since 1971 and currently boasts the largest membership of all branches in Western Australia.

There is a great spirit of enthusiasm and strength in the meeting and greeting of members far and wide and the sense of being productive and active members in our church and community - our Faith being the strength and life of the League. People were precious in Jesus' time. He had time for everyone so the Catholic Women's League makes no apologies for:

- Sharing in friendship over cups of tea or coffee;
- Those friendly gestures that make a newcomer feel welcome;
- The knitting sessions to provide baby clothes to mothers in need.;
- The social activities and gathering which bring us together as a loving family;
- The occasional fundraiser to enable us to support causes such as Pregnancy Assistance, Linda's House of Hope and a Scholarship to MacKillop Catholic College.

Children's Catechist

The Catechist's role in the parish is to model God's love to others and in particular to children. A Catechist helps students grow in their Faith journey by supporting them in after school lessons. Students who do not attend Catholic schools have the opportunity to attend after school lessons to receive support and instruction of the meanings and values of our Catholic Faith. The lessons are structured around the Sacraments and run prior to each Sacrament preparing the students to receive the Sacrament.

Joey's Playgroup

Is a small locally run playgroup for families in Busselton with children aged 0-4 years old. Run by a committee of local parent volunteers, they hold sessions during the school term from 9.30-11.30am in the church hall of Our Lady of the Bay Church (Kelly Drive, West Busselton). Their aim is to give all parents and children that attend, a safe environment full of fun ways to learn through play and an opportunity to meet new people at a time when most parents feel vulnerable and lonely. They have a reading corner, a play kitchen, many costumes, puzzles, crafts and a wooden playground. Please contact the Parish Office for the contact details of the co-ordinator and the current years schedule.

Parish Media Ministry

This group has been established to manage the Parish website and to update its content as much as possible. The Parish, moving with the signs of the time and understanding that people are often hooded in any form of mass media with the internet made available to everyone through their smart phones or computers, design the website as a tool to introduce and update people about what's happening in our Parish community. As a tool of Evangelisation, we envisage our website to inform others that our Parish is not just mere celebration of sacraments but also of relationships and life. Photos are uploaded in the gallery and articles on upcoming events are always updated to make sure people are informed of the many activities being organised by the leaders of each Ministry. If you want to be involved in any way, like taking photos and writing short articles for each event in the Parish life, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

Among its responsibilities are:

- **The Parish Website** - this is a comprehensive source of information about the Parish which is updated regularly and kept current with news, events and rosters.
- **The Parish Facebook** - this is for quick reminders, information and updates on current events with a link to the Parish website or detailed information.
- **IT** - the committee is responsible for the upkeep, trouble shooting and future planning of IT needs to ensure that everyone can see and hear during liturgical celebrations in both churches.

History of the Parish of Busselton



Busselton is one of the oldest parishes in Western Australia. Priests from Perth, especially members of the Benedictine Order visited Vasse (as Busselton was called) from the 1830's onwards.

The first recorded Baptism was in 1848, the officiating clergyman being Bishop John Brady. The first marriage in 1851 between John Hurford and Brigid Larkins was a "notable" event as four years later Brigid became the first woman hanged in the new gaol in Perth, her crime the murder of her husband.

The building of the first church commenced in 1866 and was completed in 1868 but while the little band of Catholics now had a place of worship, there was still no regular celebration of Mass. Priests from Bunbury visited three or four times a year at the most. After considerable lobbying. Bishop Martin Griver agreed to appoint a priest on 26th February 1885. Fr Anselm Bourke became the first parish priest. His duties took him from Vasse through Margaret River to Augusta, Yallingup, Bridgetown, Donnybrook and other settlements along the way.

Before he was transferred Father Bourke built a Presbytery which remained in use until the parish house was built in 1953. Over the years priests came and went (since 1885 there have been 27 parish priests and assistants). The longest serving of these was Fr Joseph McCormack (1917-1932), the driving force behind the building of the present church of St Joseph. By the 1930's the little stone church had become too small and on 3rd September 1933 a new church was blessed and opened by Archbishop Clune. The exterior has changed little in 64 years but in 1971 sweeping renovations were made to the interior and in 1994 stained glass windows were installed. The windows designed by parishioners depict the days when God created the heavens and earth, while the seventh day on which he took for himself as a day of rest and prayer is represented by the church itself.

Fr Charles Cunningham appointed Parish Priest in 1937, enlisted in the AIF in 1942 as a Chaplain. He saw service in New Guinea and the Islands and for conspicuous gallantry in a jungle battle was awarded the MBE (Military Division).

Just after the turn of the century one incident had a dramatic effect on the parish. Fr Patrick Clune (later to become the first Archbishop of Perth) conducted a Mission. Apparently the attendance was poor and Fr Clune reported to his Bishop that "the faith in the little corner of the Lord's vineyard is at a decidedly low ebb. The only way to rectify this," he said "is to place an order of nuns in the district" and he insisted they be the Sisters of Notre Dame de Missions.

In March 1903 three sisters arrived in Vasse and within a few days had opened a school and commenced teaching. Although they withdrew from Busselton in 1922 their place was taken by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

INTRODUCTION TO OUR PARISH VISION STATEMENT....

The Parish Pastoral Council of St. Joseph's Parish has articulated a vision for our Parish that encompasses the many gifts, talents and personalities making up our Parish community.

***“Growing in Faith, Inclusivity and Outreach,
through Openness.”***

The first part of our vision is ‘Growing in Faith’.

Faith is the reason we are all here. If we grow in our relationship with God we also grow in our relationships with others in our Parish community. Through involvement in Liturgical life, Faith Formation and Spiritual Life we can develop our relationship with God and others.

First and foremost as a Parish community we have to have faith. God invites us to be open and to give outreach to others. If we reach out to others we grow in faith. There is a cycle of openness and nourishment.

The second part of our vision is ‘Growing in Outreach’.

Outreach is something that currently occurs in our Parish, in many ways, and by many people. Our vision for the Parish is to coordinate and continue our outreach program, under the name of Joseph Care, in order to streamline the process to better meet all the needs of community members. This is a practical way that we can all live out our Parish vision by our simple actions, showing care and concern for each other.

The third part of our vision is ‘Growing in Inclusivity’.

Inclusivity in our Parish refers to being welcoming, accepting of differences and including all people for who and what they are. It refers to all the ways that we reach out and include people in our Parish. Inclusivity means including all people in Liturgical Life, Faith Formation, Social Life, Joseph Care and Parish realities.

Underpinning all aspects of our Parish vision is Openness.

Openness means being ‘open’ to everyone in the Parish. It means having effective dialogue, collaboration, and sharing of information. People need to know that there are means of communication and avenues to address or discuss issues. Openness also means that we are open to the Holy Spirit working in our lives, as we strive to grow in Faith, be inclusive of all and give outreach to those in need.

Meditation Group

This Christian Meditation Group meet on Wednesday at 3pm in the Ned Kenny Centre (behind St Joseph's Church). Come and deepen your Sacred connection to God.

Pilgrim Statue

The statue of Mary is escorted to a parishioner's home at 10am on the 4th Wednesday of each month. A Mass will be celebrated, the home blessed and the Rosary prayed. If you would like to schedule a visit, please ring the Parish Office for further details.



3. PARISH SOCIAL LIFE

This Commission is responsible for promoting family life and community life/spirit within the Parish.

Among its responsibilities are:

- Providing family life programs, informing parishioners of Diocesan family life and marriage programs and policies and aiding in their implementation;
- Planning and coordinating Parish social activities.

Ministries typically associated with this commission are the following:

- **Social Committee:** Organise and provide for other initiatives as requested by the PPC such as Father's Day dinner, Parish Picnic, catering for faith formation sessions and special occasions.
- **Craft & Coffee Group:** This very friendly group meet every Tuesday in the Ned Kenny Centre (attached to St Joseph's Church) from 1-4pm. Please bring your project along and have a cuppa and a chat while you work. Everyone is welcome!
- **Tuesday Gals:** Gather together once a month in friendship for a variety of social occasions. Their next event and venue is always published in the bulletin.
- **Catenian Koffee Klub:** Meet on the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:30am at The Esplanade for coffee or a meal.
- **The Holy Romans:** The men of the Parish meet once a month at the 'Good Egg' café for a breakfast. Keep your eye on the church bulletin for the notice of the next social breakfast.

Sacristan

This duty is carried out on a roster basis and involves preparation of the Altar for our weekend Masses and other significant Feasts celebrated in our liturgical year. It involves:

- The washing of the sacred vessels used in celebrating Mass;
- Undertaking laundry duties of purifiers, towels and Altar linen;
- The preparation of candles for use in Mass and ensuring the Sanctuary area is clean with adequate supplies of candles;
- Undertaking general tidying duties; and filling the holy water receptacles.

Some Sacristans are involved in Cleaning Busy Bees of the Church twice yearly and welcome the help of others who can assist in these affairs. Please approach the Parish Priest for expression of interest.



2. SPIRITUAL LIFE

This commission is responsible for helping the Priest and Pastoral Council provide the Parish and parishioners with individual and communal opportunities for spiritual growth. Among its specific responsibilities are:

- Enabling, promoting and supporting the Parish's continued growth as a faith community;
- Assessing the effectiveness of all present programs and organisations in deepening the spirituality of the Parish community;
- Providing opportunities for spiritual growth of Parish Groups such as the Pastoral Council and other Committees and Organisations;
- Encouraging prayer and reflection groups in the Parish;
- Coordinating Parish retreats and renewal programs.

Legion of Mary

This Parish Marian Movement gathers at 9.30am on Tuesdays in the Ned Kenny Centre (behind St Joseph's Church) after the morning Mass. The group, as part of their Mission, prays the Holy Rosary, visits the sick, and brings the pilgrim image of Mary to families who would request the presence of Our Lady in their homes.

Rosary Group

Parishioners meet weekly in St. Joseph's Church every Monday morning at 10am to say the Rosary for various intentions according to requirements. This powerful group has been meeting for over twenty-five years so have seen some of the group 'go to God' but one can be assured that they went in Prayer. If you would like to join this group, please ring the Parish Office for further details or look on the back page in the parish bulletin for the coordinator's contact details.

Parish Ministries- How can you be involved?

For those interested in joining a ministry or group, please phone the Parish Office for further details; or find the contact number for the co-ordinator on the back page of the bulletin.

1. LITURGICAL LIFE

This commission is responsible for helping the Priest and Pastoral Council provide the Parish and Parishioners with individual and communal opportunities for Liturgical celebrations and appreciation. Among its specific responsibilities are:

- General overseeing and evaluating of the liturgical life of the Parish community;
- Specifying the Liturgical needs of the Parish and making appropriate recommendations to the Pastoral Council after discussion with the Liturgy Committee;
- Participating in planning and preparing Parish Liturgies with the Liturgy Committee;
- Promoting fidelity to Church norms and implementing Diocesan policies with respect to Sacramental rites.

Bell Ringing

The bells at both our churches are rung before the Weekend Masses as a sign we are called to celebrate our Holy Eucharist and during special Masses, for example Christmas and Easter. If you are interested in assisting with this task, please speak to our priests.

Acolyte Ministry

The Acolyte is instituted to serve at the altar and to assist the Priest and Deacon. In particular, it is for him to prepare the altar and the vessels, and if it is necessary, as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, to give communion to the faithful.

In the ministry of the altar, the Acolyte has special duties, which he alone ought to perform. The functions of the Acolyte are to carry the cross in procession, present the book to the Priest or Deacon whenever necessary, prepare the altar at the Presentation of Gifts, help the Priest in receiving the gifts of the people; and assist the Priest in incensing.

A formally instituted Acolyte helps the Priest or Deacon to clean and arrange the vessels after Communion. In the absence of a Deacon, the Acolyte carries the sacred vessels to the side and purifies, wipes and arranges them in the customary manner.

The Acolyte plays an important role ensuring that everything is ready to go for Mass. For example — have all the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC's) arrived, are there collectors and so on. Entry to this Ministry is usually by invitation of the Parish Priest.

Altar Servers

The primary role of the Altar Server is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy by their actions, singing of hymns, responses of the people, looking alert and sitting or standing at the appropriate times.

Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the Priest when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the Priest or Deacon during the preparation of the gifts, or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the Priest, assist the Priest and Deacon as necessary.

Altar Servers are chosen from among the faithful who display a desire to participate in an intimate way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is an extreme privilege to kneel so close to the Altar as our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, becomes truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity upon the altar.

Children who have made their First Holy Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is run each Sunday during the school terms. Children of primary school age attend the Liturgy to hear the Gospel in a way that is meaningful and interesting to them. This ministry supports parents with young children to participate in Mass allowing the parents and children to experience a prayerful and meaningful Mass. Children leave the church at the beginning of Mass and return as the Gifts are brought forward.

Finance/Collections

The parish welcomes people to be involved by assisting with taking up the first and second collections at weekend Masses. Collectors take bags when they enter the Church.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Extraordinary Ministers for the distribution of the Holy Communion are properly formed, instructed and commissioned laypersons. Entry to this Ministry is usually by invitation of the Parish Priest. EMHC's may be male or female. These Ministers are appointed for a given parish community to aid in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and to the sick and homebound when our priests or deacons are unavailable.

Flower Ministry

Beauty is an important dimension in Catholic liturgy and worship. One of the functions of the Flower Ministry is to be sure that the floral arrangements are kept well attended on a weekly basis. Every major feast requires a major time commitment organising and planning to be sure that both our churches are decorated to accentuate and enhance worship.

Greeting Ministry

The Greeter's role is vital to both liturgical and social aspects of our faith community. The role of this Ministry is to welcome people to Mass in a warm and friendly manner. Members make a special effort to identify new parishioners and make them feel welcome, and answer questions about the parish as best they can. If questions cannot be answered, they drop a not in the Parish Office Query Box or contact the Parish Office about parishioners who are in need, should they be made aware of such cases whilst greeting.

Musicians and Parish Choir

Music that blends both spiritual and artistic temperament is sacred. Such music has the ability to enkindle, strengthen and deepen the spiritual experience for those gathered for worship. Liturgical music never dominates, but serves. Sacred music stirs one's mind and soul in prayer, offering another mode of experiencing worship.

Music is carefully planned and selected, based on liturgical considerations, published documents and the readings of the day so that a synchronicity is achieved that unites liturgy.

All are welcome to join in the Music Ministry, regardless of ability or experience. Singers and musicians are particularly encouraged to join with seasonal liturgies, for singing is and expression of joy. St. Paul invites us to "*sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God.*"

Readers and Commentators



Proclaimers of the word are called to a solemn and unique ministry as proclaimers of God's Holy Word. In this vital ministry, they serve the entire worshiping community as an instrument of God's very voice, which is present in the Word.

Responding to the call to serve at the Lord's Altar by proclaiming the Word, you will strengthen the faith of the members of the assembly and enable them to share the presence of Christ in their homes, their workplaces, and their interactions with the larger community.

As proclaimer of the Word of God, it is important not to change the wording of the Scriptures as written due to personal ideals. The Word of God is sacred and has been translated by biblical scholars for God's people. Even small modifications could offend the faithful.

Occasionally, the Liturgy Committee will hold Reader's workshops mainly based on voice projection and expression to assist readers in delivering the Word to the best of their ability. It is anticipated that readers will attend these opportunities as part of their Ministry.