

# ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

**2nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (18January)**

## First Reading

**Is 49:3, 5-6**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

## Second Reading

**1 Cor 1:1-3**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

**Jn 1:29-34**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

## AND NOW YOU KNOW

At the end of Mass, the priest raises his hand and says something very specific: "**May Almighty God bless you...**" He never says, "*I bless you.*"

That wording is not politeness. It is theology. A priest does not possess blessing as a personal power. He is not the source of grace. Even when he acts in the person of Christ during the Mass, he remains a servant, not the origin of divine action. Every blessing comes from God alone.

By saying "**May Almighty God bless you,**" the priest makes something clear: He is calling down God's blessing, not giving his own. He stands as a mediator, pointing beyond himself to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

This protects the Church from confusion. The priest is not a spiritual magician, nor is he greater than the people he serves. His authority is borrowed, exercised in obedience, and always directed upward to God.

There is also humility in this formula. It reminds both priest and people that grace is never controlled or owned. It is always received. **The blessing is not automatic; it is an invitation for God to act in the lives of those who are open.**

And for the faithful, this moment carries responsibility. When the priest says "**May Almighty God bless you,**" you are being sent under God's authority, not the priest's personality. What you receive is not a kind wish, it is **divine commissioning.**

So the next time you hear those words, listen carefully.

**The priest is stepping aside so that God Himself may step forward.**

*(Catholic Dailies)*

**Next Week's Readings (Year A)**

Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

**PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS**  
12 January - 18 January

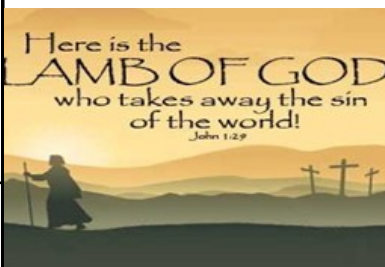
<b>Monday</b>	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
<b>Thursday</b>	5.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
<b>Friday</b>	11.00am	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	11.30am	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12 noon	Mass	St. Joseph's
<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm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



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**REFLECTION**

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord and this Second Sunday go very nicely together. The baptism of Jesus was all about the start of his mission, and the readings of today **are all about our mission**. .... To be a baptised person is to be a person on a mission. Today we proclaim the second of the Suffering Servant songs of Second Isaiah. It speaks of the call by God of one who was not only to restore the survivors of the Jewish exile back to their homeland, but to be a light of the nations. Remember we heard at Epiphany that 'nations' is the code word for foreigners, for non-Jews, **for us**. The mission of the Suffering Servant was to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth. This was the mission of Jesus. Following Jewish interpretation of the Suffering Servant songs, we can also say that it was not his mission alone. In the Jewish tradition these songs are given a corporate interpretation. As much as they apply to an individual they apply to a people. In baptism we become part of that people. **Our mission is to be the servant of the Lord. Our mission is to call Israel back from exile. Our mission is to be the light of the nations. Our mission is to bring God's salvation to the ends of the world. To be a baptised person is to be a person of mission.** In response to God's call, in response to God's voice spoken not only to Jesus at his baptism, 'This is my Son, the Beloved', but to each one of us at our baptism, 'This is my son, this is my daughter', our mission is to join with the psalmist and say '**Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will**' (cf. Ps 39[40]:7-8). God does not want sacrifice; Jesus was enough. **What God wants is our open ear, our availability, our willingness to announce God's justice in the great assemblies of our lives.** To be a baptised person is to be a person of mission. Brothers and sisters, let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us give thanks that our God believes in us. From our mother's womb God has called each one of us. God entrusts us with the mission of being light to the world, God nourishes us with the broken body of the lamb, with the blood of the lamb poured out, so that we too can allow our bodies to be broken and our blood to be poured out in the service of our world. (Liturgia)

**THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday, our parish community joyfully celebrates the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** (*those not baptised*) and the **Rite of Welcoming** for candidates (*those who have been baptised*) who are preparing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. These rites are moments of grace, where the Church embraces and supports those who are responding to God's call. As a parish family, let us surround them with our prayers, encouragement, and example of faith, so that they may feel the love and strength of the Body of Christ as they continue their journey.

**PARISH COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE:** Meeting will take place after the 9am Mass. We hope to finalise the design so we can start the project.

**LADIES SUNDOWNER**

This annual Sundowner will be held on **Friday, 30 January**, in the outside area of the Our Lady of the Bay Community Centre between **5pm - 7pm**. Proceeds from the Sundowner support the CWL scholarship to a student to attend SMMC. **Cost \$10** which includes food and drinks and a ticket in the door prize. Bring some coins for the raffle and games. Please come along and enjoy some 'girl time', lots of laughs and a chance to forge new friendships.

**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.

**JANUARY INTENTION**

**For prayer with the word of God :**

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**GENTLE REMINDER**

**Please turn off your mobile phone.**

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

### FROM FR JESS

#### **RCIA ENQUIRERS FOR THE RITES OF ACCEPTANCE:**

##### **AS CATECHUMENATES SPONSOR**

Emma Colombero	Vanessa Philp
Romain Goimard	Brett Colombero
Noah Staines	Grace Staines
Sandra McDonald	Wendy Rivera
Alice Le	Anthony Dinh
Alexander Forrest	Roger Ronaldo

##### **AS CANDIDATES SPONSOR**

Jo Wilson	Julie McKenzie
Brooke Sewbalak	Lyn Stone

Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue their RCIA process, a journey towards faith.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS:**

Parishes in the Diocese of Bunbury are now able to make available to those who attend Mass reception of communion under both species. Bishop George has lifted the restrictions due to covid pandemic. We, as a Parish, are preparing for the implementation of the norms. I am inviting all the **ACOLYTES** and **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** for a meeting after Sunday Mass on the **25 January**. The aim is to re-orient and prepare us as we re-introduce the Holy Communion both Body and Blood of the Lord. I envisage to start this practice in February.

**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 OLB. For more information, talk to Fr. Jess.

#### **ROSTERS**

Could all who minister at our weekend Masses, please advise the Parish Office of weekends **available/not available** in **February**.

### **GOD'S FARM**

God's Farm invites you to their monthly Eucharistic Adoration Mass on Saturday, **24 January**, at 11am. Fr Paul Fox will be presiding. Join us for shared lunch. All welcome. Enquires: Mary 0438054199

#### **LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The Catholic Parish of Augusta invite you to join them for their 40th Anniversary on Sunday, 25 January for the 8am Mass which will be followed by morning tea. Bishop George will be there. RSVP Lynne-Maree on 0466930303 or yorkelynnemaree@gmail.com

#### **THANKYOU**

The family of Jon Wilder wish to thank you for the prayers sent to heaven on his behalf. He has now turned a corner and is doing much better.

### **Deaths**

**Margaret Logue** passed away last Saturday. Her funeral service will take place at Bantry Chapel this **Thursday at 2.30pm**.

**Terry McGregor** also died last Saturday. A service will be held for him at a later date (*when his brother arrives*).

Our thoughts are with the families and we pray that their Souls and the Souls of all the Faithful departed, rest in the peace of Christ.

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.***

#### **Prayers For The Sick**

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

#### **Memorial Anniversary**

2000: Fr Stephen Kelly  
2006: Millar Buzzard  
2018: Elanne Jenkins



#### **Church Collections**

(Weekend 10/11 January)

Envelopes: \$ 850.00  
Loose: \$ 1,800.90  
EFT Machine: \$ 247.00  
Direct Debit: \$ 260.00  
Containers for Change: \$ 14.20

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 24/25 JANUARY**

#### **Saturday 6pm**

Acolyte: Tim  
Greeters: Di, Lily  
Commentator: Di  
Readers: Trish W, Trish T  
Musicians: Carmelina  
Projectionist: Evangeline  
EMHC: -  
Cleaning: Rosary  
Laundry: Di

#### **Sunday 9am**

Acolyte: Terry  
Altar Servers: Leon, Olivia  
Greeters: Kaye C, Peter  
Commentator: Barb  
Readers: Kaye C, Julie  
Musician: -  
Projectionist: Peta  
Recorded Music: Mario  
EMHC: James D  
Sacristan: Julie  
Children's Liturgy: -

#### **Sunday 6pm**

Acolyte: Allen  
Altar Servers: Prince, Charles  
Greeters: Joan, Roz  
Commentator: Gay  
Readers: Robyn, Catherine  
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***

Resumes Thursday, 5 February.

***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***

65. Over the centuries, the Church has also been enriched spiritually by the many different forms of consecrated life. From the very beginning, the Church has recognised the action of the Spirit in men and women who have followed Christ along the path of the evangelical counsels, consecrating themselves to the service of God, whether through contemplation or other forms of service. They are called to interrogate Church and society with their prophetic voice. Across their centuries-long history, the various forms of consecrated life elaborated what we now recognise as practices of synodal living. These include how to practise discernment in common and to harmonise together individual gifts as well as pursue mission in common. Orders and congregations, societies of apostolic life, secular institutes, as well as associations, movements and new communities, all have a special contribution to make to the growth of synodality in the Church. Today, many communities of consecrated life are like laboratories for inter-cultural living in a way that is prophetic for both the Church and the world. At the same time, synodality invites - and sometimes challenges - pastors of local Churches, as well as those responsible for leadership in consecrated life and in the movements, to strengthen relationships in order to bring to life an exchange of gifts at the service of the common mission. age and sexual ethics, which they recognise as a source of life.

66. Mission involves all the Baptised. The first task of lay women and men is to permeate and transform earthly realities with the spirit of the Gospel (cf. LG 31.33; AA 5-7). At the behest of Pope Francis (cf. Apostolic Letter issued "Motu Proprio" Spiritus Domini, 10 January 2021), the synodal process urged local Churches to respond with creativity and courage to the needs of the mission. This response should involve discernment among the various charisms in order to identify which of these should take a ministerial form and thus be equipped with adequate criteria, tools and procedures. Not all charisms need to be configured as ministries, nor do all the Baptised need to become ministers, nor do all ministries need to be instituted. For a charism to be configured as a ministry, the community must identify a genuine pastoral need. This should be accompanied by a discernment carried out by the pastor, who, together with the community, will make a decision on whether there is a need to create a new ministry. As a result of this process, the competent authority reaches a decision. A missionary synodal Church would encourage more forms of lay ministries, that is, ministries that do not require the sacrament of Holy Orders, and this not only within the liturgical sphere. They can be instituted or not instituted. Further reflection should be given to the most effective way of bestowing lay ministries at a time when people move from one place to another with increasing ease, specifying the times and areas of their exercise.

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