

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (29 March 2026)

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgment, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'.

'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me!' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit. *All kneel and pause a moment.*

At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Acts 10:34, 37-43 | 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 |
Matthew 28:1-10

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

Holy Monday	30 March	10:00 AM	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Holy Tuesday	31 March	9:00 AM	No Mass	No Mass
Holy Wednesday	1 April	9:00 AM	Mass	St. Joseph's
Holy Thursday	2 April	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	No Adoration	St. Joseph's
		7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's	Our Lady of the Bay
Good Friday	3 April	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Stations of	Breeden Park
		11:00 AM	Stations of the Cross	St. Joseph's
		3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Lord's	Our Lady of the Bay
Saturday	4 April	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
Easter Sunday	5 April	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
		6:00 PM	No Easter Mass	No Easter Mass



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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

Reflection:

The prophet Isaiah writes in the person of the 'suffering servant' of the Lord, who is identified with Christ himself. Yet this also offers each one of us a model for behaviour and our response to the world. Today, we hear the principle of non-resistance, of not attempting to defend oneself against opposition. The principle of non-resistance is often taken as a call to a kind of heroic fortitude, but such an approach is often not sustainable or healthy in the long term. Perhaps this non-resistance can be also be understood in terms of simply 'letting things be', or 'going with the flow'.

In reality, we often compound and multiply our sufferings by resistance to what is really beyond our control. How much more conducive it is to our serenity simply to accept with gentleness, flexibility, fluidity and non-judgement that which happens! This non-resistance is expressed beautifully in the words of Bruce Lee; 'Be like water making its way through cracks. Do not be assertive, but adjust to the object, and you shall always find a way around or through it'.

Holy Week Services 2026

28th March 6pm Saturday ~ Palm Sunday Vigil at St. Joseph's Church

29th March 9am Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

29th March 6pm Sunday ~ Palm Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay Church

31st March 11am Holy Tuesday ~ Holy Chrism Mass at St.



Patrick's Cathedral, Bunbury

2nd April 7pm Holy Thursday ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper / Washing of the feet at Lady of the Bay Church

3rd April 10am Good Friday ~ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Arthur and Norah Breeden Park, Peel Terrace, opposite of St. Mary's Anglican Church

3rd April 11am Good Friday ~ Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph's Church

3rd April 3pm Good Friday ~ Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady of the Bay Church

4th April 7pm Holy Saturday ~ Easter Vigil at Our Lady of the Bay Church

5th April 9am Easter Sunday ~ Easter Mass at Our Lady of the Bay Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fresh flowers for Easter floral displays

If anyone have any yellow/ gold coloured flowers they can bring in for Kaye C to use for our celebration for Easter. Please contact Kaye by mid-week so she knows what to expect. Thank You Kaye for sharing your gifts!

Donors of Hot Cross Buns for Good Friday after the 3pm service

Thank you to those who have already supplied these and placed them in the freezer at OLB. To those generous parishioners who offered to supply Hot Cross Buns, please bring them in OLB either Holy Thursday evening before the 7pm Mass or before 2.30pm on Good Friday.

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

The next CWL Meeting ~ 10th of April

No Expositions on Holy Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish

2026 Busselton May Rosary Celebration in honour of Our Lady

Sunday May 3rd at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12:30pm. Rosary Procession followed by Benediction commences at 1pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Bishop George Kolodziej commences at 2:30pm. Afternoon tea will follow - bring a plate to share. ALL WELCOME!

Parish Sacramental Out-of-School Program

Every Mondays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Reconciliation
Every Tuesdays 3:30 ~ 4:30—Sacrament of Eucharist
April 3~19 Easter Holiday Break—Resume on 27th April

Diocesan Training Formation

18th of April 2026 9:00am – 3:30pm
Our Lady of the Bay Parish Hall, Busselton
The Diocese of Bunbury will be facilitating a formation day for new and continuing Liturgical Ministers. Those who serve or wish to serve (after approval by their parish priest) as Acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors are welcomed to attend. Lunch and morning tea provided but you are welcomed to bring plate to share as well.

TENEBRAE SERVICE:

The youth is leading the TENEBRAE SERVICE on GOOD FRIDAY at 6:30 pm , St Joseph's church. Tenebrae is an ancient liturgy regarded as a prelude to the day of Resurrection, a time to experience through hymns, prayers and silence - something of the loss that Jesus' disciples felt at his death.

Easter Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday No Masses
Thursday & Friday Regular Masses

Good Friday Afternoon Tea with Hot Cross buns

Friday, 3 April 2026 After 3:00pm Good Friday service

Project Compassion Envelopes

Please return them to any of our Holy Week Services

Lenten Soup: Project Compassion Fund Raise \$210.40

Thank you for those who supported the Friday Lenten Soup & Movie Night

Easter Envelopes

Mass offering envelopes are available at the Church entrance

Divine Mercy Sunday at Our Lady of the Bay (2nd Week of Easter)

2pm Holy Hour – Benediction
3pm Prayer – Divine Mercy Chaplet
~Afternoon tea follows at OLB Hall~

Diocesan Assembly July 30 – August 1, 2026

On Thursday March 19, Bishop George celebrated the first anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. He also launched the Diocesan Assembly: July 30 – August 1, 2026. In June each parish will be invited and encouraged to take part in conversations and dialogue, to share your experiences, hopes and the challenges that you see for the future of our church. Your voice together will guide the preparation of our five year Diocesan Pastoral Plan. This will be a very important time in our 'Year of Connectedness'. You are invited to come with open hearts and trust, together let us listen to one another, together let us listen to God and together let us shape the future of our diocese.

Memorial Anniversary

2015: James Woodward
1997: Jack Reynolds
2009: Gilbert Brennan
2013: Eileen Lightowlers

Prayers For The Sick

Melissa "Molly" Marshall
Shane Williams
Lorraine Wielgomasz
Sr Eileen Johnson
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit
Meg Helyar
Norma Chester
Merle Teal
Deacon Greg Dudley



Church Collections

(Weekend 16 ~ 22 March)

Envelopes: \$510.00
Loose: \$3552.60
EFT Machine: \$400.00
Direct Debit: \$100.00

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

Let Us Pray For the Elects

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

Jo Wilson, Brooke Sewbalak

As they approach towards their reception into Catholic Faith and Church.



WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 4TH ~ 5TH APRIL

Saturday Easter Vigil 7pm

Acolyte: Frank Norton
EMHC: Denise M
Readers: Maria P, Kaye M, Denise M, Roger
Musicians: Carmelina
Projectionist: Veronica
Cleaning: Evangeline & May
Laundry: Di

Easter Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe Lavorgna
Altar Servers: Leon & Olive
Greeters: Maria H, Alexandra
Commentator: Pat Tebbit
Readers: Patricia E, Loly S
Musician: John G.
Projectionist: Nola
EMHC: Trish W, Helen S

MARCH INTENTION

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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.

Diocesan Assembly Prayer

Loving and faithful God,
As we walk along the road of our lives help us to recognise that You are with us.

Stay close to us.

Open our hearts when we hear Your Word.

In the blessing and breaking of the bread and of our lives together, help us to recognise You and know that You are near.

Fill us with Your Spirit and your joy, so we may go and share Your Good News. Send Your blessing on all the people of our Diocese as we prepare for our assembly in August.

May Your Spirit of wisdom inspire and guide all our conversations and gatherings.

May Your Spirit of loving communion unite us more closely in our parishes and diocese.

May our walking together be fruitful and be a sign of Your presence in our world.

Our Lady of the Way – Pray for Us
St Joseph Protector of the Church – Pray for Us.
Amen

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – 160 Years in WA

The St Vincent de Paul Society in WA is celebrating its 160th Anniversary – for the SW region a special Mass will be offered in Busselton on Saturday 16 May at 11am in Our Lady of the Bay church with Bishop George as the main celebrant. Members from throughout the Bunbury Diocese will be joined by the SVdPWA State President and members travelling from Perth and beyond.

Our Bunbury Diocesan choir will lead the singing of the Mass. Busselton CWL members have agreed to arrange a light luncheon to follow the Mass. If you able to assist with this – making sandwiches/sausage rolls etc please contact Maria (0428 771140) or Fran (0428 220822). Your help would be greatly appreciated – costs will be reimbursed. Many thanks!

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 III - Ecclesial Discernment for Mission

85. Discernment always unfolds within a particular context, the complexities and specificities of which must be grasped as completely as possible. For discernment to be truly 'ecclesial', it should make use of the appropriate means. These include an adequate biblical exegesis to help interpret and understand biblical texts while avoiding partial or fundamentalist interpretations; a knowledge of the Fathers of the Church, of Tradition and the teachings of the Magisterium, according to their varying degrees of authority; the contributions of the various theological disciplines; and the contributions of the human, historical, social and administrative sciences. Without these latter, it is not possible to grasp the context in which and with a view to which

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