

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (25 May)

First Reading

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading

Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens,

Next Week's Readings (Year C)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24: 46-53

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

26 May - 1 June

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	8am-5pm	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	5.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	11.00am	Acies Ceremony	St. Joseph's
	11.30am	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	12 noon	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.00pm	Reconciliation	St Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	8.30am	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
	8.45am	Divine Mercy	Our Lady of the Bay
	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5.00pm	Reconciliation	Our Lady of the Bay
		Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

REFLECTIONS

French vocabulary is sometimes more precise than English. "Goodbye" is a case in point. The French use *Au revoir* for those everyday temporary separations, while *Adieu* is reserved strictly for final departures; it means roughly "until we meet in heaven." Life is a succession of *Au revours* and *Adieus*. The number of the latter grows with the passing years. Our hearts and memories are peopled with faces that once were dear to us. Some, like our parents, died. Others moved away out of our lives never to reappear again. If their names crop up in conversation we say, "I wonder what became of so-and-so." They may say the same about us too. Life is a series of little deaths until our own death which for us will be the last great *Adieu*.

We are, as never before, a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir*. "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us.

God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here and have to make our last goodbye, it will be literally *Adieu*, "going to God." (Association of Catholic Priests)

Christ's farewell gift to those he loves is peace. But what is this peace? Jesus distinguishes between his gift of peace and what the world offers under the same name. Although he encourages his followers not to feel distress or fear, he is not peddling mere peace of mind. Jesus promises that the one who is true to his word out of love will know the indwelling presence of God. **When we shake hands at the sign of peace during Mass, are we blessing each other with the hope that a holy peace may enliven us and penetrate the world through us? Are we inviting God's peace to dwell in us so that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me"?** Maybe we are not ready for this peace yet. Maybe there is still a war going on; that is, whether or not we want the Spirit of Christ to take up residence within us. (GPBS eNews)

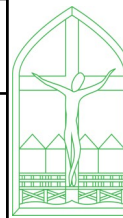
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



PLEASE keep our young parishioners, who will be receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit on this World's Children's Sunday. We welcome their families and sponsors who have walked with them on their journey, and Bishop George who will be confirming them. We invite all to the morning tea after the 9am Mass where you may pass on your congratulations and best wishes.

WEEKDAY READING ROSTER

A sheet (on a red clipboard) can be found on the pew as you enter from the side door at St. Joseph's, with **Days** and **Dates** for the month of **June**. Please add your name to one or two of the slots. We are hoping that this will open up this important Ministry to more Lectors. (Variety is the spice of life.)



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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. Trish, the secretary, would love to meet you.

MAY INTENTION

For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

You have the right to remain silent

"Reconciliation means working together to correct the legacy of past injustice."

~ Nelson Mandela ~

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

is a time to reflect, to listen and to walk together. It reminds us that healing begins when we face the past with honesty and look to the future with respect and care. This week, we remember the strength and wisdom of First Nations peoples. We honour their stories, cultures and deep connection to this land. Their voices matter. Reconciliation is not just a word, it's action. It's choosing kindness, fairness and understanding. It's speaking up when something isn't right. It's about learning, being open to seeing things differently and standing side by side. There is hope in every step we take together. Hope in the conversations we have, in the friendships we build and in the changes we make. Let this week inspire us all, to listen more, to learn more and to love more deeply, because when we walk together, with open hearts and minds, we can build a future that's fair, united and strong. **Now more than ever, we must keep going – together.** (Majellan Media)

THANK YOU!

The Parish thanks the band of willing and hard working parishioners who gathered in the grounds of Our Lady of the Bay last Saturday to prune, weed and tidy the surrounds. Five College students lent their hand which was very much appreciated. The grounds now look a treat. Thank you!

LEGION OF MARY

You are warmly invited to the Legion's Acies ceremony which takes place at **11am** this **Friday**, (30 May), in St Joseph's Church. Every year, the members both individually and collectively examine their relationship to Mary and specifically their practice of true devotion to her in the spirit of St. Louise Marie de Montfort. It is at this Acies ceremony that they renew and express publicly their Consecration to Mary. The ceremony will be followed by the 12 noon Mass and light refreshments will then be served in the Ned Kenny Centre.

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.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Does the Spirit of Christ truly live within us? Are we looking out for the marginalised, poor, homeless and needy? Are we the face of Christ to those around us? Are we reaching out to help, expecting nothing in return?

St. Vincent de Paul: Perhaps you could contribute food items into the baskets at both churches for those doing it tough. All donations are appreciated – a list of suggested items is nearby. If financial donations are your choice please give to our Treasurer, Peter Etherington or to Maria Parkinson, President or place envelopes in the regular Sunday collections where they will be handed to us. Envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Community Food Pantry (leave them in the unpowered fridge situated between the parish office and garages) Both are in dire need of non-perishable items to help those residing in our community who are in need.

Memorial Anniversary

2016: Phyllis Fraser
2017: Anne Dixon
2019: Donald Smith
2023: Di Fisher
2024: Fr Brian Morgan



Church Collections

(Weekend 17/18 May)

Envelopes: \$ 538.60
Loose: \$ 1,244.70
EFT Machine: \$ 190.00
Direct Debit: \$ 495.00
Containers for Change: \$ 39.90

Tap and pay machines are now located in the foyers of **both churches** for the convenience of parishioners and visitors who may prefer not to carry cash about on all occasions.

Direct Deposits can be made to our account:
Busselton Catholic Parish, quoting your surname and/or envelope number: **BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113**



Prayers For The Sick

Damien Philp;
Shane Williams;
Fr Hugh Galloway;
Bob Tebbit

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 31 MAY/1 JUNE

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Trish T
Readers: George, Mary
Musicians: Carmelina
Projectionist: Angela
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Yvonne, Noreen
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Greeters: Greg & Fran
Commentator: Barb
Readers: Pat T, Judy
Musician: -
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: Mario
EMHC: Gay
Sacristan: Jo
Children's Liturgy: Mark, Shane

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Frank
Greeters: Roz
Commentator: Kevin D
Readers: Mona, Mitchell
Projectionist: Jo
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.

INVITATION FROM BISHOP GEORGE

Dear Young People!

I am delighted to invite you to be a part of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 2025 in the Archdiocese of Melbourne!

ACYF is a national gathering of Australian young people from all over the country. At the festival, you will experience what it means to be a Catholic in ways you have never experienced it before. You will connect deeply with other young people, find out more about your faith and yourself - and have lots of fun along the way. You will see the passionate, energetic and youthful people of God Jesus calls us to be.

In this *Pilgrims of Hope* Jubilee Year, ACYF will be a special way for you, young people across our Diocese, and I to journey together and mark the end of the Jubilee Year. I hope you will join us!

By joining in this Pilgrimage, you will be undertaking a special journey and join a great tradition created by young people like yourself.

I invite you and your friends to join us on an amazing 6-day ACYF Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The pilgrimage is created to ensure that you have the best time possible and providing you with all the tools and support you need to make the most of the experience.

See you in November!

In Christ,

+George Kolodziej SDS

Bishop of Bunbury

JOIN THE OFFICIAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ACYF 2025!

28 November – 3 December 2025 Melbourne, VIC

Ready for an unforgettable faith-filled adventure with thousands of young Catholics from around Australia? The **Diocesan Youth Ministry Office - Catholic Diocese of Bunbury** invites all young people (**Year 9 –25 years**) to be part of the **Official Diocesan Pilgrimage** to the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025!** This 6-day journey includes: Festival access, Flights & transfers, Accommodation, Breakfasts and celebratory dinner with Bishop George, Sightseeing & social activities, Spiritual support & formation, Small group discussions, Daily prayer & liturgy. **Cost: Approx. \$2,200. Deposit Due: 15 August 2025. Pre-register now** and secure your place: Scan the QR Code on the poster (in foyer) or visit <https://brushfire.com/catholicdioceseofbunbury/events/605208>

Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith, make lifelong friends, and experience the Church in an exciting new way!

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.
- PLEASE NOTE the Rendezvous Road Waste Facility is no longer taking them..

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

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