

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH OF BUSSELTON

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

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (30 November)

First Reading

Is 2:1-5

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord .

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."
- Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES (SIMBANG GABI)

A Filipino tradition for the nine days before Christmas. Everyone is welcome.

15 Dec	Monday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
16 Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Dunsborough
17 Dec	Wednesday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
18 Dec	Thursday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
19 Dec	Friday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
20 Dec	Saturday	6.00pm - normal Mass	St. Joseph's
21 Dec	Sunday	6.00pm - normal Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
22 Dec	Monday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's
23 Dec	Tuesday	6.30pm	St. Joseph's - <i>There will be a shared supper</i>



Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
1 December - 7 December

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
	5.30pm	<u>Advent Reflection</u>	Ned Kenny Centre
Friday	11.00am	Holy Hour	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
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay



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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.

DECEMBER INTENTION

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

You have the right to remain silent

REFLECTION

As we enter the first Sunday of Advent, Matthew's reminder to stay awake speaks directly into the rhythm of family life and parish community. So often our days are filled with activity work, appointments, sport, caring for children or ageing parents, managing responsibilities and trying to keep everything moving. Like the people in Noah's time, we can get swept up in the ordinary and miss the quiet ways God is working in and around us. Advent interrupts that pattern. It invites us to slow down enough to notice, to listen, to be present to what matters most. For families this Gospel is a gentle but urgent nudge to pay attention to the sacred moments hidden inside everyday life. It might be the honesty of a child's question at the dinner table, the silent support of a spouse, a chance encounter that lifts our spirits or the pull to pray even when we feel tired. God often arrives disguised in simplicity and relationship. Advent asks us to prepare our homes, not with perfection, but with openness. It reminds us that Christ enters the world through small, ordinary doorways, and those doorways often sit right in our kitchens, our living rooms and our parish gatherings. For parish communities the call is just as strong. These weeks are a chance to rekindle hope, to reconnect with one another, to notice who might feel lonely or forgotten, to reach out beyond our comfort zones and to welcome others with generosity. Advent awakens a shared sense of responsibility for one another and invites us to walk together with hearts that are expectant, courageous and ready. As we begin this season may we resist the temptation to rush through these weeks and instead remain awake to the grace unfolding around us. May our homes be places of kindness and peace. May our parishes be communities where people feel known, supported and encouraged. May we hold space for God to surprise us. Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas it is an invitation to live with attentiveness and hope, trusting that Christ is already drawing near.

(GPBS eNews)

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Choir Practice: All Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend the first Christmas Choir rehearsal this **Tuesday, 2 December** at 6pm at Our Lady of the Bay. (The programme rehearsed is for the 9pm Christmas Eve Mass and the Carols prior. *Come and raise your voice.*)

Advent Reflection: Is this **Thursday**, at 5.30pm in the Ned Kenny Centre (*after the 5pm Mass at St Joseph's*). Advent is not meant to be a time of passive waiting, but rather of hopeful preparation for the coming of the Lord. We invite you to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season and join us as we follow the Diocesan Program and reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel over a cuppa. Advent Programmes are a gold coin donation or can be downloaded from our website or emailed to you by the Parish Office.

Advent Reconciliation: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps:51) Christmas is all about being reconciled with Christ, so please mark your diaries for the Parish Advent Reconciliation on **Friday, 19 December. 6.00pm** in St. Joseph's Church.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Takes place on **Wednesday, 3 December** at **5pm** in the Ned Kenny Centre. Agendum: To finalise the Parish Mission Statement followed by a shared meal.

NEXT WEEKEND

Morning Tea: The Craft Group and the Tuesday Gals are hosting a morning tea after next Sunday's 9am Mass. All are invited. Come and build stronger community ties.

R.C.I.A Catechumenate Meeting: After the Sunday 9am Mass.

VESTING OF OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

We invite our parish families to bring a bauble to decorate the Our Lady of the Bay Christmas tree on **Sunday, 14 December**. Perhaps you would like to write your family name on the bauble?

ADORATION

There will be no Thursday Adoration in St. Joseph's Church until 5 February.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Parishioners are, once again, invited to contribute to the SVDP Annual Christmas Appeal. The provision of Christmassy and other food items would be greatly appreciated. Lists of suggested items are shown with the baskets at both our churches. If you prefer to offer a cash donation, envelopes are available at the rear of the churches – *these can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. The need this year has been enormous – in the past three months we have given out over 100 food parcels! Imagine what it would like to not have something special on the table at Christmas??* Many thanks for your continued support! *Maria Parkinson*

ROSTERS

Could all who minister of a weekend please advise the Parish Office which Christmas Masses you will be attending (Sheets are in the foyer to fill out), and of weekends **available/not available** in **January**.

We give thanks for Natalie and her band of helpers from the College. They do a wonderful job when it's their turn to clean St. Joseph's. They even bring the kids! (*It's a wonderful sight.*) A new roster is about to be drawn up. Would anyone else like to come on board in cleaning St Joseph's?

ARE YOU A BUDDING FLORIST?

Do you have an artistic bent, an eye for colour or just like fiddling around with flowers? Helen would love to work with you in creating flower arrangements for St Joseph's Church at the beginning of each month. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to help out.

JOSEPH'S CARE

Marnie has kindly put her hand up to give a lift to an elderly parishioner in Chaytor's View to the Sunday 9am Mass. I am wondering if someone else might like to stand-by as a back-up? Please contact the Parish Office.

BISHOP GEORGE'S CATHOLICCARE APPEAL

Bishop George wishes to thank all parishioners who have given generously to his Christmas Appeal for CatholicCare. This is tangible support to those who are in need within our communities. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

JUBILEE OF HOPE - DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

The Catholic Diocese of Bunbury cordially invite you to the Diocesan Pilgrimage and closing of the Jubilee Year on **Saturday, 13 December. Pilgrimage Walk** takes place at 9am from the Hayward Street Carpark, on Ocean Road, South Bunbury and the **Jubilee Mass** starts at 10am in St Patrick's Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Lady of the Bay

Christmas Eve: 6.00pm - Children's Mass

8.30pm - Carols

9.00pm - Mass

Christmas Day: 9.00am - Mass

St. Joseph's

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm - Carols

12.00am - Mass

If you want to read an article (A Lifelong Vocation) on two of our parishioners (Kevin & Kate Jennings) go to <https://vocations.perthcatholic.org.au/vocations-stories>

Prayers For The Sick

Shane Williams
Fr Hugh Galloway
Bob Tebbit,
Jon Wilder
Meg Helyar,
Norma Chester
Merle Teal



Memorial Anniversary

2009: Gwenyth Jones
2010: Santo Di Blasi
2012: Joe Moylan
2014: Daphne Sayers
2015: Anne Hughes
2018: Robert Clayton

Church Collections

(Weekend 22/23 November)

Envelopes: \$ 705.00

Loose: \$ 1,714.40

EFT Machine: \$ 400.00

Direct Debit: \$ 300.00

Containers for Change: \$ 89.10

Catholic Mission: \$ 1,611.10

(Many thanks to all parishioners who donated.)

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 6/7 DECEMBER

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Trish
Readers: Angela, George
Musicians: John A-W
Projectionist: Evangeline
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Natalie & Helpers
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Altar Servers: Regan, John
Greeters: Maria, Alexandra
Commentator: Barb
Readers: Patricia, Pat
Musician: John G
Projectionist: David
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: James, Julie
Sacristan: Patricia
Children's Liturgy: Bernice, Helper

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin
Altar Servers: Prince, Charles
Greeters: Roz
Commentator: Nicolle
Readers: Roger (both)
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

Resumes Tuesday, 12 January.

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.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION

Snippet from the Final Document: Part I - The Heart of Synodality

51. We should, therefore, look to the Gospels to outline for us the journey of conversion we are required to undertake, learning little by little to make Jesus' practices our own. The Gospels present to us a Lord who is often "in the act of listening to the people who come to Him along the roads of the Holy Land" (DCS 11). Jesus never sent anyone away without stopping to listen and to speak to them, whether men or women, Jews or pagans, doctors of the law or publicans, righteous men and women or sinners, beggars, the blind, lepers or the sick. By meeting people wherever their history and personal freedom had led them, He revealed to them the face of the Father. By listening to the needs and to the faith of those He met, and by responding through words and gestures, He renewed their lives, opening the path to healed relationships. Jesus is the Messiah who "even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak" (Mk 7:37). He asks us, His disciples, to do the same and, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, gives us the capacity to do it conforming our hearts to His: only "the heart makes all authentic bonding possible, since a relationship not shaped by the heart is incapable of overcoming the fragmentation caused by individualism" (DN 17). When we listen to our sisters and brothers, we are participants in the way that God in Jesus Christ comes to meet each of us.

BANTRY CHAPEL - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Invite you to join them for a non-denominational service organised by Busselton Hospice Care on Sunday, 30 November at 6.30pm. It is an opportunity to remember and honour the life and death of a loved one. If you would like a photo of your loved one included, please email Busselton@barrettfunerals.com.au or drop a hard copy into the office by midday Wednesday, 26 November. Light refreshments served after the service. See poster in foyer.

SPIRITUALITY HUB KIRUP

On Wednesday **3 December** we will host a Women's Retreat led by Sr Pauline Dundon "**Advent-waiting in hope**". Contact Deborah on **0419 939 864** or deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com for further information and registration. No cost (*donation requested*).

AN INVITATION

To past and present **catechists** (for RCIA, RCIC, Children's Sacraments) of the Parish, to attend the **Mass for Catechists** on **Wednesday, 10 December**, in St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am followed by an informal lunch. Bishop George is presiding and would like to meet you all (*even if you are not currently teaching students at this present time.*) It's a great opportunity to meet Bishop George and each other. Please RSVP Sr Pauline: pauline.dundon@bunburycatholic.org

CAROLS BY THE JETTY—13 DECEMBER

Are you able to help at this event? From setting up, to packing up, to taking up the collection or helping at the First Aid station there are a lot of jobs up for grabs. Please contact **Richard Lock 0421692224** if you can help.

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

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.

MINISTRIES

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