

# BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (30 March)

### First Reading

**Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### Responsorial Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading

**2 Cor 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel

**Lk 15:-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

**Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11**

## PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS

31 March - 6 April

<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>	8am-5pm	Adoration	St. Joseph's
	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
	5.00pm	<u>Lenten Reflection</u>	Ned Kenny Centre
	6.00pm	<u>Stations of the Cross</u>	St. Joseph's
<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm	Reconciliation	St. Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30am	Reconciliation	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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### REFLECTION

Jesus told a story that could be variously entitled 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son' or 'The Parable of the Forgiving Father'. It is both challenging and reassuring to us - challenging if we have reason to see ourselves in the older brother and reassuring if, mindful of our sinfulness, we identify with his erstwhile wayward but repentant sibling. Their father receives his younger son with great love and compassion, rejoicing that he 'was lost and is found'. With reference to this parable St John Paul II wrote: '[God's love] is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather found again and "restored to value". Is there anyone whom, like the older brother I have yet to forgive - a good Lenten question? (God's Word 2025)

### THIS SUNDAY - 30 MARCH ACOLYTES, E.M.H.C & LECTORS

A short reflection for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with our Deacons is being held after the 9am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Bay. This will be followed by a workshop **next weekend** on the **6 April** also after the 9am Mass. The renewal of your ministries will take place at the Pentecost weekend Masses **7/8 June**.

### FAMILY MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Will take place in the Community Centre at Our Lady of the Bay this Tuesday (1 April) at 6 pm.

### THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE FOR THE EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

**For this week only**, the rehearsal will take place on **Wednesday, 2 April** at 6.00pm at Our Lady of the Bay. Thank you to the musicians and choir members for your forbearance with the swap, but both the church and centre were needed for the above meeting.

### LENTEN REFLECTION

Join Fr Jess and Fr Nathan on Friday's at **5.00pm** in the Ned Kenny Centre to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For a prayerful experience come to St. Joseph's Church every Friday through Lent at 6.00pm.

### A PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

The **final Lenten Reflection and Stations of the Cross** will be held at **Our Lady of the Bay Church** on **Friday, 11 April**. On that evening Peter Williams, our Bunbury representative for Caritas, will be visiting the Parish for a short presentation. Afterwards we will share a Lenten Soup. This will be a gold coin donation with all monies going to Project Compassion. **Please write your name on the sheet in the foyer if you plan on attending this night.** This will help with catering and setting up for the required number.

### 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.

### MARCH INTENTION

**For families in crisis**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### GENTLE REMINDER

**Please turn off your mobile phone.**

## AQUINAS COLLEGE CHOIR

Next Saturday, **5 April**, the Aquinas College Choir are gracing us with their presence at the 6pm St. Joseph's Mass. We will be offering refreshments in the Ned Kenny Centre afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**Irene** lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR on poster, online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling: **1800 024 413**.

## EASTER

Could all who give of their time and talent in the various ministries, please contact the office or write your name on the sheet at the church, with which Easter Services you plan on attending? (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday) We will also be looking for those who can help with collections, ushers (Good Friday & Easter Sunday) and gifts, as well as the usual roles needing to be filled for each Mass. Thank you!

## PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

The Church offers us a wonderful opportunity to unburden ourselves and restore our relationship with the Lord. Come and celebrate God's extraordinary healing, mercy and compassion at the Parish Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 9 April @ 6.30pm in St. Joseph's Church**.

## THE 2025 BUSSELTON MAY ROSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY

**Sunday, 4 May** at Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine, Bove's Farm, Roy Road, Jindong, Busselton. Hymn singing commences at 12.30pm. Holy Concelebrated Mass led by Fr Nathan Barrie commences at 1pm. Rosary Procession and Benediction following Mass. Afternoon tea provided. **ALL WELCOME!** The current committee is asking for donations to go towards the preparation of this day. If you would like to contribute please contact Margaret Blackmore 0480363342.

**"WHATEVER YOU DID FOR THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID FOR ME" (Matt. 25:40)**

Next time you are in the supermarket, you might consider purchasing one or two items extra for both **St. Vincent de Paul** (just place them in the baskets at the church) and our **Community Food Pantry** (leave them in the unpowered fridge situated between the office and garages. Both are in dire need of **non-perishable items** to help those in need residing in our community.

***And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?"***

***And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."***

## **Baptism**

*With joy we welcome :*

**Quinn, Remi & Miles McCarron**

## **Memorial Anniversary**

**1997: Jack Reynolds**

**2009: Gilbert Brennan**

**2013: Eileen Lightowlers**



## **Prayers For The Sick**

**Damien Philp;  
Shane Williams;  
Fr Leon Russell;  
Fr Hugh Galloway**

## **Church Collections**

*(Weekend 22/23 March)*

**Envelopes: \$ 656.00**

**Loose: \$ 1,392.80**

**EFT Machine: \$ 130.00**

**Direct Debit: \$ 400.00**

**Containers for Change: -**

**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**



## **WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 5/6 APRIL**

### **Saturday 6pm**

**Acolyte:** Allen?  
**Greeters:** Di, Lily  
**Commentator:** Di  
**Readers:** Trish W, Mary  
**Musicians:** Aquinas College Choir  
**Projectionist:** Trish  
**EMHC:** -  
**Cleaning:** Easter Spring Clean  
**Laundry:** Di

### **Sunday 9am**

**Acolyte:** Joe  
**Greeters:** Kaye C, Peter  
**Commentator:** Pat T  
**Readers:** Maria, Kaye M  
**Musician:** -  
**Projectionist:** Veronica  
**Recorded Music:** Wai  
**EMHC:** Julie  
**Sacristan:** Julie  
**Children's Liturgy:** Nicolle, Jo

### **Sunday 6pm**

**Acolyte:** Frank  
**Greeters:** Joan,  
**Commentator:** Joan  
**Readers:** Mona, Gay  
**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**

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.

## 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.

## ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE - BUSSELTON

St Mary MacKillop College is a Three-Year-Old to Year Twelve co-educational school providing a quality Catholic education in Busselton and the surrounding Capes region. Would your son or daughter benefit from the St Mary MacKillop experience? • St Mary MacKillop College is a low fee school with generous reductions for family enrolments, Health Card Holders, or any family regardless of income wishing their child to attend our College. You may be surprised at how affordable our fees are!

• There are only a set number of places per year group. Once these places have been allocated, further enrolments will be placed on a waiting list. **St Mary MacKillop Year 6 students receive priority for entry into Year 7 along with students from St Thomas More Primary School (Margaret River) and Our Lady of the Cape Primary School (Dunsborough).**

• Families are to be supportive of the Catholic ethos; it is not essential to be Catholic.

• A tour of the College campus can be arranged during the week.

For further information, please contact the **College Office on 9752 7400**

**Website:** mackillop.wa.edu.au **Email:** enrolments@mackillop.wa.edu.au

## THE BIG LENT WALK

On **Friday, 4 April**, the Year 6's and Year 7's from St Mary MacKillop College will be taking part in The Big Lent Walk. The Year 6's will walk from St Josephs Church to OLB (3.5kms) whilst the Year 7's will walk from OLB to St Joseph's and back again (7Km). They will complete this to show Love In Action, raising awareness and funds for Project Compassion and becoming Pilgrims of Hope for our Community. You can encourage them with their endeavour by scanning the QR code on the poster in the foyer and donating.

## COUPLES FOR CHRIST (WA SOUTHWEST CHAPTER)

Invite couples to embark on a journey of love and faith. There will be a meeting every Sunday at 10am from **2 March—5 April**. Please see the poster in the church to register (QR code) and for more information please contact Rey Caseres 0434 972 060 or Rodgie Villanueva 0416 474 090. Participant information sheets for this Christian Life Program are in the foyer also.



Dear Parishes and Volunteers,  
Thank you for all of your help and support for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS.  
Please follow the below link to access photos of the Episcopal Ordination on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.  
<https://archdioceseofperth.pic-time.com/XZi89QCE94OE4>  
Kind Regards,  
**Aaron Faure**  
**Evangelisation Coordinator**

## MINISTRIES

### SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

### LITURGICAL LIFE

E.M.H.C.  
Musicians/Choir  
Sacristan

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Legion of Mary  
Rosary Group

### FAITH FORMATION LIFE

Catenians  
Catholic Women's League  
RCIA  
RCIC  
Catechists  
Christian Meditation

### JOSEPH CARE

St Vincent de Paul

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