

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

The EPIPHANY of the LORD (5 January)

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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- ***Preparing For Experiences of Christ Through The Mass*** cards are available in the foyer. They are an invaluable aid for proper use of the 'Sacred Silences' throughout the Mass. Also available are Large Mass cards to help follow the Mass and small cards (in a stand) to help with responses.

Next Week's Readings (Year C)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2;11-14, 3;4-7; LK 3;15-16, 21-22

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
6 January - 12 January

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Saturday	5.30pm	Reconciliation	St Joseph's
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	5.45pm	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.

JANUARY INTENTION

For the right to an education
Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected .

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

REFLECTIONS

As the liturgical season of Christmas draws to a close, the story of the Magi doesn't complete the season as much as it invites us to look again. These seekers invite us to scrutinise the signs around us and to once again contemplate the mystery of God's love and humanity's responses of desire, faith, fear and rejection. Rereading the infancy narratives in Luke and Matthew puts us in contact with the grace known by Mary of the Annunciation, Joseph of dreams and the Magi who followed their hearts' desire for greater faith. Herod and the culpably incurious religious leaders remind us of how easily we human beings can be threatened by new revelations, especially when they might upset the status quo or come from "foreigners." .. Matthew presents the Magi as models of discipleship. First, and most disturbing to Matthew's community, the Gentile Magi were global disciples; people who, like Paul, were more open to mystery than were the leaders of the chosen people. Secondly, they were so perceptive that they could do homage in the mindboggling simplicity of Jesus' vulnerable humanity. The pilgrim Magi remind us that we too are invited to be humble enough to see something new. They help us realise that there is always more to discover in God's mysteries. They suggest that the willingness to venture into the unknown might even lead to the opportunity to kiss the face of God.
(Sr Mary McGlone NCR)

JUBILEE YEAR - PILGRIMS OF HOPE



The Jubilee Year can be celebrated in a number of ways and has important characteristics. One of these characteristics is the manifestation God's mercy as a special grace which can free us from the burdens of sin and help us to live the spiritual life more freely. This is known as a Plenary Indulgence and there are several ways to be granted these indulgences in the Jubilee Year. They are: **Pilgrimages, Visits to Sacred sites,**

places and churches designated by the local Bishop, Receiving the Sacraments or praying at these sites, and Works of Mercy and Penance.

A pilgrimage is a physical journey for a spiritual purpose. In one sense a pilgrimage is about self-emptying – it teaches us to shed anything and everything that is unnecessary and false in our lives. By letting go of these things we make room to be filled with the goodness and grace of God. A pilgrimage can only work if you are intentional and committed to the journey. Be sure to read the Guided Pilgrimage (on our website and in our churches) before embarking. *(It important that you read and follow each step carefully and approach each exercise openly.)*

The following is the list of churches that have been designated as special places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Bunbury during the Jubilee Year. St Patrick's Cathedral, **Bunbury**; Our Lady's Assumption Church, **Mandurah**; St Damien's of Molokai Church, **Dawesville**; Our Lady of Immigrants Church, **Harvey**; St Joseph's Church, **Busselton**; St Matthew's Church, **Narrogin**; St Joseph's Church, **Albany**; Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church, **Esperance**.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

All CWL ladies, (*and those interested in joining*), are invited to a catchup in the Ned Kenny Centre after the noon Mass on **Friday, 10 January**. (Sandwiches, cake/slice provided) Please note the first meeting of the year will take place 14 February.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are being called for a position on next year's PPC. The Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community. You are invited to recommend a parishioner for consideration. (*Forms are in the foyer*) Or maybe you would like to consider the position for yourself?

PARKING IN THE GROUNDS OF ST JOSEPH'S

A sign on the brick pillar as you enter, indicates that parking is now limited to **Acrod holders** and **funeral vehicles**. This is due to both safety concerns and the **constant** maintenance of broken sprinklers. There is to be no parking on the walk path that leads to the Coles parking area; and no parking or turning on any grassed area. (*Please ensure tyres don't veer over onto the grass as the sprinklers are along the edging.*) **Free parking** is available diagonally across the road in the big carpark, on the street (for an hour) and at the very end of the Coles carpark. Your co-operation, support and thoughtfulness for others would be appreciated.

OUR LADY'S LIBRARY AT OUR LADY OF THE BAY CHURCH

Located at Our Lady of the Bay Church, *Our Lady's Library* is now open to nourish your mind and spirit! Explore a wide collection of books on faith, spirituality, prayer, saints, Church history, and more. Whether you're deepening your relationship with God, seeking answers, or looking for inspiration, there's something here for everyone. Borrow. Read. Grow. Come visit during Parish hours and take the next step in your faith journey!

GOD'S FARM

God's Farm invites you to start the Jubilee year with prayerful reflection. We are 'Pilgrims of Hope' in a world that suffers much despair. Eucharistic Adoration in the beautiful stone chapel is on **Saturday, 11 January**, commencing with Mass at 8am followed by the rosary at 8.30am. Come any time up to 9pm. Refreshments available. Further enquires to Mary on 0438054199.

Profession Anniversary

Many Blessings

Sr Bernadette Hynes 07.01.63



Deaths

Jim Cummins passed away and his funeral service took place at Bantry last Thursday.

Marie Mofflin died last Sunday and her service will take place at Bantry Chapel this Friday (10 Jan) at 11.00am.

Our thoughts are with the families and we pray that Jim and Marie's 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

Damien Philp;
Clare Freeman;
Shane Williams;
Bruce Stronach;
Fr Johny Arattukulam;
Fr Leon Russell;
Fr Hugh Galloway



Church Collections

(Weekend 28/29 Dec)

Envelopes: \$ 1,025.00

Loose: \$ 2,243.15

A tap and pay machine is now located in the foyer of Our Lady of the Bay for your convenience. Please make all cheques out to 'Busselton Catholic Parish'. **Direct Deposits** can be made, quoting your surname and envelope number to the Parish Account: **BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113**

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 11/12 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Tim
Greeters: Di, Lily
Commentator: Trish T
Readers: George, Mary
Musicians: Carmelina
Projectionist: Trish
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Janet, Di
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Greeters: Greg & Fran
Commentator: Loly
Readers: Patricia E, Barb
Musician: -
Projectionist: Peta
Recorded Music: Mario
EMHC: Julie
Sacristan: Julie
Children's Liturgy: -

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Frank
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Kevin D
Readers: Joan, Gay
Projectionist: Jo
Recorded Music: Robyn
EMHC: -



Divine Mercy
 First Sundays:
 8.45am Our Lady of
 the Bay Church

Rosary Group

Monday, 10am: St. Joseph's

Legion of Mary

Resumes 14 January

Pilgrim Statue

Resumes in 2025

Craft & Coffee Group

Recommences Tuesday, 14 January.

Meditation

Recommences 12 February.

Eucharistic Adoration

Restarts Thursday 13 February

Catholic Women's League

Cuppa and get-together Friday, 10 January.

Meetings restart Friday, 14 February.

Catenian Koffee Klub

Recommences February 2025

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.

SACRAMENTS 2025

If you have a child (not attending SMMC) who is a baptised Catholic and in 2025 wishes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Year 3 or 9 years of age), First Eucharist (Year 4 or 10 years) or Confirmation (Year 6 or 12 years) please email or phone their details through to the Parish Office. The general all Sacrament meeting will be held Thursday, 27 February with the enrolment Mass on Sunday, 9 March. Please circle these dates on your calendar and don't delay in registering your child's name.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE – DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP

9 - 12 January 2025 | Catholic Youth Camp Busselton

Ages 13 – 18: Summer Camp is designed to ignite your faith, be lots of fun, build deep friendships, help you relax by the beach, and inspire you to live with hope and purpose in the world! Spaces are limited, so don't wait! Register now and be part of something amazing! See poster for further details.

<https://catholicdioceseofbunbury.brushfire.com/events/590467>

JOIN FR JESS'S PILGRIMAGE

To Shrines and Saints including Fatima, Portugal and Spain. 29 April to 13 May 2025. There is an itinerary in the office for those interested or contact Anawim Journeys quoting reference: 250429 JNPS..

MARIST REUNION

Former students of all Marist Colleges are warmly invited to attend the Marist Reunion to be held on **Wednesday January 22, 2025** at Newman College, Empire Ave, Churchlands. 4.30 p.m.: Mass in the College chapel. 5.30 p.m. BBQ and fellowship. BYO everything. Enquiries: Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104, Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187. RSVP unnecessary.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

For the **Gala for Life 2025** which will raise funds for Pregnancy Assistance Bunbury. Taking place on Wednesday, **29 January** at the Mount Lawley Golf Club from 6pm onwards. There will be raffles and silent auctions and your ticket will include a reserved seat at the Gala, an elegant 2 course meal and an alcoholic/non alcoholic beverage on arrival. Soft drinks will be on the table and a cash bar if wish to top up. Tickets on sale via TRYBOOKING.

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