

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (6 April)

First Reading

Is 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading

Phil 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

- ***Preparing For Experiences of Christ Through The Mass*** cards, large Mass cards and small response cards to help follow the Mass can be found in the foyer.
- Have you thought about picking up a 'Kids Bulletin' from the foyer for your child or grandchild?

Next Week's Readings (Year C)

Entrance: Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; : Lk 22:14-23:56

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
7 April - 13 April

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| Monday | 10.00am | Rosary Cenacle | St. Joseph's |
| Tuesday | 9.00am | Mass | St. Joseph's |
| Wednesday | 9.00am | Mass | St. Joseph's |
| | 6.30pm | <u>**Lenten Parish Reconciliation**</u> | St. Joseph's |
| Thursday | 8am-5pm | Adoration | St. Joseph's |
| | 5.00pm | Mass | St. Joseph's |
| Friday | 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> | OLB Community Centre |
| | 6.00pm | <u>Stations of the Cross</u> | OLB Community Centre |
| Saturday | 5.00pm | Reconciliation | St Joseph's |
| | 6.00pm | Mass | St. Joseph's |
| Sunday | 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 |

REFLECTION

All through Scripture, God frees people from impossible situations, making things new again. He frees the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, he heals the blind, the lame and the deaf, and he brings Lazarus back to life. And in today's Gospel, Jesus gives new life to a desperate woman. Some Pharisees bring her to him, saying, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in a terrible act of sin. The Law of Moses says she should be punished by stoning. What do you say?' These men aren't interested in her; they only want to trap Jesus. But Jesus knows what they're up to. He says that whoever is without sin should throw the first stone. They must have felt ashamed, because they all leave, one by one. In the end, Jesus forgives the woman and says, 'Go, and from now on don't sin anymore.' She must have been overjoyed, because she, too, is given new life. Today, so many people feel trapped by sadness, disappointment, sin and fear. They can't move forward. But they forget that God works wonders with broken people. God does amazing things when we open ourselves up to him. Furthermore, Jesus is always willing to forgive us. However, He also expects from each one to put **the means in order to live a new life: Go and from now on do not sin anymore!** (deaconpeter.org)

AQUINAS COLLEGE CHOIR

This Saturday, we are delighted to welcome the Aquinas College Choir (54 boys and 6 staff members) to our 6pm St. Joseph's Mass. Refreshments will take place after Mass in the Ned Kenny Centre.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir rehearsals will take place on **Tuesday, 9 April** at 6.00pm at Our Lady of the Bay.

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

God wants us to be reconciled to him and to one another.

Each year at Easter we renew our baptismal promises to Christ and reject Satan and evil. All of us have wandered into sin and broken our relationship with Christ. 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.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come, eat and have a chat with other 'Holy Romans' on **Thursday, 10 April**, at 8.30am @ 'The Good Egg Café on Albert Street. Great turnout last month. Let's keep it up.

LENTEN REFLECTION, STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SOUP

It's all happening at Our Lady of the Bay Church this Friday. Join Fr Jess and Fr Nathan on at **5.00pm** in the Community Centre to reflect on the coming Sunday's Gospel and at 6pm for the Stations of the Cross (in the church). This will be followed by a short presentation by Peter Williams, our Bunbury representative for Caritas. You then have a wonderful opportunity to both give, via a gold coin donation, to Project Compassion (and their various agencies around the world in urgent need) and share in a communal Lenten Soup. Please write your name on the list at the church if planning on attending. This will help immeasurably with set up (and how many soups will be needed). Hope to see you there!



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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.

APRIL INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies:

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times

GENTLE REMINDER

Please turn off your mobile phone.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Catholic Women's League will meet again next Friday, 11 April, at the Ned Kenny centre after the 12 noon Mass.

A NOTE FROM FR JESS

Both our Jubilee Year banners promoting our Pilgrim Church have been installed. Many thanks Greg (Smith)!

GARDENING BUSY BEE

Saturday, 17 May - 8.30am

The garden at Our Lady of the Bay is in need of care. (*Pruning, deadheading, weeding, etc.*) Please mark the date in your calendar, and bring your hat, gardening gloves, closed-in footwear and appropriate clothing. Wear sunscreen and when bringing gardening tools, please be conversant in their use. (*Health and Safety people, health and safety!*) We will also need a trailer or two. (anyone?) Morning tea will be provided. Please contact Greg Smith 0429 924 085 with any queries.

PROJECT COMPASSION

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, scanning the QR on poster, online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.

A JEWISH TALE

A sceptic came to the Rabbi with questions. "What use is religion?" the sceptic asked. "There is so much trouble and misery in the world despite hundreds of years of teaching about goodness, faith, and loving one's neighbour. If religion were true, wouldn't it make sense that the world would be a better place?"

The rabbi did not answer right away. But when he spied a little boy who was filthy, he said, "Take a look at the that little boy. He is dirty. Yet you and I both know that soap will make him clean. Still, he is dirty. Does this mean that soap is useless?"

But Rabbi," the sceptic observed. "Soap is of no use unless it is used."

"Exactly," said the rabbi. "So it is with religion. It has no use unless it is applied and used." (Faith to Live By)

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.

THE BIG LENT WALK

Due to the rain on Friday, the students walking to raise awareness and money for Project Compassion has been postponed until Wednesday (9 April). 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). This might work out even better as parishioners from the 9am Mass will be there to wave these Pilgrims of Hope for our community off on their return journey.

Memorial Anniversary

2016: Vincent Triglia



Church Collections

(Weekend 29/30 March)

Envelopes: \$ 605.00

Loose: \$ 1,744.40

EFT Machine: \$ 195.00

Direct Debit: \$ 150.00

Containers for Change: \$8.70

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 Leon Russell;
Fr Hugh Galloway**

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 12/13 APRIL

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Trish W
Readers: George, Evangeline
Gospel Narrator: Murray **Other:** Angela
Musicians: John A-W
Projectionist: Carla
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Easter Spring Clean
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Kaye C, Peter
Commentator: Loly
Readers: Pat T, Kaye C
Gospel Narrator: Patricia E, **Other:** Barry
Musician: John G
Projectionist: David
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: James D
Sacristan: Julie

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Frank
Greeters: Joan,
Commentator: Mona
Readers: Jo, Joan
Gospel Narrator: Robyn
Other: Frank
Projectionist: Nola
Recorded Music: Jo
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

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.

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION PHOTOS

Go to <https://archdioceseofperth.pic-time.com/XZi89QCE94OE4> to access photos of the ordination of Bishop George Kolodziej SDS which took place 19 March.

GOD'S FARM

God's Farm invites you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration on **12 April, 8am - 10pm**. As we are approaching Holy Week, the opportunity arises to sit in stillness and silence in the stone chapel and prayerfully meditate the great mystery of our salvation. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Geoff Aldous at 12pm. Further enquiries to: Mary 0438054199. Gods Farm 94 Woodlands Road Wilyabrup.

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.

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