

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (23 March)

First Reading

Ex 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall .

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'



Next Week's Readings (Year C)

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
24 March - 30 March

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	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
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



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REFLECTION

The readings for this midway point in Lent speak to us of the all-pervading presence of the divine. God's name, revealed in the first reading from the book of Exodus, is totally identified with divine being. God's existence is revealed in all that is. St Mary MacKillop expressed this in her insightful words, '**wherever you are, God is**'. The psalmist describes the nature of such divine being as 'compassion and love slow to anger and rich in mercy.' The parable of the barren fig tree reminds us that God is patient in waiting for us to bear fruit from the divine giftedness planted within us. It is a parable which calls us to realise that God's grace is faithfully nurtured in us by tilling the soil of our lives. We are called to respond to this divine care and generosity by going forth and bearing fruit through our love and generosity to all we encounter. (God's Word 2025)

NEXT SUNDAY

Calling all: ACOLYTES, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTORS

A short reflection on **30 March** for Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion with our Deacons will be held after the 9am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of the Bay. This will be followed by a workshop on the **6 April** also after the 9am Mass. Lectors are also encouraged to attend. The renewal of your ministries will take place at the Pentecost weekend Masses **7/8 June**.

PROJECT COMPASSION



Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. 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**.

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.

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!

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

Calling all choir members to rehearsals this Tuesday, 25 March at 6.00pm at Our Lady of the Bay.

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!

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REVEREND GEORGE KOLODZIEJ SDS

On the Solemnity of St Joseph, the Church celebrated the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of the Most Rev George Kolodziej SDS as the Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bunbury, Western Australia. Special guests attending this joyous event included the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, bishops from across Australia, members of the clergy from the dioceses of both Perth and Bunbury, parishioners across the Diocese of Bunbury, as well as family, friends and other invited guests from overseas and around Australia. Archbishop of Perth (and president of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference – ACBC) the Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB who presided over the ordination as the principal consecrator said, *"The Bishops of Western Australia and I warmly welcome Bishop Kolodziej and look forward to working with him as he commences his ministry of service to the Diocese of Bunbury and to the people of the South West...Now responsibility for the care of the Diocese of Bunbury is passed on to Bishop George, who brings a wealth of experience in parish ministry, in youth ministry, and in spiritual and pastoral accompaniment to the new mission to the Church in Bunbury to which the Lord has called him."*



Memorial Anniversary

- 2008 Grace Hogan
- 2009: Emilio Callegari
- 2011: Domenico Garuccio
- 2014: Sr Regina Naisbitt; Eunice Cockin
- 2015: Jennie Collins; Lavinia Savage;
James Woodward
- 2022: David Boyle

Church Collections

(Weekend 15/16 March)

- Envelopes: \$ 730.00**
- Loose: \$ 2,015.00**
- EFT Machine: \$ 185.00**
- Direct Debit: \$ 345.00**
- Containers for Change: \$10.80**

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 29/30 MARCH

Saturday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Tim
- Greeters:** Di, Lorraine
- Commentator:** Angela
- Readers:** Murray, George
- Musicians:** Carmelina
- Projectionist:** Trish
- EMHC:** -
- Cleaning:** Evangeline, Mae
- Laundry:** Di

Sunday 9am

- Acolyte:** Joe
- Greeters:** Kaye C, Peter
- Commentator:** Patricia E
- Readers:** Julie, Loly
- Musician:** John G
- Projectionist:** Veronica
- Recorded Music:** -
- EMHC:** Helen
- Sacristan:** Helen
- Children's Liturgy:** Heather, Jess

Sunday 6pm

- Acolyte:** Frank
- Greeters:** Joan,
- Commentator:** Joan
- Readers:** Gay, Robyn
- 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

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.



GLOBAL MISSION: NO AGE LIMIT!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 8 am – 9 am

For more information contact: **02 9560 5333** or palms@palms.org.au

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