

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

The BAPTISM of the LORD (12January)

First Reading

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm:

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

- **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 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
13 January - 19 January

Monday	10.00am	Rosary Cenacle	St. Joseph's
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	11.00am	Holy Hour	St. Joseph's
	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word + HC	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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REFLECTIONS

Sometimes things are not what we expect, and sometimes we need reassurance that everything is okay. If Jesus had heard John's description of what he would be like, it might have felt daunting. We can imagine him thinking, "I'm only a carpenter following the call of God. I'm not sure I can call down fire to baptise people, and I don't have a winnowing fork." All the same, Jesus followed what he believed to be his vocation and accepted baptism from John. Then he heard the reassurance he needed. "You **are my Son** and I'm very pleased with you." If you went to the Jordan today expecting quiet reverence, which would allow you to have an encounter with God, you might find the barbed wire, the mines and the general noise and mayhem rather off-putting. But God is not always found in the places where people show respect. If you visit the Sistine Chapel in Rome, you might encounter someone enforcing respectful silence by loudly "shushing", and you might find it destroys the holy atmosphere it is intended to preserve. God is to be found in the midst of the hubbub and chaos in which we sometimes live our lives. Perhaps, if we pay attention, we are more likely to find God in the places where conflict and trouble exist. And, listening carefully, we might hear God say, "Yes, it is good that you are here. You are my beloved child and you are exactly where you need to be to show people how much I care about them." Jesus went off into the desert to prepare himself for what was to come, strengthened by God's words. We too can hear the affirmation we need, **if we listen carefully and follow the path God has set before us.**

(Sunday Living Word)



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the **Wadandi** people of the **Noongari** 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.

HALLELUJAH!



A Pastoral Letter from +Archbishop Tim Costelloe announcing the appointment of our new Bishop, **Fr George Kolodziej SDS**, will be read by Fr Nathan prior to Mass. So too, will he read a beautiful letter of hope from our Bishop Elect. *(Both letters can be found on our website and there is a hard copy in the churches and office.)* We are encouraged to support Fr George in prayer, as he prepares to undertake his new and unexpected mission in our Diocese. He will be installed and ordained on the 19 March.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE MASCOT

Luce is the mascot of the 2025 Jubilee. Luce is a pilgrim dressed as a typical traveller: a yellow anorak to protect herself from the elements, dirty boots that bear witness to the path she has already travelled, a missionary cross around her neck and the pilgrim's staff in her hand. Particularly evocative are Luce's eyes, which shine with an intense light: they symbolise the hope that is born in the heart of every pilgrim, and reflect the desire for spirituality and connection with the divine. Her eyes also contain the pilgrim's shell used for hundreds of years on the Camino. They act as a reminder of the universal message of peace and brotherhood and sisterhood.



MORNING TEA



A morning tea to welcome Fr Jess to our Parish, will take place after next Sunday's (19 January) 9am Mass. Please bring a plate to share, your smiling faces and an extended hand of friendship.

CAN YOU GIVE A HELPING HAND AT OUR LADY OF THE BAY?

Are there one or two people who can help Jo Cammilleri with the job of disassembling the Nativity at the church next week? Please phone her on 0403 535 682 to sort out a convenient time for everyone involved.

CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group resumes this Tuesday (14/1) at the Ned Kenny Centre from 1 -4pm and every Tuesday thereafter. All ladies (and gentlemen) are welcome. No commitment, no meeting, just a time of sharing, time doing craft activities (or not), chatting and having a cuppa. Pop in any time during the afternoon. Please ring Fran 0428 220 822. or Julie 0429 976 602 should you need more information.

LADIES SUNDOWNER

The annual Ladies Sundowner will be held on **Friday, February 21** at the OLB Community Centre between **5 - 7pm**. All ladies are welcome. Cost \$5 **plus** raffle tickets will be on sale 3 for \$5 (cash only). All proceeds go to the CWL MacKillop Scholarship. Please come along and enjoy some 'girl time', lots of laughs and laughter forge new friendships.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Nominations are being called for a position on this 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?

Deaths

Fr Johny Arattukulam passed away the Friday before last (3 January). His funeral will take place in India. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends near and far.

Martin Craggs (*lately from William Carey*) died last Sunday. Our prayers are with Maria, his wife, and his family.

We pray that Fr Johny's and Martin'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

Prayers For The Sick

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



Memorial Anniversary

1995: Stella Samuel
2008: Harold Cargeeg, Jean Wright
2011: Eunice Happ
2012: Alfred Cooper
2016: Rachael McGlinn
2018: Betty Annal
2019: Elanne Jenkins
2024: Doris Ritter, Wolfgang Adler,
Midge Reynolds

Church Collections

(Weekend 4/5 Jan)

Envelopes: \$ 1,890.00
Loose: \$ 1,907.40

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 18/19 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Di
Readers: Sue, Rosemary
Musicians: Carmelina
Projectionist: Angela
EMHC: -
Cleaning: -
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Maria H, Alexandra
Commentator: Maria P
Readers: Julie, Loly
Musician: John Grace
Projectionist: Veronica
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Eve
Sacristan: Jo
Children's Liturgy: -

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Jo
Readers: Joan, Mona
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

Recommences 12 February.

Eucharistic Adoration

Restarts Thursday 13 February

Catholic Women's League

2nd Friday of the month after the 12 noon Mass. Ned Kenny Centre

Catenian Koffee Klub

Recommences February 2025

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

CO-ORDINATOR

Tim Murphy

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John Grace
Jo Cammilleri (OLB)
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