

BUSSELTON CATHOLIC PARISH

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

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (29 December)

First Reading

1 Sam 1:20-22

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm:

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son .

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Next Week's Readings (Year C)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

PARISH MASSES & DEVOTIONS
23 - 29 December

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| Monday | 10.00am | Rosary Cenacle | St. Joseph's |
| Wednesday | 9.00am | Mass (Mary, Mother of God) | 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 |



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Our joy at the birth of Jesus is not, cannot be contained in just one day of celebration. Rather it overflows into a whole week of celebration and rejoicing, including today's feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Let us continue to rejoice in this gift of God's love, made manifest for us in the new-born child of Bethlehem. Pastoral Liturgy

REFLECTIONS

The church invites us to meditate upon the family of this child — this singular and holy family. There is something beautiful about this. It's one of the first effects of the incarnation that to contemplate the coming of God we must now contemplate a human family. And, of course, we needn't elaborate here upon the theology that makes it so; we may **simply** point to the graceful fact that in Christ this holy family is our family too, that what the holy family is our families may become — **small sacred manglers, little holy homes, communities of love open to God.**

Have we parents searched for Christ in our children? I mean, have we given due consideration and honour to our children's spiritual vocations? Or have we been so busy driving them to the next sporting event that we've forgotten to ask the spiritual questions about what our children's lives are really for? Have we forgotten that our families are meant to be holy and that to be holy we must be about the Father's work? Have we forgotten the vocation of the family? If so, we must make our way back to the temple. We mustn't remain lost.

Fr Joshua J. Whitfield

The Feast of the Holy Family is more than a celebration; it is a call to action. It reminds us that family life, though imperfect, is sacred. It is in our families that we learn to forgive, to grow, and to love as God loves. May we, inspired by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, build homes where faith takes root, forgiveness is freely given, and love flourishes. In a world longing for connection, let our families—wherever they may be—reflect the enduring and boundless love of God.

Sr Maria Ukamaka Clare Okeke

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?

THE SIGN IS UP

It indicates that parking is now limited, in the grounds of St. Joseph, 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.

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.

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.

JUBILEE YEAR

There are two documents on our website sent from the Diocese that will be of interest to you. A hard copy is also in each church.

1. Information Flyer Pilgrims of Hope

2. Guided Pilgrimage Pilgrims of Hope

Thank you

As we welcome the New Year, we thank you for your support and prayers throughout the last 12 months. Your love, actions and faith help to keep our Parish thriving. Let us also remember to be thankful for what God has done for us in 2024. Wishing you all a wonderful, safe, and grace-filled year.

Family

After a mother has smiled for a long time at her child, the child will begin to smile back; she has awakened love in its heart, and in awakening love in its heart, she awakes also recognition. In the same way, God awakes Himself before us as love. Love radiates from God and instils the light of love in our hearts.

Hans Urs Von Balthasar

Baptism

With joy we welcome :

Rome Patterson



Ordination Anniversaries

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| Fr Marcelo Rosales | 02.01.99 |
| Fr Pierre Repuyan | 02.01.99 |

Prayers For The Sick

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

Memorial Anniversary

2012: Margaret Jeffery
2015: Syd Slee
2022: Peter Fennessey



Church Collections

(Weekend 21/22 Dec)

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| Envelopes: | \$ 1,523.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 1,340.10 |

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 'Busseton Catholic Parish'. **Direct Deposits**, quoting your surname and envelope number to the Parish Account: **BSB: 086-006 ACC: 846789113**

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 4/5 JANUARY

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: -
Greeters: Di, Lorraine
Commentator: Trish W
Readers: Sue, Gay
Musicians: John A-W
Projectionist: Carla
EMHC: George
Cleaning: Rosary Group
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Terry
Greeters: Kaye C, Peter
Commentator: Patricia E
Readers: Kye c, Judy
Musician: -
Projectionist: Veronica
Recorded Music: Wai
EMHC: Helen
Sacristan: Julie
Children's Liturgy: -

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Kevin J
Readers: Robyn, Mona
Projectionist: Kate
Recorded Music: Jo
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.

VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Please **Donate today:** <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

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.bushfire.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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