

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY, Western Australia

VACANCY – PRIEST IN CHARGE

St MARY'S ANGLICAN PARISH OF BUSSELTON

~ at the heart of Busselton since 1841 ~

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PARISH PROFILE 2023

Please also refer to the Diocesan Profile found on the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury Website www.bunburyanglican.org.au



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AND LIVE
IN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PART OF AUSTRALIA?

Do you like beaches, magnificent coastal and hinterland scenery and
a relaxed lifestyle in a regional city that has it all?

Then the coastal regional city of Busselton,
in the South West of Western Australia, may be the place for you.

LOCATION AND CONTEXT

Busselton is a city located on the south west coast of Western Australia 223 kms south of Perth, and 53 kms south of Bunbury.

It is accessed by the Forrest Highway by car or bus from Perth with easy access to the Australind train that runs from Perth to Bunbury.

In Busselton the climate is warm and temperate. The winters have an average annual temperature of 16.4 ° C and precipitation averages 826 mm.

Busselton is famous for the longest piled jetty made of timber in the Southern Hemisphere. The Busselton Jetty itself has several other attractions, including the Jetty Train and the Underwater Observatory.

The climate, clean extensive beaches and its close proximity to the Margaret Wine Region, make Busselton one of the most popular family holiday destinations on the WA coast. Busselton enjoys the title of 'Event City' of the south west due to the many adventure activities, sporting and cultural pursuits that the city hosts.

Educational facilities are excellent with a good choice in Public schools as well as the availability of the K–12 Georgiana Molloy Anglican School for boys and girls.

The Busselton Hospital is a new health campus established early in 2015. It has a 24 hour Emergency department and visiting Specialist services with many local GPs to treat the community.

The population of Busselton is approximately 40,000 and is now recognised as one of the fastest growing areas outside the metropolitan area in WA.



St MARY'S STAFF

Parish Priest	Priest in Charge Vacancy (<i>since 20/11/21</i>)
Deacon	Rev'd Dennis Caporn (<i>Part Time</i>)
Office Manager	Mrs Annie Evans-Pascoe (<i>Part Time</i>)
4 Lay Ministers and 2 Acolytes	

PARISH FACILITIES

St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church is the oldest stone church in Western Australia and is heritage listed. In 2018 St Mary's celebrated its 170th year since its consecration. St Mary's has many visitors including Cruise Ship tourists, who are greatly inspired by the beauty of the Church and its stained glass windows. Its history is rich and one that the parish is very proud of.

The St Mary's Family Centre

This substantial multi-purpose building is adjacent to St Mary's Church. Its main purpose is to provide a space for family worship on Sundays, meeting rooms, a place for the Community Cliff's Kitchen to operate on a weekly basis, Parish Office, Anglicare Financial Counselling Office, Emergency Relief, Nurture Works Programme and a number of public bookings made for various events.



The Parish Rectory

The Rectory is a magnificent heritage listed stone building built in 1904. It has a beautiful entry hallway leading into the sitting/dining rooms which in turn leads to the kitchen and family area. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, a laundry and a Study for the Priest. The high ceilings and large rooms give the home a spacious and gracious ambience. The Rectory is adjacent to St Mary's Church and overlooks expansive grounds across to the Vasse River on which Busselton is built. There is a fully fenced private backyard.



WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

Worship is the centre of parish life. The Parish values and follows the cycle of the liturgical year. Each Sunday there are two Holy Communion services, one held at 8am in the Church (starting with 7.30am Morning Prayer), followed by 9.30am Sung Eucharist in the Family Centre.

The 8.00am service is the traditional APBA said Holy Communion service. The 9.30am is a sung Eucharist with hymns and includes Children's Ministry currently held on an 'as needs' basis. A shortened Holy Communion service is held in the Church on Thursdays at 9.30am. Services are followed by morning tea and fellowship in the Family Centre.

Worship is very much the work of the whole people of God, involving a large, well co-ordinated team of Welcomers, Musicians, Readers, Acolytes, Intercessors, Lay Ministers, Parish Priest, Deacon and faithful worshippers.

Musicians

St Mary's has the good fortune to have musicians who provide the music at the 9.30am service to accompany hymns and enhance the worship of the service. There are 3 keyboard musicians, a student team who visit from GMAS about once a month (depending on the school term dates), and a guitar/flute/keyboard combination who are rostered to play each month where possible.

Both services have Power Point presentations of the service with all lyrics of hymns and much of the service presented on the screen.

CONNECTION WITH GEORGIANA MOLLOY ANGLICAN SCHOOL

The local Georgiana Molloy Anglican School (GMAS) and St Mary's Parish have an excellent working relationship. St Mary's Church. The Music Scholarship students attend St Mary's approximately once a month to lead the singing and music at the 9.30am service.

Students also assist at the Cliff's Kitchen Community meal every Wednesday. Historically, students from GMAS are presented for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in the St Mary's Family Centre at which our Bishop presides. During the interruption of the pandemic, this arrangement has been spasmodic. There are many other ways that the school and parish link, a relationship that we are very proud of.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Op Shop

The Op Shop is situated a few doors down from the Church precinct. The Op Shop Manager maintains a strong link with the Parish. The Op Shop income is substantial and is an important contributor to the finances of the parish.

Cliff's Kitchen

This community outreach provides a hot meal every Wednesday in the Family Centre. The numbers attending are in the range of 100 to 200 and we are proudly recognised as being a leader in the field of community care for local citizens in the Busselton area.

Emergency Relief

The overarching body of Emergency Relief in the Bunbury Diocese is called 'Boniface Care'. The St Mary's Emergency Relief (ER) office is situated in the Family Centre and is opened by Volunteers every Monday and Wednesday. Appointments are made by those seeking assistance and are offered food and toiletry products as required.

Anglicare Financial Counselling

A Financial Counsellor is available by appointment each week. The office is situated in the Family Centre and is run by a paid officer employed by Anglicare WA.

Anglican Busselton Campsite

This campsite is situated on what is locally known as 'The Holy Mile' which fronts onto the beautiful Geographe Bay. The camp area is available to Anglican families and their friends at very reasonable rates. The Mothers' Union has a holiday caravan permanently on-site to assist families in need.

BODIES WITHIN THE CHURCH

These groups are significant contributors to the Parish and Parishioners.

- Mothers' Union
- Ladies' Guild and Missions
- Cursillo
- Men's Fellowship
- Pastoral Care

Ladies' Guild and Missions provide prayer support and assistance to the purchase of many items required by the Church services. Their contribution to Missions is significant.

The MU branch - members faithfully attend all Baptisms and make a small presentation to the baptised with follow up of the family over the ensuing years. The members also co-ordinate the World Day of Prayer which is held annually.

Cursillo Parish representative for Cursillo keeps Busselton members informed of Diocesan events and gatherings, with a newsletter.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast Group meets on a Saturday morning once a month and enjoys a shared meal, fellowship and a Guest Speaker. Numbers are strong and enjoyment high.

Pastoral Care Programme is in the process of being re-addressed and activated.

THE PRECINCT

Rose Garden and Memorial Wall

Memorial Plaques may be fixed to the Memorial Wall and Ashes interred in the rose garden for loved ones who have any connection with St Mary's Church.



Children's Garden

A fenced safe area and Cubby House provides an outdoor extension to children's Sunday ministry in the grounds of St Mary's.

Pioneer Graveyard

The graves of many pioneers who are closely linked to the history of St Mary's Church and the developing town of Busselton. The graves of John Bussell and John Molloy are amongst the most prominent.

ADMINISTRATION

Churchwardens and Nominators:

Leann Cooper	0417 954 018
Toni Jacobsen	0400 287 509
Rosemary Cussons	0427 983 322

Parish Council and Safe Church

Consists of the 3 Parish Wardens, 6 Councillors.

The Parish Treasurer and Secretary are members of Parish Council.

Parish Council meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 5.00pm.

The Oversight Committee as required by the Diocese of Bunbury - the Safe Church Co-ordinator records and updates as required, all necessary certificates and documentation for Church Voluntary Workers. It is a requirement that all clergy in the Diocese of Bunbury comply with current Safe Church requirements including holding valid Police Clearance, Working with Children Card, Safe Ministry check and undertake Safe Ministry training. The latest requirements can be found on the diocesan website www.bunburyanglican.org.au

Financial Health

The Church financial situation is stable and sufficient to run the monthly requirements of the Parish, relying partially on the income from the St Mary's Op Shop. The budget for 2022 has been adhered indicating that the Church's operations are currently efficient.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is located in the Family Centre and is open four mornings a week. An office Manager is employed (Monday to Thursday) to attend to the production of the weekly Pew Sheet, the Power Point presentations, Baptism/Wedding/Funeral applications, Emergency Relief appointments, Family Centre bookings, fielding phone calls and email enquiries from Parishioners and the general public.

KEY TASKS of the Priest-in Charge

Priest

1. To preside and preach at regular Sunday and weekday services and special services within the liturgical year, overseeing and supporting the participation of lay members.
2. To attend to pastoral needs of the congregation, especially those who are old or ill and unable to attend services regularly.
3. To support and encourage children to church and maintain working relationship with GMAS.

Leadership

To have overall responsibility for enthusiastic leadership , working with the Parish Council and enabling members of the Parish to fulfil their calling.

Management and Administration

Please refer to the Responsibilities of the Priest requirements found on the diocesan website www.bunburyanglican.org.au

Personal

1. To be comfortable communicating with all ages and people from all walks of life in a friendly, sensitive and approachable manner.
2. To be able to think strategically but with practical skills to enable God's mission to become a reality in the wider community of Busselton.
3. To be at ease with different expressions of worship.
4. To maintain his/her spiritual growth.
5. To hold a valid Australian driving licence.
6. To have competent computer skills.
7. To maintain the Rectory and its immediate precinct.

HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

St Mary's Church was dedicated in 1845 by Reverend John Wollaston and consecrated in 1848 by the Bishop of Adelaide, Right Reverend Augustus Short.

St Mary's is the oldest stone church in Western Australia and designed by Reverend John Wollaston and John Garrett Bussell. Busselton Pioneers, John Bussell and John Molloy, their family members and many pioneers are buried in the Church precinct.

The stained glass windows in St Mary's Church were placed in position during the 1970s and have become an important addition to the worship and ambiance of the building. The impact of their radiant colour and light passing through the windows is stunning and the story that the windows tell, adds to the mystery, wonder and beauty of worshipping Jesus the Christ.

Local settlers helped quarry stone, and cut timber while the Church was under construction, and to this day St Mary's Church retains its original character. The original wooden altar currently being used in St Mary's, is the same one as used by the settlers in 1845.

We give thanks to God for those many people who gave this wonderful gift of church, for our community and for all people to enjoy.

The Parish Prayer

God the Holy Spirit as you have touched us here at St Mary's, help us to touch other people with the fire of your love, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

