

ANGLICAN PARISH OF BUSSELTON

~ at the heart of Busselton since 1841 ~

IN THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY, Western Australia

PARISH PROFILE 2019

~ “if you’re hungry, you will be fed at St Mary’s” ~

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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 that was 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 38,300 and is now recognised as one of the fastest growing areas outside the metropolitan area in WA.



St MARY'S STAFF

Parish Priest	Vacancy (<i>since July 2019</i>)
Deacon	Rev'd Dennis Caporn
Office Manager (Part time)	Mrs Annie Evans-Pascoe
12 Lay Ministers	
1 Ordinand	Mrs Justine Richmond

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 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 1895. 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 room for the Rector. 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 held - at 8am in the Church (starting with Morning Prayer at 7.30am), and then 9.45am in the Family Centre.

The 8.00am service is the traditional APBA Holy Communion service. The 9.45am is our Family Service and includes Children's Ministry. The service is less formal in its structure, though based on the APBA Holy Communion Service, there are modifications to suit the congregation that attends. On the 5th Sunday of the month, these congregations combine to hold one service at 9.30am in the Family Centre. This service is a blend of the formal and more informal approach. There are hymns and singing at both Sunday services. The Children's Ministry is a blend of being part of the congregation and then moving to a story/activity in the 'Happy Feet Room'. The children return to the service at Communion time and then a show and tell to the congregation.

A shortened Holy Communion service is held in the Church on Fridays at 9.30am. On the First Friday of the month, the congregation meet for fellowship in the Family Centre after church. Evening Prayer with Taize music, is held once a month on a Sunday evening at 5.00pm.

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

The Deacon

The Resident Deacon works in the Parish on a part time basis. He is the Deacon of the Eucharist on Sunday at the 8.00am service. During the week Rev'd Dennis takes Extended Home Communion at the Aged Care Homes on a fortnightly basis and Home Communion as required.

Lay Ministers

St Mary's is fortunate to have 12 active licensed lay ministers in the Parish. They are very involved in the leadership of the Sunday services and Aged Care services.

Aged Care Ministry

The three aged care homes in Busselton have regular fortnightly Anglican services of Extended Holy Communion taken by our Deacon and specially selected Lay Ministers.

Pastoral Care

The Parish has a Pastoral Care programme which is led by a team of 17 parishioners. The Care programme is workshopped and updated every 12 months.

Musicians

St Mary's has the good fortune to have four musicians to play the organ at the 8am service to accompany hymns and provide music to enhance the worship of the service. These musicians rotate on a weekly basis each month.

The 9.45am Family service uses a mixture of utube accompaniment and live musicians for its services.

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 GMAS

The local Georgiana Molloy Anglican School and St Mary's Parish has an excellent working relationship. St Mary's Church is used by the school at the beginning of each term for its staff Eucharist. The Music Scholarship students attend St Mary's once a month to lead the singing and music at the 9.45am service and they also assist at the Cliff's Kitchen Community meal every Wednesday. Every year, students from GMAS are presented for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in the St Mary's Family Centre at which our Bishop presides. 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 house is situated a few doors down from the Church precinct. The Manager there maintains a strong link with the Parish and is daily visiting the Family Centre and Office to carry out volunteering work for the Parish. The Op Shop income is substantial and is able to support the parish income to a high degree.

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 people 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 Wednesday and Friday. 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 5 days a week. The office is situated in the Family Centre and is run by a paid officer employed by Anglicare WA.

BUZ-Nurture Works

This organization uses office space in the Family Centre and works out of there 5 days a week.

Anglican Busselton Campsite

This campsite is situated on what is locally known as 'The Holy Mile' which fronts on to the beautiful Geographe Bay. The camp area is available to Anglican families and their friends at very reasonable rates. The Mothers' Union has a 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
- Precinct Committee

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 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.

THE PRECINCT

Rose Garden and Memorial Wall

Memorial Plaques may be fixed to the Memorial Wall and Ashes interred in the rose garden.



Children's Garden

A fenced safe area and Cubby House providing an outdoor extension to children's 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

Rosemary Cussons	0427 983 322
Roger Marriott	0455 521 163
Mary Watts	0417 554 873

Parish Council

Consists of the 3 Parish Wardens, a Secretary, 4 Councillors.
The Parish Treasurer is not a member of Parish Council.
Parish Council meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 7.00pm.

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 2019 has been adhered to which indicates that the Church's operations are currently efficient.

Stewardship Programme

The programme is called "May We Serve" and was begun in 2015. Each year we prayerfully remind Parishioners of their financial commitment to help our Parish grow. In 2019 we presented three broad stroke areas and one specific. They are: MINISTRY, MISSION, MAINTENANCE, BEQUESTS.

Safe Church as required by the Diocese of Bunbury

The Parish has a Safe Church Co-ordinator who records and updates as required, all necessary certificates and documentation for Church Voluntary Workers. An Oversight Committee is established and meets once a month.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is located in the Family Centre and is open five mornings a week. An office Manager is employed four mornings (Tuesday to Friday) 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 call and email enquiries from Parishioners and the general public. The office is manned by volunteers on Mondays.

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.**