

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

Narooma

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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mary, Through Whom The World Would Be Blessed.

We too bless God for Mary, who bore for us the Child she named Jesus, the Saviour.

Mass times:

Masses Next Weekend	Weekday Masses
Saturday Vigil Cobargo 5:00 pm	Tuesday 9.00 am
Sunday Bermagui 7:30 am Narooma 9:30 am	Wednesday Estia 10.30 am
	Thursday 9.00 am
	Friday 9.00 am Mass & Adoration

Reconciliation: Cobargo Saturday before Mass. Bermagui Sunday before Mass. Narooma Saturday 9.30 am.

Please pray for the sick: Rhyl McLeod, Cecilia Moore, David Clark, Dennis Moore, Max Murray.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish: Morrie Coorey, Naomi Coulson, Peter Shevlin, Jim Arthur, Monique Deprez, Julian Owen, Paddy Ryan, Rob Jory, Frances Tarlinton.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bob Nash, Dorothy Stevens, John Baker, Jim Knight, Grace Gay, Marjorie Andreatta, Rosa Puglisi.

Thomas Merton's quotations:

'We are not at peace with others because we are not at peace with ourselves, and we are not at peace with ourselves because we are not at peace with God.'

New Year Adorations at all Sunday Masses.

It's a great opportunity for us as God's family to express our deep gratitude for God's grace throughout the year. Please spend some time today with the Lord at the Adorations:

Cobargo Sat 31/12 4.00 pm
Bermagui Sat 31/12 after 7.30 am Mass
Narooma Sun 1/1/17 9.00 am

St Paul reminds us:

'Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you? God's temple is holy, and you are that temple' (1 Cor. 3:16)

Estia Nursing Home Mass. Wed 4/1/17 at 10.30 am. Please come along to pray with residents and to cheer them up. God bless.

New Year welcome and greetings. We warmly welcome all visitors and holiday makers to our prayers and worships. We would like you to feel at home in joining us for masses. Please don't hesitate to bring your children to Church so they can be part of our faith family. Fr Joseph always loves children and really wants to give them a high five. God bless.

New Year wishes. I would like to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful New Year. Stay safe on the roads and have a well-deserved restful holiday.

A big word of thanks and congratulations. Shirley and Tony Dellamarta have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Shirley has asked to stop doing flower ministry in the church after over 20 years of faithful service. I would like to thank Shirley wholeheartedly for her kind generosity and selfless support. We wish Shirley and Tony a blessed anniversary and all the best in the future. God bless.

Financial support for hard labours. Bishops and priests nowadays are working very hard under endless pressure, the main factors being lack of personnel resources, lack of priests and getting older. At the same time parishioners are also getting on, therefore it is harder for priests to keep it on. I gracefully ask you to consider supporting our parishes financially to lift that burden put on me. You might have known that 40% of the first collection is sent to support bishops and other priests where they cannot support themselves. Our first collection just covered my salary last financial year. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. Thank you very much for your great generosity in responding to our Archbishop's Christmas Appeal:

Cobargo / Bermagui \$ 260.00
Narooma \$ 1,210.00

SVDP Christmas Appeal. Thank you everybody for supporting SVDP Christmas Appeal. The combined total of both parishes is \$1,006.00. Thank you very much.

Children's Corner



Community Bible available. It is a very good version, easy to read and understand. It is a very good Christmas gift for family and friends. Cost \$30.00 each. People say 'BIBLE' can be seen as 'Book Information Before Leaving Earth'.

The lost ones. Our hearts and prayers are with families who have lost their loved one during the last 12 months: Ron Constable, Judith Favier, Elizabeth Bugden, Joyce Prewett, Garry Thompson, Dorothy Mitchelson, Frances Tarlinton, Robert Jory, Joan Harris, Paddy Ryan, Monique Deprez, Peter Shevlin, Noa Jessop.

Columban calendars for 2017 are available in the churches for \$8.00 each.

Prayer of Commissioning: Take the Body of Christ to share with those who are sick and housebound. May His presence in the Eucharist strengthen them in peace and joy, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Last Week's Collections

1st Collection \$ 2346.05
Archbishop Appeal \$ 1210.00
Envelopes \$ 312.00
Loose \$ 368.00

Rosters:

This week	Next week
Welcomer J Murray	M Young
Commentator T Nugent	R Towers
Reader I Whitty	T Young
Offertory Procession J Murray / S Nash	F Bird / S Nash
Eucharistic Ministers F Bird / J Voytas	A Wall / A Baker
Counters J&M Young	R Towers / A Morrison
Collectors H Schrooten / T Young	H Schrooten / T Young
Pilgrim Statue Volunteer please	Volunteer please
Flowers S Dellamarta	Volunteer please
Cleaners M&C Stent / J&L O'Neill	