

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - NAROOMA
ST MARY'S - COBARGO / BERMAGUI
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ORDINARY TIME: Week 8

Masses	Narooma
next weekend	Tuesday 4:30pm
Saturday (Vigil)	Wednesday 9am
Cobargo: 5pm	Thursday 9am
Sunday	Friday 9am
Bermagui 7:30am	Cobargo
Narooma 9:30am	Every 2nd & 4th Wed
	9:30am Comm. Service

Reconciliation: Narooma Saturday 9.30am.
 Cobargo and Bermagui before Masses.

{Anyone wanting Reconciliation outside of these times is welcome to call me on the Parish landline or my mobile number and arrange a time. SA}

Sick: Linda Holland, Dillon Tindall, Shirley Delamarta, Jan Jardine, Nola Sutherland, Cecilia Moore, Arthur Cotterill, Nora Thomson, Pina Buccarelli.

Anniversary: Murdoch Mackenzie Waters

THE PLENARY COUNCIL OF 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

DEVELOPMENTS: Our South Coast Deanery has chosen two people to be our 'Listening Post' and contact persons; they are Lorraine Thompson and Phil Billington. The clergy of this Zone will be meeting here at Narooma on June 12, with Lorraine and Phil. This will be our first meeting together so we are all just 'beginners', in a manner of speaking. Any questions or comments you have can be addressed to me for this meeting. See website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

ASBESTOS INSPECTION: The results of the lab report should become available around mid-week. Preliminary indications are of good news for our 3 churches. A little more patience!

This week	<u>NAROOMA</u>	Next Week
Welcomer	J Voytas	R Towers
Commentator	T Nugent	Ralph Imberger
Readers	J Lundy	Jim Harrold
Offertory Proc.	K Day/V Wallens	F Bird/S Nash
Eucharistic Ministers	E Dobbs/P Brice	K Smith
Counters	M & A Morrison	J & P Verrell
Collectors	H Schrooten/T Short	H Schrooten/P Bird
Pilgrim Statue	M & T Nugent	Chris Jory
Flowers	Annie Ovington	Pauline Verrell
COBARGO		
Eucharistic Minister & Server	T Tarlinton	A Cotterill
Reader	J Froud	T Devoy
Offertory Procession Collectors	Lily/Roseanne	
Cleaning		M Jessop
Flowers	J O'Halloran	C Grant
BERMAGUI		
Reader	C Manns	G Hummel
Prayers of the Faithful	J Manns	V Hummel
Welcoming Committee	N Cridland	J Manns

Collections of last week (Narooma)	
1st Collection	\$ 394.75
2nd Collection	\$ 520.00
Cobargo/Bermagui	
1st Collection	\$ 214.50
2nd collection	\$ 205.00

IT IS HOME (Sr Joan) We live on an old inner-city block. In the back yard, we grow roses and tulips, plant berries and tomatoes, have busy bird feeders, vegetable beds and a hammock next to a rare kind of beech tree that is well over 100 years old. And over the garden on the tar paper roof-top porches of next door tenements, old people, unemployed people, sit and watch our garden grow.

One day, I overheard a conversation between two old men, one of them sitting on a stool at the edge of the roof, the other still inside the building: "Come out here and see my garden," one old man said to the other. "There's something new in it all the time." The other old man, obviously new to the place and the view said, "Well, ain't this really somethin'. We're really lucky to live in a pretty place like this." Point: Environment defines us. "Nature is not a place to visit," Gary Snyder says. "It is home." Nature is the key to the human vision of God. In all its variety, all its beauty, lie two things: the

understanding of the greatness of God and the bridge that can bring us to value and be in awe of one another. There is no modern spirituality that does not have a creation-centered dimension. What we wantonly destroy in nature, we destroy of human life and dignity. It is a moral obligation of immense proportions now. The only question is how much each of us recognizes the sin of natural destruction. "The greatest danger to our future," Jane Goodall reminds us, "is apathy." —*excerpts from The Monastic Way, June 2018.*

OCEAN CARE DAY: Sun, May 27 11am-3pm.

HEALTHY OCEANS 52 Princes Hwy, Bodalla. Talks on marine life and its protection, keeping it rich in biodiversity.
HEALTHY PLANET Also, please consider reducing using plastic items only one time: eg, drinking straws (use paper or metal ones) plastic bags (keep a 'collection': Thanks, Woolies!) take away coffee cups (Take own mug to café).

"Consumers spend less on buying things and more on doing things". (NAB Survey 2018)
This is just what Pope Francis is urging all people to do! It's good to get some things right!

STATEMENT FROM ACBC PRESIDENT
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

"Archbishop Philip Wilson has been found guilty of failing to inform police about allegations of child sexual abuse. Archbishop Wilson maintained his innocence throughout this long judicial process. It is not yet clear if he will appeal the verdict. The Catholic Church, like other institutions, has learned a great deal about the tragedy of child sexual abuse and has implemented stronger programs, policies and procedures to protect children and vulnerable adults. The safety of children and vulnerable adults is paramount for the Church and its ministries."

VINNIES: Our Special Collection for the Winter Appeal will be held today as 'a Leaving Collection'. Please give generously.
ALSO: The federal government's decision to strip income support and housing from asylum seek-

ers transferred to Australia for medical treatment "beggars belief as an unprincipled act of cruelty", the chief executive of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Dr John Falzon has said. About 100 people were transferred to 6-month bridging visas, which come with work rights, and withdrawing housing assistance and income support of about \$200 a fortnight. Most of those targeted were families with young children, who were given 6 weeks to find new accommodation and a source of income. "Obviously this is going to hurt individuals very profoundly," Falzon said.

PUBLIC LIFE: "People of bad faith can and do seek to use the media for their own ends. They can plant a seed or spread a rumour of which they, secretly, are the author. Spread widely enough or at least into the hands of veteran gossips, their own hands appear clean. The story gets run as an investigation into whether the allegation is true. Damage done." **And:** I've always taken the attitude that in public life you just have to cop it. In the end the truth will out. People who know you, either first hand or by reputation won't believe rubbish about you anyway. But I was wrong. Over time the truth doesn't always out. I've let a few bad journalists, editors and producers off the hook. My mistake."
 —*Amanda Vanstone*

PRAYER On Saturday, June 2, at 2pm, at the Bermagui Church, all are welcome to gather for a talk/conversation on prayer with Fr Steve. We can explore ways of praying, distractions or 'dryness' in prayer, finding time, discerning, etc.

FAMILY HISTORY The NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies is hosting an event with 10 workshops available over September 14-16, 2018, at Batemans Bay Soldiers Club. The theme is 'Sailing Into History'. Cora Num, a renowned genealogist, will give the traditional John Crowe Memorial Address. Full details are available at www.sailingintohistory.org.au; the Convenor is Suzanne Voytas.