

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - NAROOMA
ST MARY'S - COBARGO / BERMAGUI**
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**ORDINARY TIME: Week 9
FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Masses next weekend Saturday (Vigil) Cobargo: 5pm Sunday Bermagui 7:30am Narooma 9:30am	Narooma Tuesday 4:30pm Wednesday Estia 10.30am Thursday 9am Friday 9am Cobargo Every 2nd & 4th Wed 9:30am Comm. Service
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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 Dellamarta,
Jan Jardine, Nola Sutherland, Cecilia Moore, Arthur
Cotterill, Nora Thomson. Mary Ryan,
Recently Deceased: Dot O'Mahoney, a long-time
parishioner, who died in Melbourne, surrounded by
family, especially her now grieving husband, Ken. RIP.
Also Pat Hannigan, who died recently.

**ASBESTOS
ZERO!**

Yes!!! No more patience needed! Bermagui: Your
church is clean and thus re-opened! Thanks to all who
have been so flexible in this interim period!
Our Lady, Untier of Knots (& chains!), pray for us
For Cobargo and Narooma church properties, the same
applies: no asbestos.

NEW OFFICE COMPUTER: I'm happy to report that
the 'LeNovo Think Centre' is now fully functional! It's
been a long time coming, some 9 months! We are now
so up-to-date, with a new modem, new speakers (!),
keyboard & mouse! And our little old printer also works
after some years of 'unemployment'. Much thanks to
Michael Manning (Narooma) and Kevin Ng (Melbourne)

This week	NAROOMA	Next Week
Welcomer	R Towers	M Ryan
Commentator	Ralph Imberger	M Nugent
Readers	Jim Harrold	K Day
Offertory Proc.	F Bird/S Nash	K Day/V Wallens
Eucharistic Ministers	K Smith	J Lundy/F Bird
Counters	J & P Verrell	M & F Clark
Collectors	H Schrooten/P Bird	H Schrooten/T Short
Pilgrim Statue	Chris Jory	J & L O'Neill
Flowers	Anne Morrison	Judy O'Neill

COBARGO		
Eucharistic Minister & Server	A Cotterill	T Tarlinton
Reader	T Devoy	T Devoy
Offertory Procession	Lily/Roseanne	Collectors
Cleaning	M Jessop	
Flowers	C Grant	J O'Halloran

BERMAGUI		
Reader	G Hummel	S Harper
Prayers of the Faithful	V Hummel	J Harper
Welcoming Committee	J Manns	N Scicluna

Collections of last week (Narooma)	
1st Collection	\$ 458.70
2nd Collection	\$ 865.00
Cobargo/Bermagui	
1st Collection	\$ 292.30
2nd collection	\$ 540.00

THE PLENARY COUNCIL OF 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying

DEVELOPMENTS: Lorraine Thompson and Phil Billington are our South Coast Deanery 'Listening Post' and contact persons.

What do you like about being a Catholic today?
What do you find difficult about it today?
See website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for prayers, Council hymn/music, etc.



VINNIES: Our Special Collection for the Winter Appeal was an occasion of great generosity last weekend. On behalf of Vinnies and the people they serve: "Thank you!"

ON TODAY'S FEAST: 'At the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest[ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'. (St John Paul II)

'O Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'
(St Thomas Aquinas)



In remembrance of you,
We take the bread of Easter in our hands,
This Bread do we consume:
It does no longer taste of bitter herbs,
nor of unleavened bread.
It is the bread of a land promised us
where we shall be set free.
In remembrance of you,
We take the wine of Easter at our feast,
This wine do we hold dear.
It does no longer taste of bitter springs,
nor of dark salty pools.
It is the wine of land promised us
where we shall be made whole.
In remembrance of you,
From exile we return.
In remembrance of you,
We walk across the sea!



-Didier Rimaud SJ

POWER AND PACIFISM (St Joan) There were two old monks who lived together for many years and they had never quarrelled. One day, this conversation took place:
A: "Let us try to quarrel once like other people do."
B: "I don't know how a quarrel happens."
A: "Look, I put a brick between us and I say, 'This is mine,' and you say, 'No, it's mine,' and after that the quarrel begins."
So they placed a brick between them, and A said: "This is mine," and B said, "No, it's mine."
A: "Indeed, it's all yours, so take it away with you!" And they were unable to fight with each other.
In this story of the experience of two Desert Monastics, four simple and basic spiritual principles emerge in an attempt to teach what it takes to become a pacifist presence in the life of the early Christian community.
-Peace must be taught.
-To refuse to argue, to refuse to pick sides—no matter who tries to fan the fire or wants to make a case where no case exists—disarms the world.
-Conflict is not necessary if no one wants to fight. Fighting is something we choose to do; it is not something we must do.
-Struggle can be stopped. We can just turn the stakes over to the other who claims them and choose another way to pursue the matter. What is certain is that violence is not necessary and that the nonviolent side is never really powerless. So in world, country, church, workplace, neighbourhood or home:

- What kind of world do you want to build?
- What kind of power do you want to be known for?
- What kind of power will you yield?

RECONCILIATION WEEK (May 27-June 3) "Don't make history a mystery" A few thoughts from Ernest Renan, a 19th century Frenchman:

A nation is defined not by any one thing but the sum of its many parts, the fusion of the populations that comprise them.
There are no pure races. The nation is a "daily referendum, a perpetual affirmation of life, the search for a collective identity". (It) "is a soul, a spiritual principle", born of a marriage of the past and the present, one the "possession of a rich trove of memories", the other "actual consent, the desire to live together, the will to continue to value the undivided shared heritage".
History could bind a nation or tear it apart.
The study of history "often poses a threat to nationality".
"Forgetting is an essential factor in the creation of a nation." *It is a challenge to our age: do we endlessly prosecute grievance or do we set aside the past to find true unity? Today, history is often used as a weapon; it is to identify what carbon is to steel.*
We are confronting critical questions. How does our nation commemorate figures like Captain Cook? How should we remember the frontier wars? Was this continent settled or invaded? Most critically, how do we have this vital national discussion without tearing each other apart? How do we make this story — all if it — our story? How do we build a nation out of the pieces of the past?
Reconciliation is about nation building: "Man is a slave neither of his race, his language, his religion, the course of his rivers, nor the direction of his mountain ranges".-Ernest Renan
"A great aggregation of men, in sane mind and warm heart, created a moral conscience that calls itself a nation."
(Written by Stan Grant)

POPE FRANCIS: MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JUNE - Social Networks That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.
Also: "(Would you) carry a small book of the Gospels and read it when they're on the bus or sitting at home. It will change their lives. Why? Because you will encounter Jesus. You are encountering the Word. Dedicate time to him. Be silent so that you may hear his voice."
History is made by a people, not ideologues. We are a community; we are Church, which includes all people of goodwill, young people, the elderly, infirm, healthy, and sinners, which all of us are! ... Walk as a people.
And finally: Pope Francis, in the words of the Jesuits Father General, Arturo Sosa, is really in line with Vatican II, and reveals his particular attention to the suffering. Freedom, discernment, prayer and social sensitivity. These are the distinctive features of Pope Francis on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of religious life, Fr Sosa underlines how Francesco is "one of the few world figures" who is truly aware of the current situation, taking into consideration above all "the people who are suffering the most".
Breathe "that family air" that is "good" for everyone.