

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - NAROOMA
ST MARY'S - COBARGO / BERMAGUI**
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POPE'S INTENTION FOR JUNE - Social Networks
That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Reconciliation: Narooma Saturday 9.30am.

Cobargo and Bermagui before Masses.

Sick: Linda Holland, Dillon Tindall, Shirley Dellamarta, Jan Jardine, Nola Sutherland, Cecilia Moore, Arthur Cotterill, Nora Thomson, Mary Ryan.

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

This week	NAROOMA	Next Week
Welcomer J Voytas		R Towers
Commentator P Brice		T Nugent
Readers T Young		R Imberger
Offertory Proc. K Day/V Wallens		F Brid/S Nash
Eucharistic Ministers F Bird/K Smith		J Lundy/T Young
Counters P & F Bird		J & M Young
Collectors H Schrooten/T Short		H Schrooten/P Bird
Pilgrim Statue A & R Farrell		June Robinson
Flowers Annie Ovington		Anne Morrison

COBARGO

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

BERMAGUI

Reader N Cridland	G Marsh
Prayers of the Faithful J Manns	N Cridland
Welcoming Committee J Lazzaro	J Manns

Collections of last week (Narooma)

1st Collection	\$ 299.80
2nd Collection	\$ 485.00

Cobargo/Bermagui	
1st Collection	\$ 242.30
2nd collection	\$ 250.00

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST (ORDINARY TIME: Week 12) and ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CATHOLIC COUNCIL (ATSICC)

Yes, we're having a double-header this weekend, with two big annual celebrations! They are not unrelated



"Because of her, we can!"

is the ATSICC theme for 2018;

and it would not be inappropriate

to adapt that theme to JB: "Because of him, we can!"
ATSICC celebrates the roles of Aboriginal women in enabling family life, including in outback areas, which are like what the bible calls 'wilderness'.

And that's our link with John the Baptist, as he was a wilderness inhabitant. It was he who enabled the coming of Jesus from hidden life to public life through his preaching and his baptizing of Jesus.

We welcome especially today in Narooma, Trey and Brianna Glass who are going to begin our gathering today with a Welcome to this Yuin country with words and traditional music. Thank you so much for coming specially today and sharing with us some of your vast, deep, rich and ancient culture. May God bless you and your people! Amen!

In Cobargo, thanks to Joan O'Hallaran, our celebration is enlightened by Yuin symbols and music. In Bermagui, Paula Rumble will share reflections of her experience and appreciation of the Yuin people. Thanks to both for their leadership and participation today.

THE PLENARY COUNCIL OF 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

PRACTICES: How does one/do we "listen to what the Spirit is saying?" (From the website) It is time to hear God speak once again "Pray-as-You-Go" Wish you could spend more time reflecting on Scripture? This podcast sends you a daily Lectio Divina meditation on one of the daily readings. Each 12-minute episode is designed to help you to pray wherever you are, whether that's on a bus, in a car or with your dog in the park (hence the "go" part of "pray as you go"!). Every episode includes also music, a few questions for reflection and a closing prayer. Get the app!

See website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for additional resources and to have your say. The official Plenary Council Prayer will be used in weekend Masses from now on. It will be said with the General Intercessions.

SAVING ENVIRONMENT: A CHANGE OF CULTURE

Catholics are being urged to think more broadly about giving up harmful, single-use plastic items to protect the environment. Source: The Catholic Leader.

The plastic bag ban is hoped to reduce the impact of single-use plastics on sea life – such as sea turtles and sea birds that swallow bags or become entangled in them.

Inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Mrs Kennedy said it was a good time to consider all the bag-carrying alternatives. "Even though you buy the green bags in (the supermarket), the best thing is to go old-school and use a calico or fabric bag. Often you can get boxes, which are a bit easier. It's just about a change in mentality. Even if you go to the shop to just buy some milk or bread there's nothing to stop you carrying just that to the car or on your bus trip home." Parishes could consider every local event – a morning tea or a barbecue – as an opportunity to enact environmentally-friendly change by steering clear of plastic plates and cutlery."

REFRESHING THE SOUL The nice thing about the human body is that it wears out. It wears down. It can, as The Rule of Benedict says, be "overdriven." To be more precise, the Rule is talking about the abbot or prioress in the chapter when it says, "They must so arrange everything that the strong have something to yearn for and the weak nothing to run from." The point is clear: Good leadership does not ask more of the worker than the worker is capable of doing. Whatever happened to that kind of wisdom? And how much further can we possibly go unless we rediscover the value of such an insight? The really interesting aspect of such an ancient directive is that it was written in the 6th century, before lightbulbs, before humanity could do little or anything about extending the day into the night and veritably erasing the difference between the two. It was a far cry from a world in which the Internet links the ends of the earth twenty-four hours a day.

Now we drive ourselves relentlessly from one exhaustion to another. We pace our societies by the pace of our computers. We conduct the major relationships of our lives—both professional and personal—according to the speed of our communications. We measure ourselves by the amount of our productivity and every day we become more exhausted, less rested in body, spirit and mind, and so less capable of producing things, let alone of developing relationships, as a result. That's not irony, that's tragedy. And though we know it, we do not know what to do about it.

Point: The grind is destructive of both the person and the work. Unless the soul can be refreshed enough to think, to create, to recoup its energy and its interest in the work at hand, there is no hope for either recall or creativity.

Maybe what we all need most is time to process what we already know so that we can put it together differently, even more efficiently than ever before. Maybe we need to think a bit, out on a porch in the evening breeze, down by the creek when the fish are swimming, back in the garden when it's time to plant seeds again.

Turn off the television and read a book. Quit texting and ride your bike. Close the computer and go to a movie. Don't answer any emails. Don't try to "get ahead." Don't take any calls. And during dinner, turn off the phone. And when the television is on, watch it instead of talking through it. Reclaim your life, your thoughts, your personality, your friends, your family. No, the world will not end. And then, on Monday, go back to work—having really gotten away from it all—feeling like what

you have to do is really worth doing. As Ashleigh Brilliant says, "Sometimes the most urgent and vital thing you can possibly do is take a complete rest."—from *Between the Dark and the Dawlight: Embracing the Contradictions of Life* by Joan Chittister (Image)

FURTHER ON THE SUBJECT OF SUICIDE: Lifeline South Coast is offering a safeTALK suicide alertness workshop FREE to the Narooma community on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at 1pm- 4.30pm at Narooma Golf Club; 1st Hole room. 'safeTALK' prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST. For details and registration, go to www.lifelinesouthcoast.org.au/page/safetalk.

CATHOLIC BY CULTURE rather than conviction – bishop
—church no longer dominant in society Ronan McGreevy
The Catholic Church is in a "new reality" in Ireland where it is no longer the dominant voice in society, says Bishop of Kilmore, Dr Leo O'Reilly; the new reality is that many people are now Catholics by culture rather than by conviction, judging by the results of the abortion referendum. He suggested the Catholic Church could no longer impose its will on people, but would seek instead to 'welcome all those who shelter in its shade'.

VATICAN: INCLUSIVE TONE FOR YOUTH In the opening discussions of the Synod of Bishops in Rome, there was a notably inclusive tone towards both young Catholics who express disagreement with Church teachings and young gay people. Noting that some younger believers disagree with the Church on contraception, abortion, or same-sex marriage, for example, it acknowledges that many of them also "express the desire to remain part of the Church."

Later, the document makes what appears to be the Vatican's first use of one of the preferred acronyms for the gay community, stating that "some LGBT youth wish to 'benefit from greater closeness' and experience greater care from the Church."

USA & REFUGEES: "Refugee children belong to their parents. To steal children from their parents is a grave sin, immoral (and) evil," said Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller. "Their lives have already been extremely difficult. Why do we (the US) torture them even more, treating them as criminals?" New York Cardinal Timothy Dolan said 'No pun intended but God's law trumps man's law, all right? And St Paul himself, wouldn't obey Roman law when it said it was mandatory to worship the emperor. He wouldn't obey that law. I don't think we should obey a law that goes against what God intends that you would take a baby, a child, from their mom. I mean, that's just unjust. That's unbiblical. That's un-American. There could be no Bible passage that would justify that.'