

**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA - NAROOMA
ST MARY'S - COBARGO / BERMAGUI**

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Christmas Day

The Word Made Flesh For us the Word of God is no longer the message spoken by prophets, but the messenger of God in person, the eternal Word begotten of the Father before time began.

Masses Next weekend	Weekday Masses Narooma
Saturday Vigil Cobargo 5:00pm	Friday 9:00am and Adoration
Sunday Bermagui 7:30am Narooma 9:30am	Cobargo Every 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday 9:30am communion service

Reconciliation: Cobargo and Bermagui before Mass. Narooma on Saturday - 9.30am.

Please pray for the sick Linda Holland, Rhyl McLeod, Tony Sims, Kay Niemoeller, Dillan Trindall, Jean and Max Murray.

Anniversaries John Busuttill, Anni Grace Gay, Jean Kinsela.

Recently Deceased Janice Burge

Christmas Mass Program

**Christmas Vigil 5:00pm Cobargo; 4:45pm
Christmas Carols before mass
7:00pm Narooma**

**Christmas Day 7:30am Bermagui;
9:30am Narooma;**

New Year's Day 4:30pm Narooma

Thomas Merton "Attachment to spiritual things is ... just as much an attachment as inordinate love of everything else."

Christmas Greetings On behalf of the parishes and myself I would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous Noel and a Happy New Year. I also want to wholeheartedly thank everyone for your tireless support and love for our parishes and parishioners. May God bless us with a joyful blessing of the holy season. God bless.

Excellent Narooma Choir We have to say that our Narooma choir is doing an excellent singing ministry in our parish. It lifts us up in praising God. It brings peace and joy in celebrating the Eucharist.

We thank all the choir members for your heartfelt voice and dedication. We would love to see more people join the choir and sing together. Please see the choir after mass if you would like to join them in praising God.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2018 will be conducted at all Christmas masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

We will support the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria and Pakistan. Also Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and Broome Diocese, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.

Also support will be provided to helping the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia, to provide and extend education opportunities for students, and improving the self-sufficiency of the parish. Projects focused on helping the poor with the La Salette Matha Province in India and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem College in the Holy Land will also be supported financially.

Coordinator of Caring for the Housebound I would like to thank Elizabeth Dobbs for taking up the task that's an essential ministry in our Narooma parish community. Please contact Elizabeth on 4476 4907 if you know anyone who wants to bring Holy Communion to them.

Christmas Due for our bishops and priests of the Archdiocese Please support our brother priests who dedicate their lives to the Church. Envelopes will be available on the pews. Thank you for your generosity.

Latest Edition of the Catholic Voice is now available. Please take a copy home with you.

Christmas Lunch On Christmas Day we will be holding luncheons in Eden (St George's hall), Merimbula (Twyford hall) and Bega (showground). Please let people know about the luncheon. Contact Janita on 0427 729 8432 for more information.

Mary Movement of Priests (MMP) Please join us each Wednesday directly after 9:00am mass as we pray a cenacle for our Pope and all priests and clergy.

Narooma Roster for 2019 Please collect your roster for next year up until 7th April. The lawn-mowing roster will be coordinated by John Verrell and the Church Cleaning roster will be arranged separately. The flower roster has been arranged up to the end of June 2019. Any changes/errors please let me know. Therese

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

Collections (Narooma)		
	9/12	16/12
1 st Collection	\$383.05	\$374.85
2 nd Collection	\$872.20	\$581.20
(Cobargo/Bermagui)		
1 st Collection	\$214.80	\$253.05
2 nd Collection	\$230.60	\$244.90

NAROOMA ROSTER

This week	Next Week (30/12)
<u>Welcomer</u>	Mary Ryan
<u>Commentator</u>	Therese Short
<u>Reader</u>	Pauline Verrell
<u>Offertory Procession</u>	Sue Nash
<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	Kaye Smith
<u>Counters/Collectors</u>	J & M Young
<u>Pilgrim Statue</u>	June Robinson
<u>Flowers</u>	Pauline Verrell

COBARGO

This week	Next Week (30/12)
<u>Eucharistic Minister & Server</u>	A Cotterill
<u>Reader</u>	T McDonald
<u>Offertory Procession</u>	Collectors
<u>Cleaning</u>	C Grant
<u>Flowers</u>	C Grant

BERMAGUI

<u>Reader</u>	N Cridland
<u>Prayers of the Faithful</u>	G March
<u>Welcoming Committee</u>	J Manns