



## ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** 9am to 2pm  
Tuesday-Friday

**Rev. Martins Aloga**

Parish Priest

**Don Nguyen**

Parish Deacon

**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**

St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.**

Carroll College, Broulee

### Mass Times

**Tues 5:** 5.30pm Mass

**Wed 6:** 8: 40 am Rosary

9.15am Mass

5.30pm Mass

**Thurs 7:** 9am Mass

**Fri 8** 9am Stations of the cross

9:15 Mass

**Saturday 9:** 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday 10:** 9am Mass

5pm Mass

### Sacristans

**6pm:** Tony Craddy & Brian Carmody

**9am:** Anne Scicluna & Ray Bemelman

**5pm:** Doug & Rita Marion

### ROSTERS 9/10 March

**Church Cleaning:**

M Paine, B Coffey (11-15)

**Welcomers**

6pm L Baz

9am C Connell

5pm M de Smet

**Readers**

6pm P O'Kelly, C Lowe,

9am A Horsfall, L Page

5pm S Klarica, M Klarica

**Commentator**

6pm M Lowe

9am A Brown

5pm S Ebejer

**Extraordinary Ministers**

6pm J Wain, L Favetta, A Rogers,

C Brownlie

9am K Corbin, N Page, C Schor,

A Scicluna

5pm J.O'Sullivan, Volunteer

**Computer Screen** 6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

**Morning Tea:** N Beatty & M de Smet

**Children's Liturgy**

### FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

Our faith is best expressed in a context of a journey. A journey with many moments and stop-over: the moments when we celebrate the sacraments including mass and occasions when we stop over to empty, refill, and renew our commitments. To guarantee confidence on the journey, we are always surrounded by the community. A community made up of the family and the faithful as reflected in our gathering this weekend.

The sacramental journey which begins at baptism happens within the context of the community, where Parents, Gods Parents (Sponsor) together with the Faith Community expresses a commitment to bring up the child to be baptized, in the practice of the faith. Within this community the child grows, experiencing more moments: of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. With these sacraments, the child is renewed and nourished on the journey. Then comes, the big moment: the moment of Confirmation. At this point, the child's gifts are identified and readied for the mission of Christ and his Church in the local and global contexts. On the big day, the Bishop or his delegate comes along and the big moment happens: the sacrament of Confirmation.

However, to begin, this year's Sacramental Journey, we gather this weekend to express our commitment in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation. The first of the three Sacraments received during the school age. To receive this, a deep and sincere preparation is required; preparation on the part of the candidates and a commitment on the part of their Families and the Faithful who commits to accompany the candidates, building a network of prayer and support around the them as they journey to the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is our special focus at all the masses this weekend. And it is about our expression of yes beyond baptism.

We therefore thank all parents and grand parents for accepting to be part of the journey and for offering to witness to their own faith before their child or children. We also acknowledge and welcome all family members, friends, the members of our school and parish community to the celebration of the Eucharist this weekend beginning with the 6pm vigil mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 9am and 5pm respectively. Warmly, we welcome and congratulate all the candidates as they progress on their journey of faith beyond baptism. As we journey with the boys and girls to the Sacrament of first reconciliation, keeping them safe is our priority on every step of the way.

**-Fr. Martins**

*Reconciliation is one of the two healing sacraments. In this sacrament, the penitent experiences the forgiving mercies of God. He or she is thereby renewed, recreated, and refreshed through the grace of absolution and therefore, reconciled with self, others and God.*

### Weekly/Monthly Activities & Up Coming Events

#### Weekly Events:

**Singalong:** Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.

**RCIA Process/Faith Formation:** Every Wed 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room

**Rosary:** Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 9am in the church.

**Craft:** Every Thursday 10 –12pm in the Parish Meeting room.

**Wrap with Love:** 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

**Men Alive:** Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am in Church

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

#### Monthly Events:

**Adoration:** Every Friday at 5:30pm in Church

**First Saturday:** 9am Mass

**Opal Mass:** Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

**Glen Mass:** Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10:30am

**Maranatha Mass:** Every 4th Wed of the Month at 2pm

**Baptism Preparation:** Every last Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, Church

**Mass of the Sick:** Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm

**Weddings and Funerals** by arrangement

#### Up Coming Events –March

**Croatian Mass :** 2nd March 11am St Bernard's

**Ash Wednesday:** 6th March-Masses: 9.15am and 5.30pm

**Renewal of Altar & Liturgy Ministries:** 9th March 9:30am-11:30am in the Church

**Men's Breakfast:** 16th March at 8am start in the church meeting room.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Thur 28th March, 2019 at 5pm, Meeting Room

### ARCHDIOCESAN/PARISH NEWS

**South Coast's MEN ALIVE** 23-24th March weekend in Bega, Enquiries Contact Sean McCambridge (0430491010), second contact (0264941718), e-mail [s\\_mccambridge@hotmail.com](mailto:s_mccambridge@hotmail.com) or Bega parish contact (0264921058).

**R.C.I.A Parish Faith Formation:** 7 pm Wednesday in church meeting room. The Forum is for anyone who has a "WHY" question. Anyone who has a question and would like to share in an open discussion about the Catholic Faith.

**Renewal of Parish Ministries:** Thanks to everyone for signing up to the Renewal of Ministries. The first Session for Ministries of the Altar and Ministries of the Liturgy takes place next Saturday 9th March from 9.30 - 11.30am in the Church. This session is for existing ministers as well as new ministers. There are lists on the door of the Church if you have not put your name down. A cuppa will be available from 9am—9.30am.

**Priest Home Visit Card:** If you want a visit from the priest, kindly fill the blue (Priest Home Visit) card available at the Church Foyer and forward to the parish office or the sacristy or the letter box or by email and if you know of someone who is sick or needs a home visit, you might give them the card or contact the parish office on: 44724153 or 0457063466

**New Parishioners Form:** If you are a new parishioner, kindly fill the light blue form available at the Foyer or the piety shop. We welcome you to our Parish.

**2019 1st Reconciliation Enrolment:** The 2019 Sacramental Program has begun with the enrolment of candidates for 1st Reconciliation. Parents and families with prospective candidates who are outside of Saint Bernard's Primary School are encouraged to contact the parish office for help.

**First Reconciliation Commitment Mass:** with the enrolment of candidates for First Reconciliation last Wednesday, the next step is the commitment Mass. This will take place next weekend at all Masses. We look forward to having children and their families together with staff in our Masses as we commit to journeying with them to the sacrament.

**Foot Steps of St. Paul:** Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the various letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 14-day pilgrimage lead by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. The group departs on 1st October 2019. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**Quote of the week:** "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless"  
**-Mother Teresa**

**Ash Wednesday:** This marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. In the Catholic tradition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of obligation, when we pray, fast from food and sin and exercise abstinence. This applies to adults from at least 18 to 59 years old.

**Masses: 9.15am and 5.30pm**

**We Remember the Sick:** Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Drago Bandur, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Timothy Gerrard, Allan Odlum, John Jessop, Luke Ward and those in our local nursing homes and Hospital.

**Rest in Peace:** Mirko Baresic, Brian O'Grady, David Myles, Rebecca Alivio, Vincent Castañares, Vincent Roach

#### Banking details 1st Collection

Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
Bank Acc: 29248 BSB: 062-786  
Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SURNAME.  
Eg: Batemansbay jones

#### Banking details 2nd Collection

Acc. Name:  
St Bernard's Operating Account  
Bank Acc:0012939 BSB: 062-786  
Ref: FAMILY NAME. Eg: Jones

### LENTEN PROGRAM 2019

Starts Ash Wednesday 6th March  
and every Wednesday throughout  
Lent

Morning session : 9.30am  
(for Ash Wed: 10.00am, after 9.15am  
school mass)

Evening session : 7.00pm  
(for Ash Wed: approx 6pm  
after 5.30pm evening mass)

Will be held in the church meeting  
room.

EVERYONE WELCOME !

For more information contact:  
**Bernie 0428227384**  
**Joe. 44717383**

## 2019 Parish Diary is Available in the Church Foyer and Parish Website

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma</p> <p><b>District Funerals</b></p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director</p> <p>Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p><b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b></p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
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<p><b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b></p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>100% BEEF BURGER</b></p> <p>248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536</p> <p><b>02 4472 1802</b></p>	<p><b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4472 4446</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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<p><b>CARROLL COLLEGE</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4471 5600</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p><b>excell</b> Ideaspeople — with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599</p> <p>E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
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<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p><b>COASTAL</b></p> <p><b>CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b></p> <p><b>02 4474 0320</b></p>	<p>Kate &amp; Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p><b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre</p> <p><b>4471 3400</b></p>
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