



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Don Nguyen

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St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.

Carroll College, Broulee

Mass Times

Tues 30: 5.30pm Mass

Wed 1 May: 8:40am Rosary

9am Mass

Thurs 2: 9am Mass

Fri 3: 9am Stations of the Cross

9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

Sat 4: 9.00am Mass

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sund 5: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: T. Craddy & B. Carmody

9am: A. Scicluna & R. Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 4/5 May

Church Cleaning:

B Favetta/J O'Neill (6-10 May)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am C Connell

5pm D Ebejer

Readers

6pm M Bridges, P O'Kelly

9am Mick & Chris Lowe

5pm S Ebejer, J. O'Sullivan

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am R Bemelman

5pm K O'Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm L. Favetta, J Wain,

C. Burrows, A Rogers

9am A Skinner, L Stevens, A Scicluna

5pm B McCormack, D Gorzalka

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

Morning Tea: Page family

Children's Liturgy: M Britt

CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCY

Mercy is at the very heart of God's creation. This is explicitly expressed in Christ's salvific mission: His incarnation, public ministry, suffering, death and resurrection absolutely resonate with God's mercy in action. During his public ministry right up to the last breath on the cross, his words and actions glowed with mercy.

No wonder then that we find mercy being emphasized by the successive Roman Pontiffs. Most recently, Pope St John Paul II in the year 2000 declared the Sunday after Easter traditionally known as Low Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday. This was meant to draw the attention of the faithful to the mercy of God that is always at work in the world and in our lives. For Pope Francis, Divine Mercy should be celebrated every day and by every means available. For him, mercy is at the very heart of the Church's mission as she carries out her obligations with the image of a "field hospital". To this end, Pope Francis had declared December 8, 2015-20th November, 2016 to mark an Extra Ordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It was a year of prayer with emphasis on God's forgiveness and mercy, with the theme: "Be merciful like the Father".

In the gospel text this weekend, Christ empowered his apostles by the breath of the Spirit mandating them to forgive. In this commissioning, we find the roots of the sacrament of reconciliation, indeed the sacrament of mercy. He died expressing forgiveness for his persecutors: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23/24). After his resurrection, he commissioned his followers to bring mercy and God's forgiveness to everyone.

From the foregoing, it is clear that the place of mercy is critical, giving rise to the many campaign for Mercy including the growing Divine Mercy Devotion inspired by the apparitions of Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska since the middle of the twentieth century. The focus on the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it is at the heart of Divine Mercy. Pope Saint John Paul II once declared that, "Apart from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for humanity".

The message of mercy is inevitable considering the relationship with the self, others and God and importantly with the growing culture of aggression, violence, bullying, death through abortion, suicide, euthanasia and the progressive radicalization of ideologies expressed in terrorism, in whatever form or name evident in the very recent carnage in Christchurch, New Zealand and Colombo, Sri Lanka and the mayhem across the globe with possible ripple effects. Under this eerie and toxic atmosphere only being living witnesses of mercy can bring peace to our world. Be Merciful like the Father and Happy Mercy Sunday!

Fr. Martins



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Since 1961 Palms Australia has recruited and thoroughly prepared Catholics from all over Australia and New Zealand for global mission. Palms vision is of open palms offering friendship, and in friendship palms come together. Palms together are a sign of support and strength. Our palms together in prayer connect us to God. I urge you to please share Palms notices as you receive them, encouraging your staff and parishioners to consider the challenging, but worthy call of a Palms mission placement.

Our Church supports those who take up a global mission placement in these ways:

- 1. Catholic Bishops support a Lay Missionary Gratuity Fund that provides a payment of \$2,500 for each year one is on the mission. 2. Catholic schools offer great support and benefits to teachers giving up to two years for this mission. Teachers should talk with Palms about the details.

Palms vision genuinely inspires us to bridge difference and nurture togetherness in the world; to realise the passage of Galatians 3:28 that under Christ Jesus there is no longer Jew and Greek, Slave and Free, Male and Female. The Palms mission offers the challenge to reach beyond cultural, class and gender differences, to affirm the dignity of all.

The teachers, health professionals, accountants, managers, and others who respond to this vision are carefully prepared and supported by Palms Australia for authentic relationships based in mutual development. This enables the sharing of skills that assist overseas parishes, schools and vital grass roots organization to foster the strengths of their people for sustainable solutions to poverty.

As stated, community development is shared and mutual, offering important lessons also for mission participants, and recalling Pope Francis' words, "...if there are poor people ... who seek assistance, let us draw close to them ... they can be teachers who show us how essential it is to live simply." The Palms programme provides our home communities true engagement with our global family. It is a means of fostering genuine Church renewal in practical and exciting ways.

Most Rev. Christopher C. Prowse DD STD
Archbishop's of Canberra-Goulburn
23 April 2019

PREPARE TO REACH BEYOND: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity to others by sharing them with our global family! Come to the Palms Meet & Greet, Saturday May 4th @ 11:30am, King O'Malley's Pub, 131 City Walk, CIVIC, CANBERRA. But if that's quite a drive, simply call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTER: 2019 RETREATS

Where: 247 St Andrew Road, Varroville Ph: 02-8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com.au www.carmeliteretreats.com.au Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord May 4: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD Cost: \$30 Let Mary lead us to a deeper relationship with the "Son of the Most High" (Lk 1:32). Mary MacKillop, Woman of faith and Vision May 17 - May 19 Presenter: Sr Ann Morrison, RSJ Cost: \$300 (concessions apply) "Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart." A week with the Carmelite Saints May 27 - June 2 Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God? Directed Retreat May 27 - June 2 Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.

2019 COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION: Each year, the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn hosts two Marian Processions: one in the South Coast Deanery, first Sunday in May and the other in the Western Deanery in October. At this processions, the faithful gather to pray the Rosary and to reflect on the faith of Mary. All are invited to this year's South Coast Deanery Marian Procession scheduled for **Sunday 5th May 2019 at 2.00pm** in Our Lady of Good Council Church, Cobargo NSW. With a special focus on the Young in our parishes and deanery. Theme: 'Bringing Young People to Connect with the Yes of Mary'. All are invited.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Each year the parish Social Team organises a number of Trivia Nights. An event that brings together the parishioners and friends from the community to socialise, have fun and to raise funds in support of a common project. The parish first Trivia Night for 2019 is soon: **WHEN:** Saturday 11th May, 7.00pm start, after mass; **WHERE:** Church Meeting Room; **TEAMS:** 6 or more, Organize a team or come along and join a team; **COST:** \$2.00 per person. Everyone welcome and please, save the date.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: Journey with St. Paul as you re-live the Acts of the Apostles and his letters from the New Testament following his footsteps on a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14 May, 2019. This pilgrimage features Saint Paul's missionary through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. This all-inclusive fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers+ Priests. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

MENS BREAKFAST - 18th May 2019 at 8am - have an election free morning. Denis Beaven (retired Paramedic) will be following up his previous informative talk at this breakfast. Still \$5 a head -For details, please contact Tony 0423361083 or Terry 0488052147

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL—Collection for Formation of Seminarians: Our Archdiocese has four young men who have answered God's call to serve as priests and are currently studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. **Formation of men for the priesthood requires the support of the entire Church community** - please pray for the future of the priesthood in our Archdiocese and contribute financially towards the many years of academic training and seminary formation. The appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend. Please note that Donations are not tax deductible. **Kindly give generously.**

DIVINE MERCY FEAST

All are welcome to the Divine Mercy Feast at 3pm Sunday 28th April 2019. Please, bring a plate to share



Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888

OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee 100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536 02 4472 1802

CARROLL COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW Ph 4471 5600 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community

Ray and Anne Brown COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY 02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre 4471 3400

Weekly Events: Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church. RCIA Process/Faith Formation: Every Wed 7pm, Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am, Church Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the Adoration/Vespers: Every Friday at 5:30pm Craft: Every Thursday 10 -12pm Meeting Room Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church Cenacle Prayer: Every Tues at 4.45pm in Church

Monthly Events First Saturday: 9am Mass Opal Mass: Every 1st Wed at 10:30am Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30am Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed at 2pm Baptism Preparation: Last Wed at 6.30pm Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm Weddings and Funerals by arrangement Upcoming Events: APRIL/MAY Sunday 28th: Divine Mercy Feast at 3pm in Church Sunday 5th May: Cobargo Marian Procession 2pm Saturday 11th May: Trivia Night

Banking details 1st Collection Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 29248 BSB: 062-786 Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SUR-NAME. 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

We Remember the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, 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: Angeline Davis, Mirko Baresic, Ivan Norris, Errol Carter, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Sr Marietta Drew, Bella Duggan, Lesley Thomson Elsie Patricia Waltham and the victims of the Sri Lanka Bombings.