



**ST BERNARD'S PARISH**

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Youth Minister  
**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**  
St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.  
**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.**  
Carroll College, Broulee

**Mass Times**

**Tues 14:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 15:** 8:40am Rosary  
9am Mass  
**Thurs 16:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 17:** 9am Stations of  
the Cross  
9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 18:** 9.00am Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sund 19:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass  
**Sacristans**

**6pm:** T Craddy & B Carmody  
**9am:** A. Scicluna & R Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack  
**ROSTERS 18/19 May**

**Church Cleaning:**  
M deSmet & J Maher (20-24)

**Welcomers**

6pm L. Baz  
9am M Kinross  
5pm M de Smet

**Readers**

6pm T & A Jackson,  
9am A Skinner, R Bemelman  
5pm S Klarica, M Klarica

**Commentator**

6pm J Quigley  
9am N Beatty  
5pm K O'Sullivan

**Extraordinary Ministers**

6pm C. Burrows, J Wain;  
H Blake, A Rogers  
9am V & C Burns, G Norris,  
L Stevens,

5pm B McCormack,  
J O'Sullivan

**Computer Screen**

6pm D Coffey

9am T Priest

**Morning Tea:** Cashman/Toyoy family

Children's Liturgy: T Cashman

**Parish Coffee Club**

All are welcome to join the Parish  
Coffee Club on Thursday after the  
9am mass. Venue: Crumb Cafe,  
Batehaven.  
Coffee & Chat



**The Journey of a Mother**

After reading Fr Martins lovely reflection on May, the Month of Mary and Mothers, I decided to briefly share some of the journey I have experienced as a Mother and now as a grandmother of a large family. It is the unforgettable joy and wonder as you hold that precious tiny life in your arms for the first time. Then come the years of guiding them as they grow from childhood to teenagers, young men & women with a life and children of their own. As you grow older your anxiety for their safety and health does not cease. I have always been able to turn to Mary, the Mother of God to help me and them through these times as she has experienced all of these joys, fears and sorrows. We are never alone when we can turn to Mary our Mother. **Mary**

**The Joy of Motherhood**

Being a mother is the most challenging yet rewarding part of my life. Motherhood with young children can seem to be an endless cycle of making lunches, ironing uniforms, driving to after school activities, helping with homework, and thinking about what to make for dinner. In amongst all of this however, is the beautiful chaos that is family! It is these special, often hilarious, and always heart warming moments that make me realize how very blessed I am. And it is for these moments that I am truly most grateful. **Belle**

**My Mothers Day Message**

My first thoughts and reflections of being a mother to two sons and a daughter is the memories and traditions of taking care from babies through to young adults. For them to understand that I, their mother, would be always there for them, the bond between mother and child. To watch them grow into adults with strength and courage following the Catholic faith with all its rituals and ceremonies, has made my married life complete. My Catholic vocation has always been to raise my family with a traditional Catholic upbringing with prayer, hard work, and ethics for a rich life and happy and resilient individuals. **Elizabeth**

**CALLED TO BE SHEPHERD**

The fourth Sunday of Easter, known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, is also the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations" and *Mothers Day*. The Scripture lessons for this day concerns the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. He knows each one by name and cares for their needs.

The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock - responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the Good Shepherd who also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock. We pray for all who have and are responding to the call to be shepherds as pastors or parents to truly respond after the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd..

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday your generous support towards the formation of our 'would be pastor', the seminarians will be highly appreciated. **Happy Mothers Day to one and to all!** **Fr. Martins**

**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: MAY**  
**Saturday 11th:** Trivia Night  
**Saturday 18th:** Men's Breakfast  
**Thursday 23rd:** PPC Meeting, Meeting Room at 5pm

**Banking details**

**1st Collection**  
**Acc. Name:**  
**Central**  
**Presbytery Fund**  
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**BSB: 062-786** Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SURNAME.  
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**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, Timothy Gerrard, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, John Jessop, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooney, Dawn Rash and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

**Rest In Peace:**

Mirko Baresic, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Sr Elizabeth Glass, Bella Duggan, Lesley Thomson Elsie Patricia Waltham, Coby Blyes, May Turner, Robert Pacion, Ivan Hropic, Robyn Albert, Gregory Parsons and Mila Bandur

**CATHOLIC VOICE** - May edition of the Catholic Voice is available with coverage of Easter and Anzac Day. Please take a copy.

**2019 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS.** The preparations for the Celebration of Confirmation commenced last week with a successful Parents Information and Candidates' Enrolment Evening last **Thursday 9 May at 5.30pm** in the iCentre at St Bernard's Primary School, Batemans Bay. This is for Year 6. **The commitment mass comes up next weekend (May 11/19) at all masses.** Let us pray for the Boys and Girls during this phase of their faith journey. Parents whose children are in the public schools are encouraged to contact the Parish Office for registration. For more information, see the Parish Website.

**MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION:** Mothers' Day Parish Breakfast and Buffet takes place after the 9am mass. All are welcome to this special breakfast as we honour and celebrate motherhood. During this occasion, we acknowledge the generosity of all mothers and those who by the virtue of their service exercise the role of motherhood.

**MEETING WITH WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE – CLAIM THE DATE PLEASE**

As part of the Plenary Council process a small group from the Archdiocesan Women's Planning Team to establish a Women's Action Group, is coming to rural communities to consult with women in each of the four rural Deaneries. They will be in **Batemans Bay** on **SATURDAY MAY 25** and in **Bega** on **SATURDAY JUNE 1**. You are invited to attend for a cuppa at 10.30 and the meeting will be from 11.00 until 2.00pm. You are also requested to bring a plate. A flyer with further details is displayed. So please **CLAIM THE DATE**.

**BBECET— Prayer Meeting, Mon. 13th May** at Presbyterian Church 13, Melaleuca Cr. 5-6pm To pray for all teenagers. All Welcome

**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 4<sup>th</sup> @ 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](http://www.palms.org.au)

**MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTER: 2019 RETREATS**

Where: 247 St Andrew Road, Varroville Ph: 02-8795 3400, [retreats@carmelite.com.au](mailto:retreats@carmelite.com.au)  
[www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au) *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.*

**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

**CENACLES OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS** - Each **Tuesday at 4.45pm** before the 5.30pm Mass. The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests is a prayer group who gather in prayer and fraternity through the rosary, and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace in the family, our church and the world. A short meditation is also given. You are invited to join in prayer and fraternity before Mass.

**PASTORAL CARE INTRODUCTORY COURSE** You are invited to attend the St Bernard's Pastoral Care Introductory Course [ five sessions] to be held on the following five Saturdays from 10am – 12 noon In the Parish Church Meeting Room: May 11 & 25; June: 8 & 22; July 6, 2019

**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 now studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. **The 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 this weekend 11/12 May 2019. Kindly give generously and please note that Donations are not tax deductible**

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention**

**May 2019**  
**The Church in Africa - A Seed of Unity**  
**That the Church in Africa through the commitment of its members may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.**

**2019 Deanery Marian Procession**

Thanks to all who made it to Cobargo last Sunday for the Coastal Deanery Marian Procession.

**Election Week**

We pray for a successful Federal Election this week

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