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

Mass Times

Tues 27: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 28: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 29: 9am Mass
Fri 30: 9am Stations of
the Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 01: 9.00am Mass
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sund 02 : 9am Mass
5pm Mass
Sacristans
6pm: T Craddy & B Carmody
9am: A Scicluna &
R Bemelman
5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 1/2 JUNE
Church Cleaning:
B Coffey & M Paine (3-7)
Welcomers
6pm L Baz
9am J McClelland
5pm M deSmet
Readers
6pm J Mackay, Norma Crewe
9am Confirmation
5pm C Nicoletti, J O'Sullivan
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am Confirmation
5pm K O'Sullivan
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm M Bridges, C. Brownlie,
C Burrows, H Blake
9am J Wain, S Beashel,
K Hadley, A Scicluna
5pm B McCormack, D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T. Priest
Childrens Liturgy
Confirmation no Kids Liturgy
Morning Tea: Beatty & deSmet
Children's Liturgy: M Britt

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Parish Coffee Club

Still one welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursday after the 9am mass. Venue: Batehaven Bakehouse/Batehaven Coffee N' Chat





This weekend marks the sixth Sunday of Easter. With this Sunday, two major liturgical and one national event are on the horizon: the solemnity of *Ascension* and *Pentecost* and *National Reconciliation Week* here in Australia. In view of the Ascension, the Gospel of John Chapter 14 recount Jesus' farewell discourse after the Last Supper. In the text, St. John explains the doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Trinity in the human soul, and the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the faithful.

In the discourse, Jesus on the verge of his Death and Ascension promised the followers of the abiding presence of the Triune God (Father, Son and the Holy Spirit) in the one who keeps his word. This promise of God's abiding presence resonates with the Johannine community who saw the Temple in Jerusalem as the symbol of God's presence with His people. Jesus reassures them of his ongoing presence among them. A presence that is no longer restricted to places like the temple, the mountains or in special object like the Ark or particular persons, but being present in each and every individual. God inhabits our hearts so deeply and intimately that we become the visible dwelling place of God.

Jesus in making this promise accompanied it with a condition: to show our love, by keeping his word. To facilitate this, he promised the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God who will teach and lead all to the truth; reminding the faithful of his words while bringing them consolation and peace. This echoes the theme of this year's National Reconciliation Week: ***Grounded in Truth-Walk Together with Courage.***

The role of the Holy Spirit is many fold: a) to "teach" the disciples the truth; b) to "remind" them of what Jesus had already taught them"; c) to be the "advocate" who will intercede for them, offering them wisdom; d) to be their "comforter" who will bring peace at moments of trials and persecution soon to come. At work since creation, having previously 'spoken through the prophets,' the Spirit will now be with and in the disciples, to teach them and guide them 'into all the truth' (CCC 243). Jesus affirms that even though He will no longer be visibly with them, he will continue to be present among them through the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Truth will continue teaching them and helping them to understand and to build on what he had already taught them. The Holy Spirit will bring no new revelation but help the followers to deepen their understanding of the revelation given by Jesus. This is visible in the writing of the Sacred Scripture which is the inspired Word of God.

As we reflect on the promise, place and role of the Holy Spirit in our faith and national journey towards reconciliation, we remember our indigenous communities and the 19 girls and boys in Year 6 of St. Bernard's Primary School, who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. In this sacrament, the boys and girls will be empowered by the Holy Spirit in order to give witness to their faith. They will be taught by the Holy Spirit whose gifts and fruits they will witness to as they grow to maturity led by the Spirit of *Truth, Justice and Courage walking together to achieve Reconciliation.*

Also, one of the major social-cultural and perhaps, ethical problems of our time is isolation. Approximately, about 25% of adults live alone and are truly lonely and isolated. Spouses, parents and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is made more challenging by the individual's attachment to the "screen". The promise of the Holy Spirit is to reassure the faithful of Gods' living and life-affirming Presence with each one, yet "hidden" in the very things we so often take for granted. Thus, we are invited to look for and encounter God-with-us, yet hidden in the person sitting next to us, in the words we speak and in our listening. God is with us in our moments of loneliness and isolation, to console and teach us.

We often carry with us the memories of our teachers and mentors. Let us keep in mind the Holy Spirit ***Our Faithful Teacher.*** He teaches the truth that leads to reconciliation. ***Fr. Martins***

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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/JUNE
Monday 27: PFC at 5pm, Presbytery
Monday 27-3 June: National Reconciliation Week
Sunday 2 June: Confirmation Ceremony at 9am mass

Men ALIVE:

is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of Men Alive is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them become an active force of renewal in the Church. Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

"menAlive" exists in the parish of St Bernard's. Members meet twice a month on 1st & 3rd Wednesday from 8-9.00 am Average attendance is between 6-9 male parishioners - from a variety of ages, backgrounds and families. We meet to share our experiences as men trying to apply the Good News of Jesus Christ in our daily lives; to encourage one another; and to see how we can contribute to the life of the parish of St Bernard's.

The Gospel of the day's Mass is the core of each meeting's "business". The acronym **SOAP** helps us stay within limits.

S = Scripture - the gospel text itself, read reverently and meditated on.

O = Observation - an appointed member gives his observation on the text and facilitates discussion within the group

A = Application - how does the text apply to me or the group?

P = Prayer - a fitting end to seek God's will and the grace to carry it out.

Over the past few years we have all grown to know one another better, have learned from one another, and would be delighted for more men to join us. To all male parishioners of St Bernard's we extend an open invitation to join us.

"Come and see" is our invitation. If you require transport or more information you can contact: Bernie Basevi 0428227384, Joe Quigley 0404357744, Terry Jackson 0488052147 or visit the website: <http://www.menalive.org.au/>



2019 CONFIRMATION MASS. The 2019 Confirmation Ceremony takes place next Sunday 2nd June at the 9am mass. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will preside with 19 Candidates for Confirmation. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle/bacon and egg breakfast/morning tea. **All are welcome to Mass and the cuppa afterwards.**

MEETING WITH WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE – CLAIM THE DATES 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 if you missed Batemans Bay, consider Bega on June 1.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTER: 2019 RETREATS 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.*

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

IT'S NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

WALK TOGETHER WITH COURAGE

GROUNDING IN TRUTH

Banking details

1st Collection
Acc. Name:
Central
Presbytery Fund
Bank Acc: 29248
BSB: 062-786 Ref:
SUBURB/TOWN
& SURNAME.
Eg: Batemansbay

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Banking details 2nd
Collection
Acc. Name:
St Bernard's
Operating
Account
Bank Acc:0012939
BSB: 062-786
Ref: FAMILY

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, Judy Betts , Andrew Morton and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Bella Duggan, Elsie Patricia Waltham, Coby Blyes, May Turner, Robyn Albert, Gregory Parsons, Betty Lorraine Hogarty, Mila Bandur, Maria Golak, Rowland Heycox and Dawn Rash,

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.

The Croatian Mass

will now be held on
Saturday 4th June at 11 am.

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