

ST BERNARD'S PARISH P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536. Tel: 4472 4153, 0457063466 E: batemansbay@cg.org.au Website: www.cg.org.au/ batemansbay Office Hours: 10am to 2pm Tuesday-Friday **Rev. Martins Aloga** Parish Priest Don Nguyen Parish Deacon Sr. Marie McAlister 0429383333 **Roslynne Trompp** Parish Secretary **Juliette Pierre** Youth Minister Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal St. Bernard's Prim. Sch. Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Prin Carroll College, Broulee

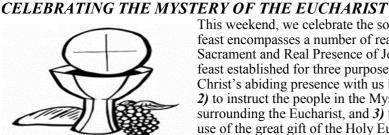
Mass Times **Tues 25:** 5.30pm Mass Wed 26: 8:40am Rosary 9am Mass Thurs 27: 9am Mass Fri 28: 9am Stations of the Cross 9.15am Mass 5.30pm Adoration Sat 29: 9am Rosary 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass Sund 30: 9am Mass 5pm Mass

<u>Sacristans</u>

6pm: T. Craddy & B. Carmod 9am: A. Scicluna & R. Bemelman 5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 29/30 June Church Cleaning:

M deSmet & J Maher(1-5Jul) Welcomers 6pm K Conway 9am M Law 5pm M deSmet Readers 6pm K. Cornway 9am M & C Lowe 5pm S Ebejer, K O'Sullivan Commentator 6pm M Weatherall 9am L Page 5pm A Horsfall **Extraordinary Ministers** 6pm L Favetta, A Rogers, C Brownlie 9am G Norris M Trojkovic, C Schor, A Scicluna, L Stevens 5pm J O'Sullivan B McCormach **Computer Screen** 6pm D Coffey 9am T Priest Children's Liturgy T Cashman **Morning Tea:** Cashman/Toyer family



This weekend, we celebrate the solemn feast of Corpus Christi. This feast encompasses a number of realities: the Eucharistic as sacrifice, Sacrament and Real Presence of Jesus. Corpus Christi is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor Him 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

In the three-year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In Cycle A, the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Cycle B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Cycle C the theme focuses on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to re-emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called "Corpus Christi." It was Pope Urban IV, who first extended the feast to the universal Church. And this is one of the few feasts left in which we observe a procession and a sung "Sequence" in places where possible.

The historical development of the celebration of Corpus Christi originated in the Diocese of Liege (Belgium) in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi. In the reforms of Vatican II, Corpus Christi was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord. We celebrate this weekend, Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the source and summit of all Christian life (CCC 1324). The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Out Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament. "The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and divinity by reason of the *Transubstantiation* of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloodied sacrifice of the Mass."

In biblical terms, the manner given to the Israelite in Exodus prefigured the Eucharist (Exodus 16.13-24). However, our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11). Eucharistic theologian including St. Thomas Aquinas explain the *Real Presence* by a process called transubstantiation: the entire substance of bread and wine is changed into the entire substance of the risen, living, and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the appearance or "accidents" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Implying, that when the receive the Eucharist, we are receiving the true body and blood of Christ.

The scripture themes for this weekend include: the Eucharist as blessing or praise of God (action of Melchizedek in Gn. 14:18-20), the Eucharist as memorial of what Jesus did at the Last Supper (1 Cor 11:23-26) and the Eucharist as food for the multitudes (Lk 9:11b-17). The never-ending supply of bread with which Jesus fed the multitude prefigured his own Body, the consecrated Bread that sustains us until he comes again. The Eucharist is also a re-enactment of Christ's sacrificial Self-giving. The Jews offered animal sacrifices to God, believing that life was in the blood, and the animal blood was a substitute for human lifeblood. Following this Jewish tradition, Jesus offered his own lifeblood as a substitute for the lifeblood of all human beings and, so, sealed the New Covenant made between God and humanity (1 Cor. 11:25), bringing new life to the world. The Corpus Christi readings remind us of Jesus' offering of his Body and Blood which serves in the Church as a lasting memorial of His saving death. We renew Jesus' Covenant by participating in the banquet of his Body and Blood, a banquet that, through his death, gives us life.

The unfathomable richness of this sacrament is expressed in different ways which evoke its various aspects. The most common names are: the Eucharist, Holy Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharistic Celebration, the Memorial of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord, the Holy Sacrifice, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar and Holy Communion (CCC 1328). Additionally, the Eucharist is a source of strength and healing.

As we celebrate this mystery, we keep in mind those who are no longer participating. We also keep in our prayers the boys and girls in Year 3 who look forward to receiving the first Eucharist in Term 3 by September this year. May the Eucharist also provide strength for all who are refugees especially as we conclude the Refugee Week. Meanwhile, we become what we eat. May we become alter Christi (other Christ) as we continue to participate at the table of the Eucharist. 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 Praver: Every Tues at 4.45pm in Church

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Upcoming

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ANNUAL PILGRIMMAGE TO EDEN: Walking in the footsteps of Mary Mackillop The annual pilgrimage in honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is on again. It will be held on Saturday, 10th August. Please join me on this pilgrimage. I'm very keen to develop a great love for Mary MacKillop as she so loved Eden. It was the place of great devotion to Mary due to her mother's death in the ocean nearby. The parishioners were most hospitable to her mother. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop never forgot their generosity and hospitality of her mother's body at the time of her death. The Josephite Sisters have been there ever since. Please join me for this new and wonderful pilgrimage.

Yours sincerely in Christ, Archbishop Christopher Prowse

2020 PLENARY COUNCIL... announces the national themes for discernment, opening the next phase of the Plenary Council process.

The Plenary Council 2020 moves into its next phase of preparation with the announcement of the National Themes for Discernment that emerged from a historic process of listening to the voices of more than 222,000 people. Between May 2018 and March 2019, almost 17,500 submissions, from individuals and groups of all sizes, addressed the Plenary Council's central question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

From the submissions, six National Themes for Discernment have been drowned for consideration as we pray and consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is: Missionary and Evangelizing, Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal, Prayerful and Eucharistic, Humble, Healing and Merciful, A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community, Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Accordingly, the fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape the agenda for the first session of Plenary Council in October 2020. The next discernment process, begins soonest.

More information on the National Themes for Discernment can be found on the re-launched Plenary Council website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

NATIONAL REFUGEE WEEK: The mass movement of people across the globe as a result crisis, unrest, security, economic and a number of other factors and concerns is on the increase. 20th June each is dedicated as the World Day of Refuge each year. Subsequently, individual countries and nations around the world celebrate the Refugee Week around the international day for refugee. The theme for the last three years is #with the refugee. As a faith community, we are invited to reflect on the stories of the modern refugees and to truly walk with them.

ALL ARE WELCOME : To hear Senator Amanda Stoker, Liberal Senator for Queensland speak on current pro-life issues, particularly the push for Euthanasia. The talk will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways Street, Curtin on Sunday 30th June at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided. For further information please phone 62 8123 65.

WEEKLY BULLETIN: If anyone would like to receive the bulletin by email could you kindly give the office your email address and it will be added to the list. Hard copies will still be available in the church foyer if that is your preference.

WRAP WITH LOVE: The Wrap with Love Annual Knit-in will be held at the Batemans Bay Library on Tuesday 13th August. Help is still needed to sew up wraps in time for the event. Bags of knitted squares and instructions are on the shelf in the meeting room for anyone interested. For enquiries phone Jenny on 0414 664 077.

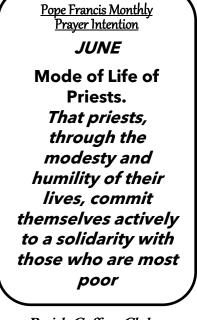
FANTASTIC HELP: Thank you for helping our St. Vincent de Paul Conference make a difference. Our Winter Appeal raised \$2, 020.50. We have also received blankets, doonas, winter scarves & beanies, warm jackets and tins/pkts soups. God bless you for your continued generosity.

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE, BATEHAVEN: 2019 Retreats

Retreat in Daily Life: 21 July-11 August Retreat in Daily Life. The invitation of Jesus to his disciples and to us is: 'Come and see'! This retreat offers the opportunity to spend time with Jesus and to deepen our relationship with God and will be facilitated by Sr. Carmel Drew. Please contact Sr. Carmel on 0409 813 533.

THE PARISH WELCOMES SISTER MARIE MCALISTER: Sister Marie is a Josephite sister who has been working in Sydney and is currently posted to St Joseph's House to be a presence in the community. We welcome Sister and wish her a happy stay, in the best place to be.

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g Events: JUNE	BSB: 062-786 Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batebay jones		Rest In Peace: Bella Duggan Mila Bandur, Maria Golak, Daw and Kelvin Fleming



Parish Coffee Club All are welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursday after the 9am mass. Venue:

Uncle Joe's Café Stocklands



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