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Mass Times

Tues 23: 5.30pm Mass

Wed 24 : 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass

Thurs 25 : 9am Mass

Fri 26 : 9am Mass Stations of
the Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration

Sat 27 : 9am Mass/Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 28 : 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 27/28 July
Church Cleaning:
Favetta & O'Neill (29Jul-2Aug)

Welcomers 6pm L Baz
9am M Kinross

5pm D Ebejer

Readers

6pm P O'Kelly, J Mackay

9am P Hamer, A Fowler

5pm D Ebejer, K O'Sullivan

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am A Brown

5pm C Nicoletti

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm C Brownlie, L Favetta, A

Rogers, C Burrows

9am C Connell, A Skinner,

M& C Lowe

5pm McCormack, J O'Sullivan

Computer Screen

6pm D Coffey

9am T Priest

Children's Liturgy M Britt

Morning Tea: Page Family

Hospital Visitation

Lorraine Page Jul 21

Vince & Carolyn Burns—Jul 28

Welcome with Fr Martins

THE SERVING MARTHA AND THE LISTENING MARY

Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. Their little village of Bethany was located two miles from Jerusalem, and according to the Gospel of John, Jesus visited Jerusalem at least six times, implying that Jesus would have visited the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus several times on his way to or from Jerusalem. The Gospel text this weekend, recounts one of the many visits with two characters: The Serving Martha and the Listening Mary. Probably, Martha would have been older and perhaps the owner of the house, therefore, she was concerned with hospitality. Mary whose statement of faith brought tears to Jesus at the death of their brother Lazarus would have been excited at the visit of Jesus, the source of life and wants to listen to him. Jesus, knowing what awaits him in Jerusalem appreciates the listening presence of Mary, while acknowledging the hospitality of Martha.

Traditionally, this Gospel story has been interpreted to mean that the quiet life of contemplation and prayer led by monks and nuns and personified in Mary, is superior to a busy life of activity and action, personified in Martha. Jesus did not intend to belittle Martha and her activity, but rather to show that hearing the word of God is the foundation of all action, and that the word of God must permeate all other concerns. The highest priority must be given to listening to the word. Prayer and actions must be continuous, complementary and mutually dependent. Prayer without action is sterile, and action without prayer is empty. Jesus wanted Martha to be "contemplative in action" because only those who listen carefully to the Word of God know how to act in the way that God wants, when they show deep concern for the well-being of other people. That is why Jesus reminds Martha that proper service for him is attention to his words, not just an elaborate provision for his physical needs.

Lessons: The Martha and Mary episode teaches the need for balance between service and prayer and the need to spend time with the Lord, learning from Him and recharging spiritual batteries as batteries often need to be recharged. It is a well-known fact that those who are in the caring professions, like doctors, nurses, pastors, social workers and even parents, often suffer from burnout and terminal exhaustion as Martha did. People suffering from burnout often end up angry, anxious, and worried. Hence, the need to put aside the work done for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence. The recharging of spiritual energy also can be achieved by personal and family prayers, by the meditative reading of the Bible and by participating in the celebration of the Holy Mass. Christian husbands and wives should develop "couple spirituality" and seek more opportunities to pray together.

The world certainly needs listening Marthas and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world needs such men, women, boys and girls, and so does the Church. How would the Church survive if not for the Marthas and Jones who sing in the choir, run the altar guild, work with the house bounds, work with the children, and build the Church? The Church could not exist without them. The same is true with the family. We need responsible people to do the work in the house: to cook, to clean, to keep the house operating, to pay the bills, to keep the cars running, not to speak of raising the children and loving the spouse. Households can't survive without Marthas and Jones. Nor can offices, schools or businesses. There is nothing wrong with being a responsible, action-oriented, get-it-done kind of person. But we must find time to listen to God speaking to us through His word and time to talk to God. Jesus clearly said be hearers and doers of the word. Jesus never reversed that order.

Our society also needs good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Martha has become a symbol of you and me in the modern world. We have become so active and busy with living our lives that we no longer have time to slow down and quietly listen to God, or even to our spouse, kids or friends. We become so active in doing good things that our activities become a cover-up for our lack of listening and quiet caring. We come home from a day of work and the kids are talking to us at the kitchen table. We nod affirmatively at their words without listening. Our spouse wants to share what has happened during the day and we don't hear a word that is spoken, being entirely preoccupied with what has happened at our workplace. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening. The more one listens, the more love grows. The less one listens, the less love there is. This is certainly true in marriage and indeed every human relationship. Enduring marriages are a testimony of men and women who are good listeners like Mary of Bethany.

"I would like to be married to both of them". A story was told about some single men in a Bible study group who were discussing about Martha or Mary—who will make a better wife. One fellow said, "Well, I think Martha would make the better wife. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach. It sounds like Martha surely knew how to cook. I would love to be married to a woman like that!" Another man said, "I think Mary would make the better wife. She was always so thoughtful, sweet and loving. I could be very happy, married to a woman like Mary!" Finally, another fellow settled the argument when he said, "Well, I would like to be married to both. For sure, I will enjoy company without missing dinner."

This weekend's Gospel challenges us to combine the listening spirit of Mary with the dynamic spirit of Martha in our Christian lives.

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: JULY

Thursday 25th Parish PPC—Parish Meeting Room

WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM HOLIDAYS. WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN ENJOYABLE BREAK AND ARE REFRESHED LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW TERM.

ANNOUNCING The Inaugural Support Your Priest Day coming up on 4th August . Support Your Priest Sunday is a day of national significance for Catholics that takes place each year around the feast of St John Vianney, patron saint of priests. How do you become involved? Pray the novena to St John Vianney from 27th July

Give your priest a token of your love , thanksgiving and encouragement on Sunday August 4th.

Sign up at office@parousiamedia.com. or contact the parish office for a copy of the novena

SAVE
THESE
DATES

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO EDEN will be on Saturday August 10th. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Pambula Catholic Parish welcome everyone to come on a pilgrimage to Eden Mary MacKillop Centre . Midday Mass will be held and lunch is provided. For further information please contact: pambula@cg.org.au or 02 645 1880.

THE ANNUAL PARISH LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE ST BERNARDS FEAST DAY will be held on Sunday 18th August at 12 midday. This year's theme is "Family." More information will be following in the next few weeks, so keep an eye out.

REPLACEMENT OF CHURCH OVERHEAD PROJECTORS: Thank you to everyone who has generously given donations to replace the church overhead projectors. We are still short \$4000 to reach our target of \$8000. Further donations will be gratefully accepted. Please contact the Parish Office for more information

SUNDAY BULLETIN: It seems that the electronic version of the weekly bulletin is being well received. Printed copies are still available for parishioners to use at the parish weekend masses, although fewer copies will now be printed. As a parish we aim to consider the environmental impact of paper use and welcome any feedback you may have regarding the changes.

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE , BATEHAVEN: 2019 Retreats

Retreat in Daily Life: 21 July-11 August Retreat in Daily Life.

Applications have closed for this.

Sr Carmel would like participants to meet on Sunday 21st at 4.00 pm at St Joseph's House. Please bring your diary to arrange appointment times. Thank you Sr Carmel (0409 813 533)

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE: A one day retreat will be held on Sunday 28th July at the Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby. A day of praise and worship, the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Mass will be celebrated. Phone 0468 486 782 or drcsydney@gmail.com for further information.

YOUNG WOMEN'S DAY RETREAT: Will be held on Saturday 10th August at the Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre in Mulgoa, NSW. RSVP: Monday 5th August to Sr Luka Junemann on 0439 537 843 or srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR MEN: Called to Holiness—Will be held on Saturday 10th August and Sunday 11th August at the Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre in Mulgoa. Cost is \$165 for the weekend or \$55 per day. Contact Jim Jankiewicz on 0432 487 927 or email for further enquiries on info@schoenstatt.org.au

THE EMPOWERED CHURCH With Ken Fish will be held on Friday 13th & Saturday 14th September 2019 at the Anglican Church 6 Herarde Street, Batemans Bay. The Empowered Church. How does a Christian receive an impartation of the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit? How do we cultivate God's intent that we experience His power and that it grows in us? What does an empowered church look like? Enquiries Doug Newman on 0428907200 See poster in the foyer.

PARISH KEYS: We are updating our key register. Could everyone who has keys to the parish please let the office know what keys you have or may need. Thank you.

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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, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Ronan Bremner, Anne Jackson and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Robyn Albert, Gregory Parsons, Mila Bandur, Maria Golak, Dawn Rash, Rowland Heycox, Maria Syne, Ivan Pintar, Kelvin Fleming, Bernie Wakeling and Sr Anne Derwin

**Pope Francis Monthly
Prayer Intention**

JULY

The Integrity of Justice

That those who
administer justice may
work with integrity, and
that the injustice which
prevails in the world
may not have the last
word.



Parish Coffee

Club All are

welcome to join the Parish
Coffee Club on Thursday after
the 9am mass. Venue: Malua
Bay 366 Café at 366 George
Bass Drive, Malua Bay
Coffee, Connect and Chat

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