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**Mass Times**  
**Tues 06:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 07 :** 8:40am Rosary  
9am Mass  
**Thurs 08:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 09:** 9am Stations of  
the Cross 9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 10 :** 9am Mass/Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun 11 :** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass  
**Sacristans**

**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody  
**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack

**ROSTERS 10/11 AUG**  
**Church Cleaning:**  
M deSmet & J Maher (12-16)  
**Welcomers** 6pm K Conway  
9am J McClelland  
5pm Volunteer  
**Readers**  
6pm P Billington, N Crewe  
9am N Beatty, L Page  
5pm K O'Sullivan, J O'Sullivan  
**Commentator**  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am A Skinner  
5pm C Nicoletti  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
6pm J & N O'Neill, C Brown-  
lie, H Blake  
9am V & C Burns, G Norris, A  
Scicluna  
5pm B McCormack, D Gorzal-  
ka

**Computer Screen**  
6pm D Coffee  
9am T Jackson  
**Children's Liturgy** R Keough  
**Morning Tea:** Cashman/Toyer  
family  
**Hospital Visitation:** Maureen  
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## Materialism promises temporal security, but charity guarantees eternity

In the capitalist economy, where the pivotal driving force remains profit and gain, and the language is that of 'how much', everything tends to be judged and measured by matter. It is a truism that the world is made of matter. Even the sacraments that we celebrate, we depend on matter. However, it is not only the question of matter; it is always matter and form for validity. Living only at the level of matter could lead to materialism, suggesting a new *religion* or *god*, demanding more than humans can offer, including time, energy, talent, money, resources, worship and adoration, from rising to resting.

Caught in the materialistic frenzy, humans sometimes run from pillar to post without satisfaction. We often forget the fact that the human creative potential is collaborative. God is creative. He made us in his image and likeness, with enormous creative potential meant to compliment his creative work for the salvation and good of humanity. Any creative exercise devoid of divine plans only destabilizes the ecosys-tem, (noticeable with the global warming, earthquakes, drought and floods) putting human destiny in jeopardy.

The author of our first reading this weekend (Eccl. 1.2; 2.21-23), in his effort to relieve humanity already caught in the vicious web of materialism with the aim of creating a balance invites us to a deeper reflection on the consequences of human toil and trade including inventions and innovations. For him, excessive labor and selfish material acquisition is sheer futility. This does not undermine industriousness knowing that, *usefulness is part of the rent we pay for living on earth*, but a reminder about the human beginnings. We were born naked and innocent. We came with nothing and we (will) go with nothing ex-cept our charities.

This links us with the beautiful story by Christ in our Gospel text (Luke 12.1321): *the parable of the rich man*. Let us take a cursory look at the background to the story. The Jewish rabbis were often asked to settle disputes among their countrymen and women. They judged cases using the Mosaic Law as given in the Torah - the Jewish book of civil, religious and liturgical laws. In matters concerning the distribution of property in a family with two children, the Torah (Dt 21:15-17, Nm 27:1-11, 36:7-9), granted two-thirds of the wealth to the elder son and one-third to the younger. If there were several sons, the first-born would receive double the inheritance of his younger brothers and would serve as the patriarch of the family and executor of his father's estate. In the case related in the Gospel, either the older brother had delayed the partition of property, or the younger brother was greedy. Jesus refused to be an arbitrator in this property dispute between two brothers, but used the occasion as a "teachable moment," instructing the audience on the folly of greed and selfishness, while contradicting the Epicurean motto: *"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."*

In the parable, the major character was a rich man, who had everything needed to facilitate human pleasure and comfort. However, in the process of articulating his comfort plans, he passed away. What happens to the whole hordes of his, the very fruit of his lifetime labour? The reality of this question made Jesus to consider the fellow as been unwise. This is because, *A*). The rich man never saw beyond him-self." He was possessed by his possessions, instead of possessing them. In the process, he evicted God and others from his heart. He was insensitive to the plight of the poor workers who had laboured in his field, his poor relatives, and to the poor people in his community. In doing this, he turned his back on his Jewish heritage, for the Torah demands that gleanings from a harvest be left for the poor, the widow, the orphan and the immigrant (Lv. 19:9-10; 23:22; Dt 24:21). *B*). The rich man did not show any care or compassion for the hurting and needy. He did not voice any concern for keeping the community of which he was a part, safe from unexpected droughts, famines, or plagues. The richer the man grew, the greedier he be-came, as suggested by the Roman proverb: *"Money is like sea water; the more a man drinks the thirstier he becomes."* *C*). The rich man "never saw beyond this world." He forgot that he was going to die, soon-er or later. He also forgot that God had given him everything he had: the land, the good growing season and the excellent harvest – not for himself alone but for all those around him who were in need. It was as he was planning to build new barns and warehouses to store his wealth, that he heard the words all crea-tures will hear one day from their Creator: "This night your life will be demanded of you!" He left his soul out of his thoughts and, hence, left eternity out of his plans. This, as Jesus warns us in the parable, is folly.

In summary, he failed to become "rich in what matters to God." He was not thankful to God for His blessings; instead, he considered them as solely the fruit of his own labour. He also failed in his steward-ship duties – the returning to God of His portion in paying his tithe. Also, he did not recognize his posses-sions as on loan from God, given to him to share with others. He was taken up with worries or anxieties about his wealth. He was starving to death spiritually during God's abundance. Yet, though he may have prayed the beautiful prayer in the book of Proverbs: *"Give me neither poverty nor riches but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the Lord?'" Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonour the name of my God.*" (Prov. 30:8-9), he did not change. Jesus challenged his followers to learn from the experience of the foolish rich man. We are called to look at our own lives, our own "riches" and to evaluate our true needs and wants. A lot can happen with or without a will. Exercising charity while alive could greatly enrich us in the sight of God, who is generous with the sun, the moon, the rains and indeed everything. He therefore invites and encourages us amid mortgages and wealth to express charity in view of eternity.

*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 Tue & last Wed of 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

## NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS WEEK

*In the face of growing homelessness and housing stress, Australia is called to be a community of hospitality, called not to walk past the thousands whose wounds need binding, but to reach out to them. As Christians, we can be like the Good Samaritan in claiming our agency and trans-forming our society into a community of genuine human relationships.*

*We are called to practice an ethic of concern, care and support for one another so no one is ex-cluded from the table or left behind. We are challenged to build a community of hospitality, compassion and neighbourliness. Let us heed the command of Jesus: "Go and do the same yourself." We pray for the strength to do just that.*



**THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO EDEN** is coming up on Saturday August 10th. Archbishop Christopher Prowse and the Pambula Catholic Parish welcome everyone to come along and make the pilgrimage to Eden Mary MacKillop Cen-tre . 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 at the church on Sunday 18th August at 12 midday. This year's theme is "Family." So GRANDPARENTS bring along your children and grandchildren. PAR-ENTS bring along your children (no matter how old!) and CHILDREN bring along your parents, grandparents and siblings and ANYONE ELSE bring along a friend. ALL ARE WELCOME!! Cost is \$5 for adults and children are free. Tickets are on sale after mass, or from the parish office.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:** The 4th August marks the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Thursday 8th August is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australian saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vo-cations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

**THE ORDINATION** of Deacon Alex Osborne will be held on Friday 30th August at 6 pm at St Christopher's Cathedral in the A.C.T. All are welcome to attend.

**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

**PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING:** A reminder to all team members of the upcoming meeting this Tuesday August 6th in the church meeting room. There will be a cuppa at 9 and the meeting will start at 9.30am with guest speaker Sr. Marie McAlister.

**THE EXISTENCE OF GOD:** The Batemans Bay Baptist church invites you to attend a nine week series of apologetics on the latest scientific evidence supporting the existence of God. Be-ginning on August 4th at 6pm, a light supper will be provided.

**GIFT OF HEALING:** Come to a 2 day CCR Seminar on the Gift of Healing presented by Anne Marie Gatenby. The seminar is free with a collection taken to cover costs. Friday 9th August at St Benedicts, Narrabundah 6.45—9 pm. Soup and roll for a donation. Saturday 10th August at St Peter Chaneels, Yarralumla 9 am—4 pm. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5. For more information call Neda on 0415 266 019 or Susanna on 0419 902 293

**CATHOLIC VOICE:** The latest edition of The Catholic Voice is now available in the church foyer.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** "What does each get?" 6th grade teacher posed the following problem to her arithmetic classes: "A wealthy man dies and leaves ten million dollars. One -fifth is to go to his wife, one-fifth is to go to his son, one-sixth to his butler, and the rest to charity. Now, what does each get?" After a very long silence in the classroom, little Joey raised his hand. The teacher called on Joey for his answer. With complete sincerity in his voice, Joey answered, "A lawyer!" He's probably right. Where there is a will, there is often a lawsuit. Someone in the crowd listening to Jesus said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

### Banking details

#### 1st Collection

Acc. Name:  
Central  
Presbytery Fund  
Bank Acc: 29248 BSB:  
062-786 Ref: SUBURB/  
TOWN & SURNAME.  
Eg: Batebay jones

### Banking details 2nd Collec-tion

Acc. Name:  
St Bernard's Operat-ing 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 Robin-son, Margaret Harris, Timothy Gerrard, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, 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:** Gregory Parsons, Mila Bandur, Maria Golak, Dawn Rash, Rowland Heycox, Maria Syne, Ivan Pintar, Kelvin Fleming, Bernie Wakeling, Sr. Anne Derwin, Hazel Elliot, Terry O'Neill and Sr Marie Miller

### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

AUGUST

### The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politi-cians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity

### Parish Coffee Club All

are welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursday after the 9am mass. Venue :  
*Starfish Deli*  
Coffee, Connect and Chat



<b>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma</b> <b>District Funerals</b>  Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886  Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	<b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b> 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay <b>Buy fuel any time</b>  EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
<b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b> Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee  <b>100% BEEF BURGER</b> 248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536  <b>0478 146 837</b>	<b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>ENROLLING NOW</b>  <b>Ph 4472 4446</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
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