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Mass Times
Tues 29: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 30: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 31: 9am Mass
Fri 01: 9am Stations of the
Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 02: 9am Mass/Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 03: 9am Mass
5pm Mass
Sacristans
6pm: Craddy & Carmody
9am: Scicluna & Bemelman
5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 2/3 November
Church Cleaning
M deSmet & J Maher (4-8)
Welcomers
6pm L Baz
9am J McClelland
5pm M deSmet
Readers
6pm P O'Kelly, J Mackay
9am M O'Neill, A Fowler
5pm K O'Sullivan, Volunteer
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am M Lowe
5pm J O'Sullivan
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm M Bridges, L Favetta, J
Wain, A Rogers
9am K Corbin, C Lowe, C Con-
nell, C Schor
5pm B McCormack, Volunteer
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
Children's Liturgy
R Keough
Morning Tea
O'Sullivan family
Hospital Visits: Marueen
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PRAYING WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

The central focus of the liturgy of the word this weekend is on praying with the right attitude, in humility, eschewing pride and the sincere recognition of our identity before God. This is presented in the Lukan Gospel precisely in the parable of the two men praying in the temple.

Meanwhile, devout Jews observed three prayer-times daily, at 9am, 12noon and 3pm. They also considered prayer in the Temple as more efficacious than that made anywhere else. In the parable, Jesus tells us about two men who went to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee stood in the very front section of the Temple, distancing himself from his inferiors; his prayer was egotistical. He looked upon himself as superior to other people and listed all his pious acts. The Jewish Law required fasting only on the Day of Atonement, but this Pharisee fasted twice a week, possibly, on Monday and Friday, the market days, when the largest possible audience would see his whitened face and dishevelled clothing, the external marks of his fasting. Although he was required to tithe only on his agricultural produce (Dt 14:22; Nm 18:21), this Pharisee paid tithes on all his wealth. He was sure that he had done all that the Law of God required and even more, thus creating a surplus of righteousness and proudly making God his debtor.

In short, the proud and self-righteous Pharisee did not really go to pray to God, but only to tell God how good he was in the guise of thanking Him. He said this prayer "to himself"! His prayer was also ineffective because he was proud, despising all others, including the tax collector, labelling them sinners. He was really a good man but lacked compassion for others. If the first big mistake of the Pharisee was to think that God would be impressed by his boasting, the second was in his thinking that he was better than others.

Standing at the back of the Temple, the tax collector who could not even dare to lift his eyes to God, confessed his sins and humbly asked for God's mercy: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" he said. His prayer was short, but to the purpose. His heartbroken, humble prayer opened his heart entirely to God, which enabled him to receive mercy. The publican's only virtue was his active humility, which led him to repentance and prompted him to ask for mercy having defrauded his neighbours on behalf of the Roman overlords, the tax collector had much to be humble about. He was a sinner, personally and corporately, a state which prompted him to prayer.

The Pharisee prayed as one who needed no forgiveness, and he got none; the tax collector prayed as one who needed forgiveness, and he received it. The Pharisee got what he asked for, which was nothing, while the sinner got what he asked for, which was everything. Two things especially make our prayers void and of no effect: a proud sense of our own righteousness and a contempt for others as reflected in the prayer of the Pharisee.

This parable of well over two thousand year bears timeless significance. The two major characters in it epitomises the hypocrisy and the mediocrity that often dominate the modern human relationships to self and others who are constantly judged and condemned in the kangaroo court. This attitude is alive and well in the public square and no less in the ecclesiastical settings with the attendant uneasiness. An attitude that is sometimes carried into fellowships and prayer.

Perhaps, let us conclude on a lighter note with the story of a wandering parishioner. "I never come to this Church for Sunday Mass," boasted the wandering parishioner to his pastor. "Perhaps you have noticed that Father?" "Yes, I have noticed that," said the pastor. "Well, the reason I don't come is that, there are so many hypocrites here." "Oh, don't let that keep you away," replied the pastor with a smile. "There's always room for one more".

Fr Martins

Weekly Events:

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.
Bible Study/Faith Community Every Wednesday 9.30am
Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am, Church
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in church
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: 9 am Mass—All Souls
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: November

1st All Saint's Day Mass 9.15am
2nd All Souls 9 am mass—All are welcome to join
11th Remembrance Day Service 11 am
16th Men's Breakfast 8 am meeting room
25th PFC Meeting 5 pm
28th PPC Meeting 5 pm meeting room
30 Nov—1st Dec SVDS Christmas Appeal



CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNOUNCES NATIONAL DROUGHT PRAYER CAMPAIGN

The month of November has been dedicated as a time to pray for those affected by crippling drought conditions and to pray for the gift of rain. Parishes, schools, families and other Catholic communities across the country are being encouraged to participate in the national Prayer Campaign for drought, which also invites people to provide assistance to those most in need.

Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE from Wilcannia-Forbes, oversees a diocese that covers about half of NSW and he said the month of prayer is an additional response to the local work being done already. Bishop Columba said the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, has stories of rain being "God's gift" to people who are suffering and in times like these, we should pray for God's gift of rain which will have the power to quench our arid lands and lift many people's fallen spirits. Prayer resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/drought

MARION PROCESSION & YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2019 at St Clements Retreat & Conference Centre in Galgong. 9:30 am Youth Pilgrimage | 10.30am Sacrament of Penance | 11.30am Mass with main celebrant Archbishop Christopher. 12.30pm BYO lunch | 2:00 pm Procession to the grotto **Contact 02 6239 8500 All are welcome to come along!!**

2020 PLENARY COUNCIL PHASE 11—Listening & Discerning

Thank you to those who have already signed up and we encourage others to consider signing up for the Theme of your interest, as we look forward to the parish listening & discerning sessions in November. You can sign up for more than one session.

NOVEMBER PARISH CEMETERY ROSARY: Every Sunday at 12noon as follows:

3/11 BATEMANS BAY CEMETERY;
10/11 MOGO CEMETERY JERAMADRA
17/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS;
24/11 OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY (BENT ST, BATEMANS BAY)
30/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY

All are welcome to join in praying for our departed family members, friends and parishioners

COMMUNITY STREET KITCHEN: A free community lunch will be available at the Batemans Bay Community Centre every second Saturday from 12.30—3pm, with the next street kitchen to be held on 2nd November. The open kitchen provides a free lunch for anyone in need, whether it be tough times, wanting to meet new friends or looking for support. The lunch is provided by volunteers, so if you wish to be involved contact Clare on 0447 617 619 or hello@soultribestudio.com.au. Everyone is welcome to come along.

ESPANA EI VITO THE SPIRIT OF SPAIN & TANGO CONCERT: will be held at the church on Sunday November 17th at 3 pm. Featuring guitarist, Matthew Fagan, accompanied by pianist, Nicholas Young, the internationally acclaimed performers will regale the audience with a Spanish inspired repertoire from classical to flamenco, plus the colourful and rhythmic sound of Tango, South American Classical and Latin masterpieces infused with modern jazz. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for a concession. <https://www.southcoasttickets.com.au/events/tangobatchaven>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be selling raffle tickets to assist our Christmas Appeal at the weekend masses of October 26/27. There are 11 great prizes to be won. Tickets cost \$2 each or \$5 for three. Prizes will be drawn on November 2nd at Bunnings at 4pm.

EVERYONE IS INVITED: To the book launch of 'From Ganmain to Rome & Back' - reflections on the life and priestly ministry of Archbishop Francis Carroll. Wednesday 6th November at the Ganmain Sports Club at 11.30am. Please RSVP by Wednesday 30th October to philomenabilling-ton@gmail.com or 0428 593 191.

MARY MACKILLOP CALENDERS: Are now available in church piety stall. \$8 each.

LOLLAPALOOZA is coming up on Friday, November 22nd at Carroll College. Twilight markets boasting rides, live music, street foods, local produce, market stalls, science and sports demonstrations and an agricultural pavilion. **Starts at 4pm!!** Entry is free and all are welcome.

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BSB: 062-786 Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SURNAME.
Eg: Batebay jones

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Operating
Account
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Ref: FAMILY NAME.
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We Remember the Sick:

Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, John Dylon and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace:

Des Beckhaus, Bea Field, Jim Daley, Merle Hague, Guiseppe Ferrante, Anthony Clift, Marie Stewart, Vivien Doyle, Frances Doyle, Colin Doyle, June Bowditch, Nick Shannon, Peter McKeon, Joe Borg, Katima Skuzma, Desmond Lyons, Val Back, Norma Phillips, Ted Gillis

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

November

Universal—Communication and Reconciliation

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerges in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE BORN IN OCTOBER

PARISH COFFEE CLUB

All are welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursdays after the 9 am mass.

VENUE: SCOOP@ Batehaven Shops
COFFEE, CONNECT & CHAT

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