

ST BERNARD'S PARISH P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536 Tel: 4472 4153 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 Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal St. Bernard's Prim. Sch. Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Principal, Carroll College Carroll College, Broulee

Mass Times

Tues 12: 5.30pm Mass Wed 13: 8:40am Rosary 9am Mass Thurs 14: 9am Mass Fri 15: 9am Stations of the Cross 9.15am Mass 5.30pm Adoration Sat 16: 9am Rosary 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass Sun 17 9am Mass 5pm Mass Sacristans

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

ROSTERS 16/17 November

Church Cleaning B Coffey, M Paine (18-22) Welcomers 6pm L Baz 9am C Connell 5pm M deSmet Readers 6pm M Bridges, J Quigley 9am M & C Lowe 5pm J O'Sullivan, Volunteer Commentator 6pm P O'Kelly 9am N Beatty 5pm K O'Sullivan **Extraordinary Ministers** 6pm J & N O'Neill, J Wain, L Favetta 9am V&C Rurne I Stavane I



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Meanwhile, a story is told of a singing group called The Resurrection, scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, 'The Resurrection is postponed'.

As we draw close to the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings are becoming more and more eschatological with focus on the concept of after life-the resurrection. In our gospel text this weekend, the Sadducees asked Jesus a question concerning the marital state after the resurrection. It was a clear challenge to Jesus, if he does believe in the written *Torah* which is silent about the resurrection or the Oral traditions preserved by the Pharisees who believed in the resurrection as interpreted by the traditions. This is perhaps, a trap for Jesus.

Their question put Jesus in a no-win political position. If Jesus defended the concept of the resurrection, he would displease the Sadducees. If he failed to do so, he would displease the Pharisees. Thus, either way, he would alienate a part of the crowd. The Sadducees' question was based on the Levirate Law of marriage included in the Mosaic regulations and was regarded as binding by the Sadducees. That law provided for the economic and social security of widows in a Jewish sociocultural context (Deut 25:5-10).

Accordingly, if a man died childless, his brother must marry the widow and beget children to carry on the line. Based on this hypothesis, they asked Jesus about who, would be the husband of the woman who had been married in succession to seven of her brothers-in-law and had died childless, at the resurrection. Jesus turns their insincere query into an occasion for genuine teaching. First, he draws a sharp distinction between *this* age' (earthly life) and 'that age' (life after death). He makes it clear by establishing the reality of the resurrection, when the virtuous will be rewarded. Jesus sealed this teaching by his own resurrection proclaim ed at every mass.

This is the basis for the Christian theology of the resurrection and life in eternity. Also, this supports the faith community's practice of praying for the dead, a long-held tradition especially in the month of November. The Christian faith will be futile if there is no resurrection. With the competitive quest for wealth and pleasure, this subject is often missed and indeed overlooked. It is a reality that is difficult to conceptualize except with the eyes of faith. However, the resurrection is real and not postponed.

Fr. Martins

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN

For the gift of rain, for people affected by drought, for support services.



Eternal God. In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought: be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people : Renew the face of the

Our lady of the Southern Cross. Mary, help of Christians Pray for us St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Pray for us.

earth.

We acknowledge the Traditional **Owners of country throughout** Australia and continue to commit to reconciliation and justice. We pay respect to them and their elders past and present.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER : REMEMBERING & PRAYING

November is the month during which we especially remember those who have died. During this month we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith, that they may be embraced by God. We invite you to remember your loved ones and all the Holy Souls by:

- Writing the name of your loved ones with dates of birth and death on the Special Cards prepared with the school and placing them in the basket near the Memorial Booklet Shrine. The candles will be lit at every Mass & Devotion during November. New names will be added to the Memorial Book at the end of November.
- Completing a Mass Intention Envelope and placing in the basket. Father will offer masses throughout November with these Holy Souls at the heart of our Eucharistic community.
- Joining the Sunday Rosary at 12 noon at the cemeteries listed below
- 10/11 MOGO CEMETERY JERAMADRA
- 17/11 BROULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS
- 24/11 OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH CEMETERY (BENT ST, BATEMANS
- BAY) 30/11 NELLIGEN CEMETERY (SATURDAY)

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

PHASE 11 OF PLENARY COUNCIL

The discernment meetings for the six themes nominated will be held throughout November with the outcome for input to the plenary council being 150 words as agreed to by the group. Meeting s will be a maximum of two hours which includes prayer and discernment

WHERE? Parish Meeting Room at the Church

Monday 18th 3.15pm—Humble Healing & Merciful (Parish Office) Monday 18th 7 pm-Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal Wednesday 20th at 7 pm—Prayerful & Eucharistic Monday 25th at 7 pm-Open to Conversion, Renewal & Reform Tuesday 26th at 3 pm-Joyful, Hope-filled & Servant Community

SAVE THE DATE: Catholic Professional Standards are committed to fostering a culture of safety, care and concern for children & vulnerable adults. A training session will be run on Friday 6th December at 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All those who volunteer and work within the parish are encouraged to come along. Please let the office so we can cater for numbers.

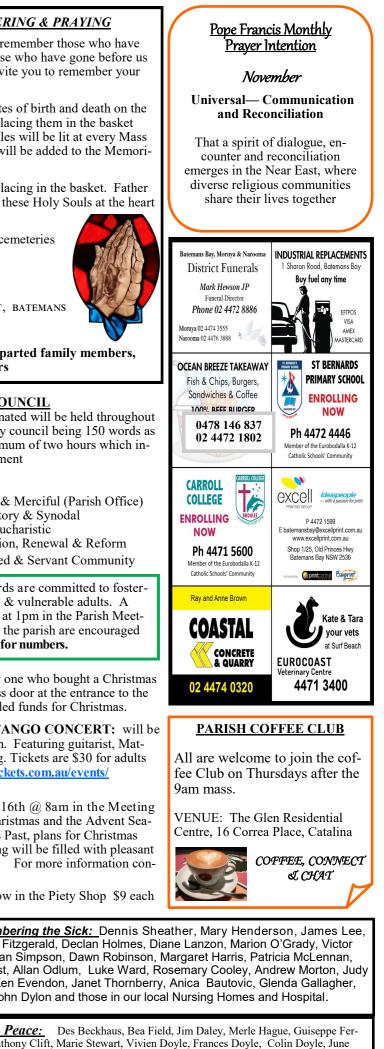
ST VINCENT DE PAUL would like to thank every one who bought a Christmas Appeal Raffle ticket. Winner's names are on the glass door at the entrance to the Church. Your support has helped us with much needed funds for Christmas.

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, NicholasYoung. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$25 for a concession. https://www.southcoasttickets.com.au/events/ tangobatehaven

MEN'S BREAKFAST: To be held on November 16th @ 8am in the Meeting Room.with a Dickensian theme. As we approach Christmas and the Advent Season we will be exploring reminiscences of Christmas Past, plans for Christmas Present and hopes for Christmas Future. The morning will be filled with pleasant conversations as well as a fine breakfast. Cost \$5pp. For more information contact Terry Jackson 0488 052 147.

2020 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available now in the Piety Shop \$9 each

9am V&C Burns, L Stevens, L						
Page 5pm B McCormack, Volunteer Computer Screen 6pm K Conway 9am T Jackson Children's Liturgy M Britt Morning Tea N Beatty & M deSmet Hospital Visits(17/11) Vince & Carolyn B	Wrap With Love: 2nd Tue & last Wed of month in church Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church Reconciliation: Saturday at 5pm in Church Cenaele Praver: Tues at 4 45pm in Church	Opal Mass: Every 1st Wed at 10:30amGlen Mass: Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30amMaranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed at 2pmBaptism Preparation: Last Wed at 6.30pmMass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pmWeddings and Funerals by arrangementUpcoming Events: November1st All Saint's Day Mass 9.15am2nd All Souls 9 am mass—All are welcome to join11th Remembrance Day Service 11 am16th Men's Breakfast 8 am meeting room25th PFC Meeting 5 pm28th PPC Meeting 5 pm30 Nov—1st Dec SVDS Christmas Appeal	 MARANATHA LODGE NEWS: A fund raising movie night screening Fisherman's Friends will be held on Thursday 14th November @ 6pm. Tickets \$25pp at The Lodge, includes pizza and a drink. Does anyone have a spare room or granny flat that they are interested in renting out in the Batehaven area.? If so, please call Judy at Maranatha on 44728608. 	1st Collection Acc. Name:	St Bernard's Op- erating Account Bank Acc:0012939 BSB: 062-786 Ref: FAMILY NAME. Eg: Jones	Rememberin George Fitzg Edith, Jan Sin Bill Giust, Alla Betts, Ken Ev Joan, John D <u>Rest In Peac</u> rante, Anthony Bowditch, Nick Val Back, Norr Hay



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