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#### Mass Times

**Tues 17:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 18:** 8:40am Rosary  
9am Mass  
**Thurs 19:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 20:** 9am Stations of the Cross  
9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 21:** 9am Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun 22:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass  
**Sacristans**

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

#### ROSTERS 21/22 Dec

**Church Cleaning**  
B Coffee/M Paine(23-27)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm K Conway  
9am C Connell  
5pm D Ebejer  
**Readers**  
6pm M Weatherall, Susan Smith  
9am T Jackson, C Jackson  
5pm C Nicoletti, Volunteer  
**Commentator**  
6pm P O'Kelly  
9am M O'Neill  
5pm S Ebejer  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
6pm J & N O'Neill, L Favetta, C Brownlie  
9am L Stevens, N Beatty, A Skinner, G Norris  
5pm M McCormack, D Gorzalka  
**Computer**  
6pm D Coffee  
9am T Priest  
**Children's Liturgy**  
Holidays  
**Morning Tea**  
Page family  
**Hospital Visits (2212) Lor-raine Page**



## Gaudete Sunday

This weekend marks the end of the first part of the advent season, counting from the first Sunday of advent to 16<sup>th</sup> December, ushering us into the second part with the celebration of Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). During this weekend, we light the rose-coloured candle at mass to lighten the mood as we cross the mid-point between the start of the season and the joy that comes with the anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is a season with rhythm. This can be seen in the organisation of the liturgy and the symbolic rituals. Central to this rhythm is the Word.

In the first weekend, St. Matthew in the text of the Gospel, presented the image of the rapture with the example of the flood at Noah's time, the men in the fields and the women on the millstone, urging all to stay awake. This fire-alarm approach is meant to create spiritual anxiety. To calm the anxiety, the second weekend offered a voice; a voice crying in the wilderness: *prepare the way of the Lord...*

In this third weekend, John from the prison, sent his disciples to confirm if, Jesus is truly the awaited messiah. Jesus responded with a list of testimonies: the blind sees, the lame walks, lepers are cleansed, the dumb speaks, the dead rises, and the poor hears the good news.

As we journey through this advent season, may we encounter with joy the Word made flesh, who liberates.

**Fr. Martins**

#### PPC Report 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

- ◆ The Parish welcomes Seminarian Eden Langlands on Pastoral Placement.
- ◆ We encourage ongoing prayer for rain and wish to canvass for material support for those impacted by the fires.
- ◆ Pope Francis in '*apperuit illis*' introduces the Word of God Sunday to be celebrated on the 3rd Sunday in January (19<sup>th</sup> 01. 2020)
- ◆ The parish is thankful to Phil Billington and all those who participated in the Phase 2 of the Plenary sessions in the parish in the month of November.
- ◆ The 2020 Parish Diary is in the making. Please contact the office for queries.
- ◆ Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. 5pm Christmas carols and gift giving at the church.
- ◆ From Carroll College: Year 11 retreat at Nowra completed; Student leadership team met in Tuross, and keen on issues of charity and Mental Health, with Mo-venber raising \$1200 for mental health along with St V de P Christmas appeal. 500 children enrolled next year and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Orientation day for 100 year 7 enrolees organised
- ◆ Pastoral Care – A successful year with so many visitations. Thanks to Marie Weatherall and the team members.
- ◆ Parish Pilgrimage 2020/21-Interested people, please, contact the office.
- ◆ The PPC wish to thank all parishioners for their generosity throughout the year, especially with contributions and support for the new overhead screens.

#### Weekly Events:

**Singalong:** Monday at 1pm in the Church.  
**Bible Study/Faith Formation** Wed. at 9.30am  
**Rosary:** Wednesday at 8:40am, Church  
**Stations of the Cross:** Friday, 9am in church  
**Adoration/Vespers:** Friday at 5:30pm  
**Craft:** Thursday 10 –12pm Meeting Room  
**Wrap With Love:** 2nd Tue & last Wed, Church  
**Men Alive:** Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday at 5pm in Church  
**Cenacle Prayer:** Tues at 4.45pm in Church

#### Monthly Events

**First Saturday:** 9 am 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: December

18th Advent Reconciliation 6 pm in Church  
25th Christmas Masses

## ADVENT REFLECTION

### WEEK 3



## JOYFUL EXPECTATION!

The mood for the third week of Advent changes to one of joyful expectation as we reach the halfway stage in our preparation.

Known as Gaudete Sunday (the Latin for 'rejoice'), here is an opportunity to focus on all that is good in our lives and to give heartfelt thanks. We rejoice in anticipation of the birth of our Saviour and reflect on our responsibility to care wisely for all creation

Let's take time to give thanks as we light the third candle of the Advent Wreaths in our homes.

*Loving God, during this third week of Advent, we give thanks for your love and we respond loving our neighbour through being KIND.*

*Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make so that we choose to do what shows our love of others and our environment.*

*Lord Jesus, we wait in joyful expectation for you. Come into our hearts so that when the time comes, we will be ready.*

AMEN

## ADVENT PROGRAM:

Wednesday 18th December 9am in the Parish Meeting Room and 6pm Second Rite of Reconciliation

The format will be Lectio Divina—A reverent reading of the next Sunday's gospel followed by reflection, discussion and prayer. The sessions will go for around an hour.

For more information please call Joe Quigley on 0404 357 744

**PARISH WORKING BEE** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 8.00am-10am. It would be appreciated if you could please bring along long handled cobweb brooms, vacuum leaf blowers to gather up the flora debris on the driveways or yard brooms if you have them. Window cleaning supplies will be provided.

## STAMPS FOR MISSION 2019

Your stamps this year have raised \$65000!!!!

On behalf of Mary MacKillop Today, we thank all those people who have assisted in supplying used stamps. From 2001 until now, the total raised has been \$378,000. It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop Today continues in Peru. **THANKYOU ALL!!**



**ROSTERS** for Christmas and January Masses are in the foyer for volunteers to fill in. It would be appreciated if you could put down what and where you are available. The rosters will be finalised next week. Thank you !!

**ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS:** The Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 13th December at 9.15am.with a school mass, 10.15am for the award ceremony in the church and afterwards for morning tea. *All are welcome!*

Christmas Carols & Gift Giving for the whole school will be held on Monday 16th December at 5pm. Please join the students and teachers for a wonderful event.

**GIVING HOPE AND LOVE AT CHRISTMAS:** St Vincent de Paul need your help to assist families with Christmas food items and gifts for children. Please don't forget the older children- Teenagers. If you can't think of what to give: gift voucher help us to shop for the right gift. **Appeal ends weekend of Dec 14/15. Many thanks for your practical support.**

**COMBINED CHRISTMAS CAROLS** will be held on Sunday 15th December from 5-9pm at MacKay Park in Batemans Bay. All are welcome to join this community event.

## 2019 Parish Christmas Calendar

**Monday 16 Dec. @ 5.00pm** Christmas Carols with Nativity Scene & St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree

**Wednesday 18 Dec. 6.00pm - Advent Reconciliation – Second Rite**

**Tues 24 Dec. 6.00pm Children's Mass**  
**8.30pm Christmas Carols**  
**9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**Wed 25 Dec. 9.00am Christmas Day Mass**  
**5.00pm Christmas Day Mass**



#### Banking details

**1st Collection**  
**Acc. Name:**  
**Central**  
**Presbytery**  
**Fund**  
**Bank Acc:**  
**29248 BSB: 062**  
**-786 Ref: SUB-**  
**URB/TOWN &**  
**SURNAME.**  
Eg: Batebay

jones

#### Banking details

**2nd Collection**  
**Acc. Name:**  
**St Bernard's**  
**Operating**  
**Account**  
**Bank Acc:0012939**  
**BSB: 062-786**  
Ref: FAMILY  
NAME. Eg: Jones

**Remembering 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 Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, John Dylon, Basil King, Evelyn Freiburger 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, Vincenzo Biondo, Brian Jose, Edith Bruce, John Hay, Donald Walker, Colin McGrath, James McArdle, and Fran Cloude

## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

### December

Universal—The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority

<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 Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
<b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b> Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee 100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road 0478 146 837 02 4472 1802	<b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> ENROLLING NOW Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
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## PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

VENUE: Scoop @ Batehaven  
**COFFEE, CONNECT & CHAT**

