



## ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Tuesday-Friday

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**Roslynn Trompp**

Parish Secretary

**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**

St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan,**

**Principal,** Carroll College

Carroll College, Broulee

### Mass Times

**Tues 24:** 6 pm Children's  
Mass

9pm Christmas Vigil

**Wed 25:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

**Thurs 26:** 9am Mass

**Fri 27:** 9am Stations of the  
Cross 9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration

**Sat 28:** 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

**Sun 29:** 9am Mass

5pm Mass

**Sacristans**

**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody

**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman

**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack

**ROSTERS 28/29 Dec**

**Church Cleaning**

R & K Ison (30/12-3/1)

**Welcomers**

6pm L Baz

9am M Law

5pm Volunteer

**Readers**

6pm J Quigley, J Mackay

9am C Lowe, B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan, Volunteer

**Commentator**

6pm N Crewe

9am M Lowe

5pm K O'Sullivan

**Extraordinary Ministers**

6pm C Brownlie, J Wain, C Bur-

rows, A Rogers

9am V & C Burns, M Tro-

jkovic, K Corbin

5pm B McCormack, Volunteer

**Computer**

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

**Children's Liturgy**

Holidays

**Morning Tea**

Nola Beatty

**Hospital Visits (29/12) Vince**

**& Carolyn Burns**



## Christmas Message | December 2019

**T**he Christmas Season gives us a great opportunity to reflect more deeply on the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ in the humble manger in Bethlehem. Like all newly born babies, Jesus is totally defenceless. By de-

fenceless I mean that he is totally

dependent on his parents. Mary and Joseph look after him in every way as any loving and caring parents would for their new born babe.

At the end of the life of Jesus we find Him again being totally defenceless on the Calvary Cross. Now as an adult, taking the sins of the world on Himself, he goes from the wooden manger to the wooden cross and is totally dependent on God, our Heavenly Father, to raise him up at the Resurrection.

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Let us unite with the defencelessness of Jesus at this Christmas time. Let us therefore become totally dependent, like the new born babe Jesus, on the Lord while facing the challenges of our daily life.

We become defenceless when we listen really carefully to others rather than talking. As we gather with our family and friends over Christmas time, let us be conscious of listening and building bridges by becoming vulnerable and defenceless in the face of everyday family challenges. At the same time, many of those on the periphery of life find they are totally defenceless regarding their need of the basic necessities of life, things you and I take for granted at Christmas time. Let us be extra sensitive to their needs.

Happy Christmas to you all and may God bless you and your families.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
*Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn*



**Merry Christmas**

### 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 4

## LOVE!

Christmas is so close! Our preparation during this season of Advent is reaching its culmination as we prepare to welcome the Christ-Child.

This fourth week reminds us of the love and faithfulness of Joseph who gave everything to care and protect his family.

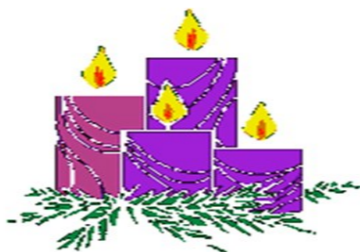
As we light our fourth and final candle let us give thanks for our families and all who care for families.

*Loving God, during this fourth and final week of Advent, we give thanks for your love and our families. We respond by showing love through deeds in our families as well as being KIND to all.*

*Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make so that we choose to do what shows our love of others and our commitment to others just as St Joseph did.*

*Lord Jesus, we wait with love and joyful expectation for you. Come into our hearts so that we will be ready and our lives will be transformed.*

AMEN



## 2019 Parish Christmas Calendar

<b>Tues 24 Dec.</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>8.30pm</b> <b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Children's Mass</b> <b>Christmas Carols</b> <b>Christmas Eve Mass</b>
<b>Wed 25 Dec.</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> <b>Christmas Day Mass</b>

**Croatian Mass** will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 11 a m  
and Boxing Day at 11 am .  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS:** St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank anyone who contributed food, financial support, gifts or practical help to allow us to provide over 70 Christmas Food Hampers and 110 gift pack to children. Loving thanks and blessing of the season. **Happy Christmas!!**

**ROSTERS** for Christmas will be emailed and copies will be available to pick up this weekend in the Church.

**The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2019** is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

Our support will continue for **the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal** and its work in **bringing hope and opportunity to those in need in Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Jordan, Sri Lanka and Tonga.**

Contributions will be made to support **Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.**

Other international endeavours will include support towards: **enabling the rebuilding of houses in the flood affected communities of Kozhikode and Malappuram within Thamarassery Diocese, India; projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India; and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.**

Assistance will also be given to **Bush Fire affected Dioceses in Northern NSW towards their recovery endeavours.**

### 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 <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> 24A Beach Road  <b>0478 146 837</b> <b>02 4472 1802</b>	<b>ST BERNARDS</b> <b>PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>ENROLLING</b> <b>NOW</b>  <b>Ph 4472 4446</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
<b>CARROLL COLLEGE</b> <b>ENROLLING</b> <b>NOW</b>  <b>Ph 4471 5600</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community	<b>excell</b> Ideaspeople — with a passion for print  P 4472 1599 E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536
<b>Ray and Anne Brown</b>  <b>COASTAL</b> <b>CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b>  <b>02 4474 0320</b>	<b>Kate &amp; Tara</b> <b>your vets</b> at Surf Beach  <b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre  <b>4471 3400</b>

## PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

VENUE: CLOSED UNTIL 13TH  
FEBRUARY  
**COFFEE, CONNECT  
& CHAT**

