



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan,

Principal, Carroll College

Carroll College, Broulee

Mass Times

Tues 14: 5.30 Mass

Wed 15: 8.40 Rosary

9am Mass

Thurs 16: 9am Mass

Fri 17: 9am Stations of the Cross
9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

Sat 18: 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 19: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS (18-19 Jan)

Church Cleaning

D & L May (13-17 Jan)

Welcomers

6pm C Brownlie

9am M Naughton

5pm D Ebejer

Readers

6pm P Billington, N Crewe

9am A Horsfall, L Page

5pm S Ebejer, Volunteer

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am B Basevi

5pm C Nicoletti

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm C Brownlie, J Wain

9am M Trojkovic, T Cashman,

L Page, A Skinner

5pm B McCormack,

D Gorzalka

Computer

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

Children's Liturgy

Holidays

Morning Tea

Nola Beatty

Hospital Visits (Jan 19th)

Maureen Kinross

THE LORD'S BAPTISM

The Baptism of Jesus is celebrated by the Western and Eastern Churches respectively. In the East, it is celebrated on the feast of Epiphany. In the West, the feast is celebrated a week after Epiphany, precisely, the first weekend in the ordinary time of the church's liturgical year. The baptism of Jesus is eventful: it is considered to be one of the occasion of the public revelation of all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity, and the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world by God the Father.



Our first reading centred on the messianic prophecy of Isaiah about Jesus who is appointed as the light to the nations, to restore sights and free captives. St. Peter testifies to this prophecy in the second reading in his address to Cornelius and his household. St. Matthew in the baptism narrative confirmed the identity of Jesus in the waters of river Jordan, where God the Father affirmed Jesus as His beloved Son, sent to save the world by his words, sacramental action and death.

Significantly, the baptism of Jesus by John was a very important event in his life. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. First, it was a moment of identification. Sinless though, Jesus received the baptism of repentance in order to identify himself with his people who realised for the first time, that they were sinners. Second, it was a moment of conviction about His identity and mission: that he is the Son of God and that his mission was to proclaim the Good News of God's love and salvation. The Father's words, "This is my beloved Son," taken from Psalm 2:17, gave Jesus the identity of God's Son. Third, it was a moment of equipment. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of a dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a moment of decision to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His beloved Son.

The feast marks the end of John the Baptist's ministry and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Galilee. Additionally, his baptism is not meant for conversion, but to clean and consecrate all waters for our sacramental baptism.

The baptism of Jesus has more implications for us than for Jesus who was physically baptised by John in the Jordan. The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity: who we are and whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of the kingdom and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Martins

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,

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: January

Sunday 26th Australia Day Masses

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN



**In Wisdom and Love
You created our Earth
To sustain us and give us
life.**

**We turn to you now in these
troubled times as we cope
with the tragedies of the
fires
across our country.
In faith, hope and love,
We commend to you those
who have died.**

**We ask you to bring comfort
and hope
to those who are suffering
the loss of loved ones,
their homes and livelihoods.**

**Loving God look with favour
on
our burnt and drought-
stricken land,
on our starving animals, on
our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give
new
heart to all of us and to all
giving support.**

**In your loving providence,
send
abundant rain and restore
our earth.
God of compassion, hear
our prayer
Through Jesus Christ your
Son,
And the power of the Holy
Spirit:
Renew us, your faithful
people,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Our lady of the Southern
Cross,
Mary, help of Christians -
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop -
Pray for us**

AMEN

Bushfire Support

The fires have had a devastating impact on our community. Our hearts and prayers continue to remain focused on all those people who have suffered loss due to the fires. Help is available for anyone who requires support. Food, clothing, accommodation and counselling can be arranged. Please reach out if you need assistance on 44724153 or 0457063466

Emergency and Disaster Assistance is available from the Australian Government. The hotline number is 1802266.

Meanwhile, there will be a living collection in support of the RFS and all those impacted by the recent bushfires, on the long-weekend of 25-26th January 2020 at all masses.

Let us all continue to pray for our community.

The January Men's Breakfast is to be postponed until February 22nd. We pray everyone remains safe until we meet again.

SAINTS OF ITALY will be running a 14 Day Pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe. The tour features Milan, Padus, Venice, Florence, Sienna, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni, Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. International airfares, local transfers and premium hotels plus all breakfast and dinners included. Depart on **7th June 2020. There are only 5 seats left.** For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561** or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM 2020—FEBRUARY

February 1st: *Spiritual Childhood, Sainly Parenthood. Sainly Parents.*

14-16 February: *Therese and her Parents: God's Messengers in a Changing World*

For information Ph: 8795 3400 email: retreates@carmelite.com

Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council

If you have been part of the Plenary Council process and feel called to express your interest in being a delegate for our Archdiocese, then please speak to your parish priest, school principal or other leaders about how you can become involved.

Expressions of Interest are due by 25 January 2020. Any person expressing an interest must be available for one of the following dates: Preparation and formation days for delegates:

Melbourne: Thurs 18 June - Sat 20 June 2020

Brisbane: Thurs 25 June - Sat 27 June 2020

Sydney: Thurs 16 July - Sat 18 July 2020

Perth: Thurs 23 July - Sat 25 July 2020

P C General Assembly 1: Sun 2pm 4 Oct – Sun 12pm 11 Oct 2020.

P C General Assembly 2: Mon 12pm 28 June – Sat 12pm 3 July 2021.

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 Collection

During January

there will be a

Tap & Go

machine set at \$5

donation in the

foyer at Masses

for those wishing

to contribute to

the upkeep of the

Parish

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, Bill Giust, Alan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Evelyn Freiburger and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Sean Griffin, Betty O'Neill, Patricia McLennan, Maureen Noyeaux

Death Anniversaries:

Pasquale Imbriano, Robert Edward Burtenshaw

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

JANUARY

Promotion of World Peace

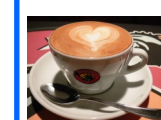
We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world

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COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY 02 4474 0320	Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre 4471 3400

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