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**Mass Times**  
**Tues 28:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 29:** 8.40 Rosary  
9am Mass  
**Thurs 30:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 31:** 9am Stations of the Cross  
9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 01:** 9am Mass/Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun 02:::** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass  
**Sacristans**  
**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody  
**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack  
**ROSTERS (1-2 Feb)**  
**Church Cleaning**  
B Coffey & M Paine (27-31 Jan)  
**Welcomers**  
6pm L Baz  
9am M Law  
5pm M deSmet  
**Readers**  
6pm P Billington, H Blake  
9am M & C Lowe  
5pm S Ebejer, K O'Sullivan  
**Commentator**  
6pm J Quigley  
9am B Basevi  
5pm J O'Sullivan  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
6pm J Wain, J&N O'Neill, A Rogers  
9am C Burrows, L Stevens, C Schor, G Norris  
5pm B McCormack, L Favetta  
**Computer**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Jackson  
**Children's Liturgy**  
Holidays  
**Morning Tea**  
R & D Aquilina  
**Hospital Visits ( Feb 2nd)**  
Maureen Brears

**Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis instituting the Sunday of the Word of God.**

I [Pope Francis] hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This ***Sunday of the Word of God*** will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the ***Sunday of the Word of God*** has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity...The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words...The Bible is the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.

The journey that the Risen Lord makes with the disciples of Emmaus ended with a meal. The mysterious wayfarer accepts their insistent request: "Stay with us, for it is almost evening and the day is now far spent" (Lk 24:29). They sit down at table, and Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and offers it to them. At that moment, their eyes are opened, and they recognize him. This scene clearly demonstrates the unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist.

Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers.

May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance"

*Excerpt from the Apostolic Letter "Aperuit Illis" by Pope Francis*

**Ever generous God,**  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live your mission of bringing hope and encouragement to those marginalised disheartened, lonely, sick and needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence and praying with Saint Mary MacKillop we place our needs before you.  
We trust in your loving care for us. We ask that our faith and hope be fired anew by your Holy Spirit so that, like Mary MacKillop, we may act more justly, love more tenderly and walk humbly with You.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**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  
February  
21st Combined Mass 10 am Church  
24th PFC 5 pm Church Office  
26th Ash Wednesday Masses 9am & 5.30pm



**NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN**

ETERNAL GOD

**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**

We continue to pray for those people impacted by the fires in our area. The Eurobodalla Recovery Centre is providing ongoing support at the Soldiers Club with information on government services and assistance. If you cannot attend in person you can call 1800 018 444 for help with transport or to access their mobile outreach service.

Samaritans Purse Australia have now been deployed to Batemans Bay to assist with clean-ups to damaged properties. To contact them and request assistance you can call their office number on 0413 367 332. If you can assist with billeting or catering for the crews, please let Doug Newman at the Anglican Church know on 0428 907 200.

***Please let us all continue to pray for our communities.***

**BUSHFIRE RECOVERY PARISH VISIT**

The following groups are visiting this weekend and will participate in the Sunday 6pm Mass and Monday 9am Mass.

**CARDIS AUSTRALIA**— known as Camillian Disaster Service, is a group of men and women who undertake humanitarian service and support in situations of disaster. ***'From Our Hearts To Our Hands'***

**ORDER OF MALTA**— A Christian charitable organisation whose mission is to alleviate the pain of all those who are suffering.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE** - a not-for-profit disaster relief organisation assisting homeowners impacted by the fires.

**A LEAVING COLLECTION** will be taken up in support of the RFS and all those impacted by the recent bushfires in our community, **this weekend** at all masses. A Tap&Go machine is available in the foyer preset to \$5 donations and if you wish to give more just tap again. All proceeds from the Tap&Go Machine for this weekend will go to this Appeal.

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED** to attend an informal Loss, Grief and Bereavement Support Group Gathering on Wednesday February 12th at 10 am in the Church Meeting room. Morning tea will be provided and all are welcome to come along and join with us.

**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**

**HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY**  
**TO ALL AUSTRALIANS AT HOME AND ABROAD**

**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, Allan Odum, 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, Tom Nagle  
**Anniversaries:** Pasquale Imbriano, Robert Burtenshaw, Irene Post, Sylvia Penberthy, Nan O'Hara

**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention**  
**February**  
**Listen to the Migrants' Cries**  
**We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.**

<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 <b>0478 146 837</b> <b>02 4472 1802</b>	<b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>ENROLLING NOW</b> <b>Ph 4472 4446</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
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<b>COASTAL CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b> <b>02 4474 0320</b>	<b>EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre</b> <b>4471 3400</b>

**PARISH COFFEE CLUB**  
**All are welcome to join us after the mass on Thursdays.**  
**VENUE: Beginning again 13th February TBA**