



Tues 18: 5.30 Mass
Wed 19: 8.40 Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 20: 9am Mass
Fri 21: 9am Stations of the Cross
9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 22: am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 23: 9am Mass
5pm Mass at Convent Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody
9am: Scicluna & Bemelman
5pm: D. & B. McCormack
ROSTERS (22-23 Feb)
Church Cleaning
 D & L May (17-21 Feb)
Welcomers
 6pm K Conway

5pm D Ebejer
Readers
 6pm P Billington, S Smith
 9am A Fowler, N Beatty
 5pm S Ebejer, K O'Sullivan
Commentator
 6pm J Quigley
 9am A Brown
 5pm J O'Sullivan
Extraordinary Ministers
 6pm J Wain, J&N O'Neill, M Bridges
 9am C Schor, V&C Burns, A

Scicluna
5pm B McCormack, Volunteer
Computer
6pm D Coffey
9am T Priest
Children's Liturgy
Rebecca
Morning Tea
Page family
Hospital Visits (Feb 23rd)
Lorraine Page



This weekend, our gospel reading is the continuation of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount contained in Matthew' gospel, chapter five. In the narrative, Jesus offered a new audience to cultivate a better teachers of the law, challenging that of the Pharisees, and a friend and neighbour.

In the passage he further challenged the disciple in strong terms to ***'pluck out'*** anything that might cause them to act in a manner that is incongruous with God's law and disrespectful of neighbour. While scripture scholars warned against the literal interpretation of this expression, Jesus is insistent on the need for his listeners to eschew themselves from the possible occasions and events that might lead them to a reprehensible acts and end.

At a time when road fatalities are blamed on human error induced by alcohol and phone usage; when domestic violence is blamed on drugs and addiction; with some families losing their entire wealth to poker machines and gambling; with some of our young people performing poorly in academics while spending hours being entertained on screens, the admonition of Jesus to ***pluck it out*** in Matthew's gospel remains absolutely valid.

Additionally, the governments and businesses around the world are being challenged to put ethical, social and environmental issues at the forefront, instead of being driven purely by profit and self-interest, we look to the gospel, fully trusting the words of Jesus as he calls us to live by the law of love. Led by his Spirit, we can open our hearts to the needs of the world.

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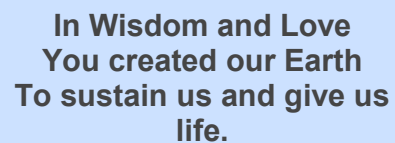
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Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live your mission of bringing hope and encouragement to those marginalised, disheartened, lonely, sick and needy.
With confidence in your generous providence and praying with Saint Mary MacKillop 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**

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

22nd Mens Breakfast 8am see notice
27th PPC 5 pm Church Meeting Room
26th Ash Wednesday Masses 9am & 5.30pm
Church



**We turn to you now in these
troubled times as we cope
with the tragedies of the
fires and floods
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 liveli-
hoods.**

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.



We continue to pray for all who have been impacted by the bush-fires in our community and we give thanks for the much needed rain that has now almost extinguished the fires that have been burning for the last few months. We pray also for anyone who is now effected by flooding and ask God's Almighty hand protect us against storms and floods.

For people needing assistance, no appointment is needed to attend the Recovery Centre at the Soldiers Club. It is open 9-5 week days and 10-4 weekends. Transport can be arranged by calling 1800 018 444. Service NSW Bushfire Customer Care Centre is now providing support and assistance for individuals and businesses, including assistance with property clean –up. Their number is 13 77 88 or you can go to [**www.service.nsw.gov.au**](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au).

CWA BATEMANS BAY will be holding a Seniors Week Free Public Forum and Afternoon Tea . Venue is the CWA Hall in Edward Road, Sunshine Bay at 1.30pm Thursday 20th February. There will be social workers in attendance and Centrelink information for members of the community who have been affected by recent fire and associated problems. Please phone Chris on 4472 3317 or Maureen on 4472 1282 if you wish to attend, as catering numbers are required



The Rosary will be prayed at 4.35pm each Sunday before the 5pm Mass. We pray Jesus grant us peace in our hearts, in our homes and in our communities as we continue to recover from the bushfires.

5.00PM MASS SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY will be at the Convent.
SOUTH COAST MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT SUNDAY 23rd February
at 3.00pm presents **NICHOLAS YOUNG** - The Romantic Piano—all
 welcome tickets at the door prices & details www.southcoastmusicsociety.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: More helpers are needed for Kids Liturgy even if just once per term. If you can read or retell a story, play a game or do craft then they are qualified. All ages and abilities welcome – just need a WWCC to be current and supplied. Can be a helper till then under supervision. Thank you . Send a message to the Parish Office either by email or phone.

23-27 March—The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness
During this mini guided retreat, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the memories of our heart and how they can lead us to a sense of being grateful. Local people price is negotiable. Contact Sister Marie for more information.

THE FIRST 2020 MEN'S BREAKFAST Will be held on Saturday February 22nd with special Guest speaker, Anthony Fowler. The venue is the Parish Meeting Room, 7:45am for 8:00am start. Cost is \$5.00. Please feel free to bring along a friend All are welcome.
For more information contact Terry Jackson on 0488 052147 or leave a message for Tony Priest on 0423 361083.

READ Pope Francis new release on *Querida Amazonia* can be accessed on the [Vatican website](#).

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

2nd Collection
During February 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 Odlum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Patricia McLennan, Maureen Noyeaux, Tom Nagle, Breda O'Kelly, Jack McNamara, Lyn Attenburry, Faye Therese Uren, Evelyn Freiburger

Anniversaries:
 Brian O'Grady, Mirko Baresic,

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

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.

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma</p> <h2>District Funerals</h2> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director</p> <p>Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p> 	<h2>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</h2> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p>  <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<h2>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</h2> <p>Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road</p> <p>0478 146 837 02 4472 1802</p>	<p>EL BERNARDI'S SCHOOL OF DANCE</p> <h2>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</h2> <p>ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446</p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p> 
<p>CARROLL COLLEGE</p>  <p>ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4471 5600</p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p>excel imperfect GROUP</p> <p><i>Ideaspeople</i> — with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599</p> <p>E batemansbay@excelprint.com.au www.excelprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p> <p>imperfect  </p>
<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <h2>COASTAL</h2>  <p>CONCRETE & QUARRY</p> <p>02 4474 0320</p>	 <p>Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <h2>EUROCAST</h2> <p>Veterinary Centre</p> <p>4471 3400</p>

PARISH COFFEE CLUB

**All are welcome to join
us after the mass on
Thursdays.**

VENUE:
JJ's @ The Marina,
Beach Road.