



**ST BERNARD'S PARISH**  
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**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**

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**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan,**

**Principal,** Carroll College

#### Mass Times

**Tues 25** 5.30 Mass

**Wed 26** 8.40 Rosary

9.15am Mass

5.30 Mass

**Thurs 27:** 9am Mass

**Fri 28:**

9am Stations of the Cross

9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

**Sat 29:** am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

**Sun 01:** 9am Mass

**5pm Mass at Convent**

**Sacristans**

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

**ROSTERS 29 FEB/1MAR**

**Church Cleaning**

M deSmet & J Maher

(24-28 Feb)

**Welcomers**

6pm L Baz

9am M Kinross

5pm Volunteer

**Readers**

6pm H Blake, N Crewe

9am A Skinner, L Page

5pm C Nicoletti A Horsfall

**Commentator**

6pm J Mackay

9am B Basevi

5pm J O'Sullivan

**Extraordinary Ministers**

6pm P Billington, L Favetta,

M Weatherall, A Rogers

9am C Burrows, S Beashel,

K Corbin, M Trojkovic

5pm B McCormack,

D Gorzalka

**Computer Screen**

6pm K Conway

9am T Jackson

**Children's Liturgy**

Michelle Britt

**Morning Tea**

N Beatty/M de Smet

**Hospital Visits (Mar 1st)**

**Maureen Brears**



## Querida Amazonia — Pope Francis

In October 2019 Pope Francis called a Synod in Rome to discuss possible pastoral responses to the social, cultural, ecological and ecclesial issues that are currently presenting themselves in the Amazon Region. The Synod consisted in the gathering of many bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful particularly from the Amazon region in South America but also from across the whole world, to listen to, and dialogue with, those for who these issues are a lived reality in this particular part of the Church.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2020 Pope Francis published his Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation titled "Querida Amazonia" which was the final result of the synodal process. In writing this document "I [Pope Francis] wish merely to propose a brief framework for reflection that can apply concretely to the life of the Amazon region." In doing this, the Holy Father speaks about four great dreams that the Amazon region inspires in him:

- ♦ I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.
- ♦ I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways.
- ♦ I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests.
- ♦ I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features.

This exhortation consists of four chapters in which the above social, cultural, ecological and ecclesial dreams for the Amazon region are expanded upon.

Check out the whole document at: [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20200202\\_querida-amazonia.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20200202_querida-amazonia.html)

Eden Langlands

### SOME IDEAS FOR LENT

#### MY LENTEN JAR

I always have nice things that I'd like to do, but never seem to make time to do, but never seem to make time to get to: write a letter to a friend, visit a lonely person, call a distant friend. At the beginning of Lent, I write down 40+ tasks on separate slips of paper and put them in a jar. Then, each morning of Lent, I pull one out and do the task written there. For me, this is a simple way to concentrate on the disciplines of giving alms and doing good for others.

*Adapted from : Loyola Press—Reflecting on the Lenten Season*

#### DIALING INTO GOD

Instead of listening to music or talk radio in my car, I decided to take that time for prayer and to listen to God. At first, it was a difficult transition: the silence was deafening. But soon I began to enjoy the quiet time and I prayed for people who I knew needed my prayers. I prayed for my family and myself. I also thanked God for my many blessings. I found that I became much more calm and peaceful during this time—able to hear and listen to God.

#### 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:** February  
26th Ash Wednesday Masses 9am & 5.30pm Church  
26th Wednesday—Wrap with Love meets in meeting room 1-3pm  
27th PPC 5 pm Church Meeting Room



## LENT

### LENT – A TIME TO REFLECT

*People often don't look forward to Lent.*

*Childhood memories of giving up something may come immediately to mind. Words like "sacrifice", "discipline", and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.*

*Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance?*

*Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."*

*It can be challenging to decide what our commitment will be, but it is about making the season of Lent a meaningful time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities. As we journey through this annual second chance, remember that each step brings us closer to the welcoming arms of our loving God.*



### LENTEN PROGRAM 2020

**Starts Ash Wednesday 26th February and every Wednesday throughout Lent.**

**Morning session:** 9.30am (for Ash Wed—10am after 9.15am school mass)

**Evening session:** 6pm (for Ash Wed after 5.30pm evening mass)

**Venue:** Church Meeting Room

All welcome. For more information contact Bernie on 0428 227 384

**5.00PM MASS SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY WILL BE AT THE CONVENT.**

### Bushfire Recovery Support

**DO YOU NEED HELP? Please do not hesitate to visit the Recovery Centre at the Soldiers Club.**

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency has been established to lead and co-ordinate a national response to rebuilding communities affected by bushfires across large parts of Australia.

The agency provides resources, news, and information about financial assistance, volunteering opportunities and charities to support those impacted by bushfire, key contacts and support services to assist in bushfire recovery. For information go to <https://www.bushfirerecovery.gov.au/>

**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.**

**PASTORAL CARE INTRODUCTORY COURSE INVITATION:** If you would like to know more about Pastoral Care, would like to refresh your skills or are interested in Pastoral Care Ministry, please come to our **ONE** day Pastoral Care Introductory Course. Saturday 7th March in the Church Meeting Room 9am-4pm. All interested people are welcome. BYO lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Cost is FREE. Please RSVP March 3rd to Marie Weatherall on 0405 028 057 or let the office know.

**SOUTH COAST MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT SUNDAY 23rd February at 3.00pm** presents **NICHOLAS YOUNG** - The Romantic Piano—All Welcome. Tickets at door. Prices & details [www.southcoastmusicsociety.com](http://www.southcoastmusicsociety.com)

#### MT. CARMEL—Retreats March

**7th March—"Journey To The Centre" with Fr Gerard Moran.**

**The Mystery of the Lord's Death and Resurrection draws us to the centre of our Faith.**

**13-15 March—Artists Retreat with John Charidia and artist tutors. "Connections: The Art of Divine Encounter."**

#### ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE BATEHAVEN— 12 David Avenue

**23-27 March—The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness—With Maureen**

**McDermott RSJ** 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. This retreat can be attended as a single day or all three days. Daily cost \$40. Full retreat, board and meals \$400.

Contact Sr Marie for further information 0429 383 333 or email her on [batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au](mailto:batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au)

#### 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 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 Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

#### We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Patricia McLennan, Maureen Noyeaux, Tom Nagle, Breda O'Kelly, Jack McNamara, Lyn Attenburry, Faye Therese Uren, Evelyn Freiburger  
**Anniversaries:**  
Brian O'Grady, Mirko Baresic, John Law, Roman Kachyckyj, Robert Brown, Robert W#eekes,. Bruce Sandry

### 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.**

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma</p> <p><b>District Funerals</b></p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p><b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b></p> <p>1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p><b>Buy fuel any time</b></p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
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<p><b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b></p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p><b>100% BEEF BURGER</b></p> <p>24R Ranch Road</p> <p><b>0478 146 837</b> <b>02 4472 1802</b></p>	<p><b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4472 4446</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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<p><b>CARROLL COLLEGE</b></p> <p><b>ENROLLING NOW</b></p> <p><b>Ph 4471 5600</b></p> <p>Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p><b>excell</b></p> <p>ideaspeople —with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599</p> <p>E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
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<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p><b>COASTAL</b></p> <p><b>CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b></p> <p><b>02 4474 0320</b></p>	<p>Kate &amp; Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p><b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre</p> <p><b>4471 3400</b></p>
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### PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

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