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**Mass Times**  
**Tues 03** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 04** 4.40 Rosary  
9.15am Mass  
**Thurs 05:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 06:**  
9am Stations of the Cross  
9.15am Mass  
5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 07:** am Rosary/Mass  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun 08:** 9am Mass

**Sacristans**  
**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody  
**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack

**ROSTERS 7/8 MARCH**  
**Church Cleaning**  
B Coffey & M Paine  
(2-6 Mar)  
**Welcomers**  
**6pm** L Baz  
**9am** M Law  
**5pm** D Ebejer  
**Readers**  
**6pm** J Quigley, M Bridges  
**9am** M & C Lowe  
**5pm** S Ebejer, A Jackson  
**Commentator**  
**6pm** H Blake  
**9am** A Horsfall  
**5pm** C Nicoletti  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
**6pm** J Wain, J & N O'Neill  
A Rogers  
**9am** L Stevens, C Schor, L  
& N Page  
**5pm** B McCormack, L Favet-  
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**Computer Screen**  
**6pm** K Conway  
**9am** T Priest  
**5pm** T Jackson  
**Children's Liturgy**  
T Cashman  
**Morning Tea**  
R & D Aquilina  
**Hospital Visits ( Mar 8th)**  
Carolyn & Vince Burns



We need to look positively at Lent. How about remembering it as a time 'for deeper dialogue with God through prayer, for renewed gratitude for God's mercy and for increased compassion for people whose lives are under attack' **Pope Francis.**

The importance of Lent is Spiritual Formation in preparation for the Season of Easter. It is not only a time of giving up chocolate, sweets etc., but a time of giving up those moments when we are tempted to gossip, to continue the oppression of those whom we dislike and to be tolerant of those whose views differ from our own.

The first reading today teaches us that we are not meant to be God ..knowing all..but to be open to **not knowing** and to live a life of faith.. that is learning to believe as God's beloved children. The Psalm notes the richness of divine mercy and grace.

Paul in the second reading differentiates between what Adam offers: Death which cuts off a relationship with God and what Christ offers: friendship and union with God.

The Gospel causes us to wonder about the seductive voices of Satan in our own life and in the world. Jesus in resisting the Temptations of food, protection and power, remains faithful to the Father and offers us the grace to do the same in moments of temptation.

We are asked in the Lenten Liturgy, to share something of the 'desert' experience of Jesus by inviting God to show us how to find the freedom of spirit to live with open-hearted generosity, and to rediscover the joy and freedom in living for others as Christ did himself.

*Sr Marie*

### 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 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.

#### 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.

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

#### 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:**  
**March**  
Sun 1st Rite of Elect 10am St. Christopher's  
Fri 6th World Day of Prayer All day masses  
Sat 21st men's Breakfast 8am Meeting Room

### LENT – WEEK 1

#### TEMPTATION

#### Time to Stop & Reflect

We are now in the Season of Lent.

The rhythm of our spiritual life slows to a more reflective pace...

Taking time to look at our lives, to take stock of what is in the way of us growing into the fullness of life that God has planned for each of us. A fullness of life not for ourselves, but to give in service of others.

To do this we are called to be humble and honest—to own our weaknesses, to resist the temptation of all that takes us away from God. As human beings we make wrong choices, but this weekend's Responsorial Psalm reminds us to always turn back to God

**'Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned.'**

**...A Thought to help us this week...**

Take some time to go into the quiet...

To be still...to meditate

A simple Psalm (46:10) to pray over and over  
**'Be still and know that I am God'**

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

**Every Wednesday throughout Lenten Season**

**Morning session:** 9.30am

**Evening session:** 6pm

**Venue:** Church Meeting Room

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

#### Bushfire Recovery Support

**For anyone who is needing support please go into the Recovery Centre at the Soldiers Club. They are wonderful, caring people and will give you all the help you need.**

**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.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN FEBRUARY**

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Boxes can be collected from the foyer and brought back to the church on Palm Sunday. **THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**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.

#### 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** by 16th March.

#### 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 Evenden, 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, Des Jeffs, Louise Keeley

**Anniversaries:** **Angeline Davis, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Joan Neems, William Holmes, Ruth Ryan, Margaret Toy, Ivan Hropic**

#### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

**March**  
**Catholics in China**

**We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.**

Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma <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
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<b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b> Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee <b>100% BEEF BURGER</b> 24R Ranch 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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#### PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

**VENUE: Corrigans Cove, Beach Road, Batehaven**