

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time A 26 Jul 2020

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.1-7

A reading from the first book of Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.

*The Word of the Lord
R Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

R. Lord, I love your commands..

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
 2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.
 3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.
 4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple
- R.** Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory
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Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!
Gospel Mt 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who

brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

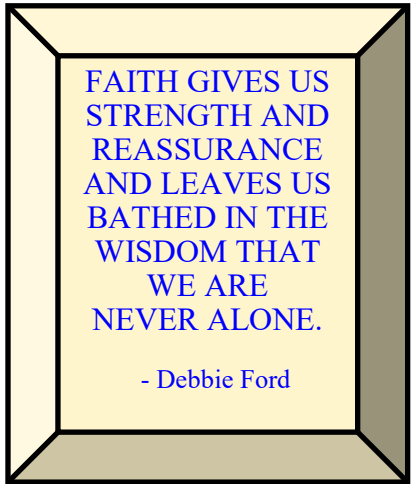
*The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Language of Heaven
A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman’s image. Have you travelled to a foreign country and can’t speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth. What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell. That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime. So, our lifetime project is to ‘learn the language of heaven’. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God. We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 28 : 5.30 Mass
Wed 29: 9am Mass
Thurs 30: 9am Mass
Fri 31: 9.15am Mass
Sat 01: 9am Rosary/
Mass 9.30am Recon
6pm Mass
Sun 02: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 25/26 JULY

Church Cleaning
B Coffey/M Paine (27-31)
Welcomers
6pm B Wilson
9am J McClelland
5pm D Ebejer
Commentator
6pm M Bridges
9am B Basevi
5pm S Ebejer
Readers
6pm J Quigley
9am A Horsfall
5pm C Jackson
Eucharistic Ministers:
6pm: J & N O'Neill
9am: C Schor, C Burrows
5pm: M O'Neill
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Jackson
5pm J O'Sullivan

ROSTERS 1/2 AUGUST

Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (29/6-3/7))
Welcomers
6pm Sr Marie McAlister
9am C Connell
5pm M de Smet
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am L Page
5pm M Devine
Readers:
6pm P O'Kelly
9am N Beatty
5pm K O'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
6pm A Rogers, M Bridges
9am K Corbin, M Trojkovic
5pm J O'Sullivan
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
5pm M O'Neill
Registrars
6pm J Wain, J Barbaro
9am B Basevi, G Norris
5pm Volunteer please

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

WISE CHOICES



How often after an event are we much more the wiser?? How we wish, like Solomon, that we had asked for **Wisdom** in our prayer.

When we come to Prayer we are bringing our whole self – body, soul and mind. We have heard the words of Jesus ‘**Ask and you shall receive**’ .. but what do we ask for? During these days I guess it may be for good health for ourselves and others; for patience to accept the lockdowns and what that means. It is difficult for us to believe that God does know our own needs and anxieties, our hopes and our desires - for our lives are filled with those.

To enter into the space that requires us to choose wisely is a scary one! Solomon knew that he was young and inexperienced! Many of us cannot claim that, but we do need to choose wisely, particularly with today’s overwhelming parade of choices offered in all walks of life.

One way is to ask the question ‘Where does my treasure lie?’ In today’s Gospel Jesus gives us four parables each relating to a treasure. Whichever one appeals to us we can ponder on; if my choices are guided by my values reflected on what I treasure. The heart that is ‘wise and shrewd’ will make decisions after deep reflection.

The **Psalm** extols the value of God’s law which, when we obey, is a treasure that brings true happiness; **Paul’s letter to the Romans** affirms that a faithful follower will be justified and glorified in heaven.

In our isolation we are called to appreciate what is important in our lives. I think we have learned that much of what we thought was important can be done without. At least we can take time to reflect and pray for the **grace** to become closer to God during these difficult times.

God bless

Sr Marie

EVEN IN A WORLD THAT’S BEING SHIPWRECKED,
REMAIN BRAVE AND STRONG.”

– Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)



Happy birthday to all those people
who celebrated a birthday in the
month of July



Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions AUGUST

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



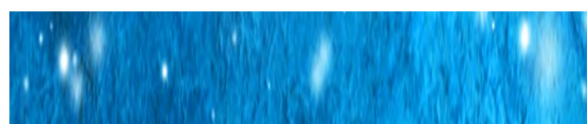
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community,

beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Wrap With Love
29th July—Cancelled
Tue 11th Aug 10am
Bible Study/Faith Formation—Wed 9.30am
Craft Group—Thursday 10am--12pm - **Cancelled**

Adoration—Friday 5.30 pm
Reconciliation—Saturday 9.30am
E-Activity Singalong Mon 1pm

31ST JULY 2020 ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Contemporary Version of his Examen

Gratitude: I give thanks to God for....

Insight: I ask the Holy Spirit for insight into myself and the world...

Reflecting: I review events of the day, my behaviour and notice my feelings...

Noticing: I notice what needs healing and ask God for forgiveness...

Looking Forward: I name the action I feel called to now, and I ask for God's help

"The Lord invites us to adopt His own vision, one that is focused on good wheat, that knows how to protect it even amidst the weeds. Those who are always hunting for the limitations and defects of others do not collaborate well with God, but, rather, those who know how to recognise the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it until it becomes mature. And then, it will be God, and He alone, who will reward the good and punish the wicked. May the Virgin Mary help us to understand and imitate God's patience, who wants none of His children to be lost, whom He loves with the love of a Father."
-Pope Francis



We warmly welcome our teachers and students back for the new school term. ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations During the holiday break, Bec Brady and I attended the launch of the newly published Dhurga Dictionary and Learner's Grammar book written by Trish Ellis, Kerry Boyenga and Wayne Donovan. Congratulations to Trish and her co-authors. This is a wonderful resource that will continue to support and strengthen our connection to our local Aboriginal language and culture.

Passive Play/Sensory Area This term we plan to begin working on the Passive/Sensory Play Area between Year 2 and Year 3. We are creating an environment that fosters a positive mindset of I CAN for our students. This play area will feature artificial grass, natural materials and inclusive play equipment that promotes a secure environment and caters for students with individual and sensory needs. This designated area will be specifically used as a passive play area for students who would prefer to play away from the busyness of the regular playground. It will promote collaboration and an acceptance for difference among our students. Building trust, social and emotional wellbeing, and confidence will be priority.

Pyjama & Beanie Day - Friday 24 July Students can come dressed in their pyjamas and a beanie and we are asking if everyone can bring in a can of soup for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Johanna Wain Principal

Churches in NSW are open for Masses under the four-square-metre rule with the need for provision of contact details and registration. Holy Communion is to be received only in the hand during this time of pandemic, with no exceptions.



There is now a limit of 100 people allowed at Mass at any one time.

The Parish Pastoral Care Team members are also available for Communion at Home. Please call the office to arrange a time on 4472 4153

Parish Pastoral Care Team Retreat

Pastoral Care Retreat: 'Calming Waters...flowing into life' Aug 4 is **postponed** given the Covid- 19 outbreak in the local area. Watch this space for a future date. Please accept our apologies

SAVE THE DATE: A Reflection Day facilitated by Sr Virginia Bourke 24th, 26th or 28th August. POSTPONED due to COVID19.

STAMPS FOR MISSION

Saving stamps can help to support God's mission in the world. Sale of the stamps can raise thousands of dollars in funds that can be used to support projects where needed. New or used stamps are accepted. If you have any, please bring them into the church or the office and we will gratefully send them away for you



BUSHFIRE SUPPORT COUNSELLING

Catholic Care is offering a free counselling service to support all those impacted by bushfires. Sessions are available via telehealth services. Please call 1800 068 698 to make an appointment

BUSHFIRE GRANTS

Grants through the Red Cross are still open. People who have been affected by any bushfire between July 2019 and March 2020 can apply. Emergency and re-establishment, residence repair and injury grants can all be accessed at <https://www.redcross.org.au/grants> or by telephone on 1800 733 276

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

1st Collection Acc. Name: Central
Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786
Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

2nd Collection Supports the running costs of the Parish
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank
You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

Remembering the Sick:

Daniel Coffey, Pio Liberale, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Death Anniversaries:

Joyce Karlish, Hazel Elliott, Harry Golbach, Denis Johnson, Filomena Favetta, Kevin Smith

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Eli Chatfield, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson Anacrita Villanueva Sencio

CROATIAN MASS WILL

BE CELEBRATED

**SATURDAY AUGUST 1ST
AT 11 AM**

ALL ARE WELCOME



Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass
VENUE: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Frank Testa from the Order of Malta called to say even though they cannot come to visit at this time you are in their prayers and they look forward to visiting again.

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee 100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road Batemans Bay NSW 2536 0478 146 837 02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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