



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Tuesday-Friday

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Mrs. Rebecca Klarica

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Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal

St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.

Carroll College, Broulee

Mass Times

Tues : 5.30pm Mass
Wed : 8: 40 am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs : 9am Mass
Fri 9am Stations of the cross
9:15 Mass

Saturday : 9am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday : 9am Mass

24th No 5pm Mass due to Concert

Sacristans

6pm: Tony Craddy & Brian Carmody

9am: Anne Scicluna & Ray Bemelman

5pm: No 5pm Mass due to Concert

ROSTERS 23/24 February

Church Cleaning: M deSmet &

J. Maher (25 Feb-1 Mar)

Welcomers

6pm L.Baz

9am M.Law

5pm **No 5pm Mass due to Concert**

Readers

6pm J Mackay, J Quigley

9am B.Basevi, A. Horsfall

5pm **No 5pm Mass due to Concert**

Commentator

6pm H.Blake

9am A.Brown

5pm **No 5pm Mass due to Concert**

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm M.Bridgers, L.Favetta, A. Rogers,

C. Brownlie

9am K Corbin, C.Schor, A.Scicluna,

G.Norris

5pm **No 5pm Mass due to Concert**

Computer Screen

6pm M. O'Neill

9am T.Priest

5pm **No 5pm Mass due to Concert**

Morning Tea: O'Sullivan Family

OPENING SCHOOL MASS AND STAFF COMMISSIONING

Our Parish Community is large. Stretching from Nelligen to Mogo and from Durras to Tomakin. On the physical site, we have the School, the Convent, the Men's Shed, the Church itself and Maranatha Lodge. Our hope is to commit a weekend to each of these components this year. To begin, we dedicate this weekend to our school, a key component of our parish community. We welcome parents, teachers and our school children to the celebration of the Eucharist where we gather to offer special praises, prayers and to obtain God's blessing as we inaugurate the 2019 Academic Year.

During this school year, the boys and girls in Year Two will make their 1st Reconciliation, Year Three will make 1st Eucharist and Year Six will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We look forward to having more class masses on Friday and celebrating reconciliation in the context of the class room. And to provide additional pastoral care and support within the school, in order to bring out the best in the children entrusted to us in a safe environment.

Providentially today, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow and persecution known as the *Beatitudes*. "Blessed are those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted and denounced," because in poverty, we recognize our dependence on God and others; in hunger, God's providence; in sorrow for sins, reconciliation with God; and in persecution, the true joy of standing for the Faith with heroic convictions. These are the core realities that we often share.

Significantly, what makes one blessed is not simply poverty or hunger or sadness or suffering for the Faith but living these in the context of our commitment to Jesus and his spirit of sharing. Also, true blessedness lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and when we work to uplift them, thus declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did. Contrary to the popular belief that, wealth, health, power and influence are the source of true happiness. The word "beatitude" means "blessedness" in a double sense: both enjoying God's favor and enjoying true or supreme happiness. Let's be a blessing to one another this School Year.

To conclude, as we inaugurate the 2019 School Year, we pattern our blessing in the light of the Beatitudes:

Blessed are you the parents, for bringing your children to our school.

Blessed are you our school children, for being the most important part of our community.

Blessed are you the teachers, for accepting the most important job.

Blessed are you our dear parishioners, for being a major part of the journey.

Blessed indeed is the 2019 school year, as we work together, "that all may be one".

- Fr. Martins



Weekly/Monthly Activities & Up Coming Events

Weekly Events:

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.

RCIA Process/Faith Formation: Every Wed 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the Church.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the church.

Craft: Every Thursday 10 -12pm in the Parish Meeting room.

Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am in Church

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

Monthly Events:

Adoration: Every First Friday at 5:30pm in Church

First Saturday: 9am Mass

Opal Mass: Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10:30am

Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed of the Month at 2pm

Baptism Preparation: Every last Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, Church

Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Up Coming Events -February:

Free Music Concert: Tue. 19th February 2019 at 6pm in Church

Parish Pastoral Care Team Meeting: Tue. 19th Feb, 2019 at 9:30am, Church

Parish Liturgy Team Meeting: Tue, 19th Feb, 2019 at 4pm, Meeting Room

1st Reconciliation Enrolment: Wed 20th Feb 2019 at 5.30pm in School

K-12 Opening Mass: Fri. 22nd Feb, 2019 at 10am in Carroll College, Broulee

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Thur 28th Feb, 2019 at 5pm, Meeting Room

World Day of Prayer: Fri 1st March at 10am St Bernards Church

ARCHDIOCESAN/PARISH NEWS

24 Hours of ADORATION: At St Christopher's Cathedral 20th February

In respect of the 24 Hours of Adoration, St Bernard's will have one hour of adoration after 9am Mass on Wednesday 20th February 2019 in Church.

"Laudato Si, mi' Signore"

March 2 Presenter: Fr Michael Dyer Cost: \$30

A prayerful and interactive encounter with creation.

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566 Concessions apply to all retreats. Phone: 02 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com www.carmeliteretreats.com.au

R.C.I.A Parish Faith Formation: 7 pm Wednesday in church meeting room.

The Forum is for anyone who has a "WHY" question. Anyone who has a question and would like to share in an open discussion about the Catholic Faith.

Friends of Maranatha committee: Parishioners are invited to a sale of pre-loved clothing at Maranatha Friday 22nd Feb @ 10:30am Gold coin donation, morning tea provided. All funds raised go to added comfort to the residents. All welcome.

Sacred Concert with, David Parkes: Irish singer David Parkes will be performing a free concert in the church and telling of his miraculous cure from Crohn's disease on Tuesday 19 Feb at 6pm following the 5.30pm Mass. Come along and experience where laughter meets God's mercy. Flyers are available in foyer. It would be appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate to share for a cuppa after the concert.

Renewal of Parish Ministries: The renewal of all the ministries in the parish is one of our key pastoral focus for 2019. The process commence this first weekend of February with an introductory presentation on each Sunday on the Altar, Liturgy and Pastoral Care/Outreach Ministries respectively.

Priest Home Visit Card: If you want a visit from the priest, kindly fill the blue (Priest Home Visit) card available at the Church Foyer and forward to the parish office or the sacristy or the letter box or by email and if you know of someone who is sick or needs a home visit, you might give them the card or contact the parish office on: 44724153 or 0457063466

New Parishioners Form: If you are a new parishioner, kindly fill the light blue form available at the Foyer or the piety shop. We welcome to our Parish.

2019 1st Reconciliation Enrolment: The 2019 Sacramental Program begins in February with the enrolment of candidates for 1st Reconciliation. Parents and families with prospective candidates who are outside of Saint Bernard's Primary School are encouraged to contact the parish office for help. The enrolment and Parents' Information Evening is scheduled for 20th February 2019 by 5.30pm at St. Bernard's Primary School, Batemans Bay.

World Day of Prayer: 1 March, 10am St Bernard's Catholic Church Batehaven This year, we are hosting the Batemans Bay service for the ecumenical, international World Day of Prayer. Prays for Slovenia. Support a women's trauma counselling ministry. All welcome, Please bring a plate to share.

Quote of the week: Prayer is born in silence and creates a pure heart within.
-Mother Teresa

Feasts of the Week: 21st St. Damian, 22nd Chair of St. Peter, 23rd St. Polycarp

We Remember the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, Dianne Hantas, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Drago Bandur, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Patricia McLennan, Timothy Gerrard, Allan Odlum, John Jessop and those in our local nursing homes and Hospital.

Rest in Peace: J. Jacka, L. Wheeler, B O'Grady, David Myles, Rebecca Alivio, Vincent Castañares

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

Banking details 2nd Collection

Acc. Name:
St Bernard's Operating Account
Bank Acc:0012939 BSB: 062-786
Ref: FAMILY NAME. Eg: Jones

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM MASS NEXT SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY DUE TO THE SOUTH COAST MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT BEING HELD

MORE WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS - REJOICE & BE GLAD! (2018)

Pope Francis reminds us that "whenever we canonise a saint, we recognise someone who lived his or her life for others, even up to death...we aren't thinking here only of those who are already canonised, but also of many others among the People of God. We do not go to the heart of the Lord alone; we go there only as part of a rich community, blessed by God, called by God and strengthened by God. (n.5 & 6) (www.vatican.org)

This weekend we are renewing the Ministries of The Altar – the Eucharist, celebration of Mass is how we understand ourselves – we come together to celebrate our identity in God.

YOU ARE INVITED TO FILL IN THE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHEETS IN THE FOYER AFTER MASS - THANK YOU

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A young lady in her twenties has been employed as the Parish Youth Minister to work in Carroll Collage. Anyone with available accommodation should contact the Parish Office ASAP.

Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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