

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C
First Reading *Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?
 Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1
(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading *Col 3:1-5, 9-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Seek the things that are above where Christ is.
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you

too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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Gospel Acclamation *Mt 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
 Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 12:13-21*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?
 A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of

making himself rich in the sight of God.'
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Stop Talking to Yourself!

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation. Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God. In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth. There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly. And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God. We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Choir Practice Monday @ 1pm
- Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am
- Pastoral Care Meeting Tuesday August 2nd 9.30-11.30 Meeting Room
- Wrap With Love Tuesday 27th July, @ 1pm Meeting Room
- Craft Group - 10am Thursdays
- "Enjoy the Good News" Wednesday after 9 am Mass
- Adoration Tuesday @ 4.30pm
- COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove All Welcome COFFEE N CHAT

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 1st August - Sunday 7th

- Tuesday:** Adoration 4.30pm
 Mass 5.30pm
- Wednesday:** Mass 9.00am - St Dominic
- Thursday:** Mass 9.00am - St John Vianney
- Friday:** Mass 9.00am
- Saturday:** Mass 9.00am The Transfiguration
 Reconciliation 9.30am
 Vigil Mass 5.00 pm
- Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

SAINTS OF THE WEEK
Monday 1st - St Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday 2nd - St Eusebius of Vercelli, St Peter Julian Eymard
Wednesday 3rd - St Dominic
Thursday 4th - St John Vianney

First Holy Communion Enrolment 2022

There will be a Registration/ Enrolment night for all parents who wish their child in Year 4 to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Date: Wednesday 3rd August, 2022
 5.00pm - 6.00pm



*Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions*
AUGUST

**Small
Businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

**Celebrating St. Mary
MacKillop's Feast
Day with
Cuppa, Reflection
and Prayer**

on *Monday August 8*,
9-30am - 11am in Church
Meeting Room.

BYO shared morning Tea

All Parishioners are
welcome to join us.

Real men don't do church?

Wrong, but living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18, consider this: On the 13th /14th August, experienced leaders from menALIVE will be running a weekend in Batemans Bay and Moruya for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged, and rediscover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. If you have any enquiries, please phone Tim Cahill (0428288927), or contact Joe O'Sullivan, or the Parish Office 4472 4153.

RCIA

We will be offering the RCIA program in August for anyone who would like to learn about our Catholic faith, who are not already baptised, or have been baptised in another Christian faith. Should you know anyone who may be interested, we have a brochure which is available in the Church Foyer. Please take them and given them to those you know who may be interested

**30/31 JULY
Church Cleaning**
B Coffey/M Paine
(1-5)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer:
C Brownlie
Commentator
J O'Sullivan
Reader M O'Neill
Eucharistic Minister
A Rogers
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer
Volunteer
Commentator
C Lowe
Reader: M Lowe.
Eucharistic
Ministers S
Beashel L Stevens
Computer Screen
T Priest

MORNING TEA:

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**6/7 AUGUST
Church Cleaning**

R & K Ison
(8-12)
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer:
B Oerder
Commentator
S Ebejer
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
Y Oerder
Computer Screen
M O'Neill
9.00 AM MASS:
Welcomer
C Connell
Commentator
A Skinner.
Reader:
N Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers
C Schor
L Rodwell
Computer Screen
D May.

MORNING TEA:

L & N Page

Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Tuesday Aug 2nd
9-30am – 11-30am
in the Church Meeting Room.

Focus :

'Prayer – our deepest Longing'

BYO Shared Morning Tea

RSVP by July 29.

Marie Weatherall

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**FEAST OF
ASSUMPTION**

Monday
15th August
is a Holy day of
obligation
and Mass will be
celebrated
at 9am and 5pm

Remembering the Sick:

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

**TOGETHER... "We Can"
Module 3**

An Initiative of Batemans's Bay Community Life is a free program over 6 session to encourage people to learn new skills as they move through significant and difficult life changes.

**Tuesday 9th August @ Soldiers Club
Ph: Janice Ackland 0416 298 349 for
further information.
Flyers available in church foyer**

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara, Steven Smith, Anton Miloloza, Petronila Aballe, Rosemary Cahill



As we approach the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop we reflect on the arrival of the Sisters of St Joseph in New South Wales and give thanks for the many Sisters who have been in Batemans Bay since 1937

**Sesquicentenary of Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in NSW
(1872-2022)**

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for all the children of that small distant town. The education being offered was an important step in breaking the cycle of poverty that had trapped so many of the children's parents, struggling to make a go of it in the pioneering times of colonial Australia. By the end of that first year there were 4 Sisters. By 1867 there were 10 Sisters and a school in Port Adelaide was opened. The following year, 1868, there were 50 Sisters ministering in 13 different towns in South Australia and responding as the various needs arose. In 1869 the rapid increase continued and the Sisters moved to Brisbane, Queensland.

By 1872 there were 127 Sisters and 3 of them arrived in Bathurst in response to Bishop Matthew Quinn's invitation to again open schools for poor children who were deprived of an education. Bishop Quinn decided that a small village was the place for them to begin. Sisters Teresa MacDonald, Joseph Dwyer and Hyacinth Quinlan, along with an enquirer, Ada Braham, arrived in Queen Charlotte Vale, now Perthville, on 16 July 1872.

The ministry of the Sisters grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW. Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times through the ministry of the Sisters.

PRIEST HOME VISITS
If you would like me to come and visit you, please notify the office during working hours and leave your name and phone number. I will be happy to drop by and say hello.

**PARISH FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

**Acc. Name:
St Bernard's
Operating Account
BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:
000012939
Ref: Family Name**

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