

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year C**

**First Reading** *Is 66:18-21*  
 A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarsish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15*  
**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

**(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

**Second Reading** *Heb 12:5-7, 11-13*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*  
 Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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**Gospel Acclamation** *Jn 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
 Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Lk 13:22-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

**Can the Dalai Lama be saved?**

'[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.' Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: 'Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of any person anywhere at any time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of

compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.' Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel. If the slogan: 'No salvation outside the Church' is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us. We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday 21st - St Pius X, pope**

**Tuesday 23rd - St Rose of Lima, virgin**

**Wednesday 24th - St Bartholomew, the Apostle**

**Saturday 27th - St Monica**

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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**

**Wrap With Love Tuesday 31st August, @ 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**

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C**

**PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK 22nd August - Sunday 28th**

- Tuesday:** Adoration 4.30pm  
 Mass 5.30pm
- Wednesday:** Mass 9.00am - St Bartholemew
- Thursday:** Mass 9.00am
- Friday:** Mass 9.00am
- Saturday:** Reconciliation 9.30am  
 Vigil Mass 5.00 pm
- Sunday:** Mass 9.00am

**CELEBRATION OF JOSEPHITE SISTERS IN BATEMANS BAY**

The weekend of the 14th, 15th and 16th of October, 2022 has been set aside to celebrate 85 years of ministry by the Josephite Sisters in Batemans Bay.

Whilst a full program will be advertised at a later date, we need to make some bookings for a formal dinner on the Saturday night. To that end, there is a sheet in the foyer of the Church on which you are asked to PRINT your name and contact details and the number of people in your group.

The dinner will be held at Club Catalina on Saturday 15th October 2022 after Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass and will commence at 6.30pm at the Club. The list will be available until the second Sunday in September after which we are not able to take further bookings.

It will be a two-course meal and the costs will be determined by the numbers attending and advised to you at a later date.

Fr Tom



**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:

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The children of the Parish are preparing for this celebration on the weekend of 17th & 18th September.

**Parishioners** please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for reception of this most sacred gift.  
**Parents** please remember to sign off your attendance in the folder in the church foyer and bring your children forward for a blessing when you come to communion.



**HOLIDAYS**

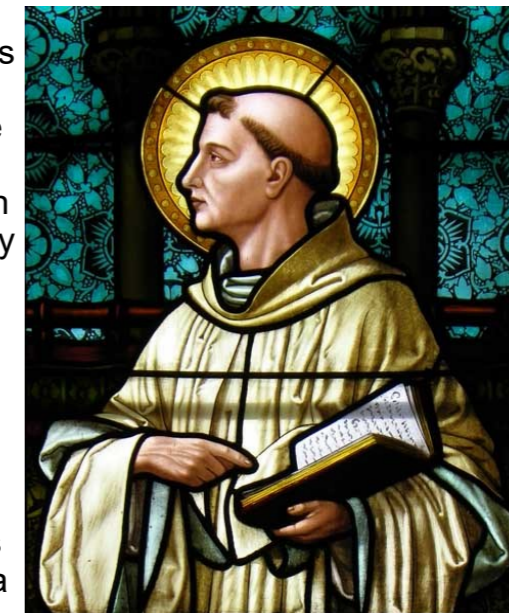
Fr Tom will be away for the weekends of the 3rd & 4th September and 10th & 11th of September.  
Fr John Walter will provide weekend masses over both weekends.  
**No weekday masses during this time**  
Liturgy of the Word and Communion will be advertised when available.

This week- end we celebrate our patron saint: **Saint Bernard of Clairvaux** who was born in 1090 in Burgundy in France, and died August 20, 1153 in Clairvaux Abbey, Clairvaux, Champagne, France at the age of 63 years. His feast day is celebrated on August 20 every year.

He was born into the noble families of Burgundy and had five brothers and one sister. At school he was interested in literature, rhetoric and devotion to Mary the Mother of God. He lived a life of solitude and prayer.

At 18, when his mother died, he joined the Citeaux Monastery, near Dijon with 30 other young men and lived in community following the Gospel and the rule of St Benedict.

Bernard's influence on his family saw his father and five brothers all enter The Citeaux Abbey and his sister joined the Benedictine Order of Religious Sisters. In 1128 St Bernard took a central role in Church administration matters especially during the Council of Troyes. He composed the rule for the Knights Templar, which became an ideal for Christian nobility.



He had strong influence in civil affairs when he defended the rights of the Church against interference by Princes and Kings. Bernard helped to mediate a Schism between two rival popes, Pope Innocent 11 and the Antipope Anacletus 11, which saw Pope Innocent 11 take Leadership of the Church. St Bernard fought again various schisms within the Church and led two crusades, again defending the Church.

He founded 163 monasteries in various parts of Europe and emphasized the importance of 'Lectio Divina' and contemplation for the monks. He had a very strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

He was canonized on Jan 18, 1174 by Pope Alexander 111 in Rome. In 1830, St Bernard was named Doctor of the Church. On May 24, 1953 during the 800th anniversary of his death Pope Pius X11 called St Bernard **Doctor Mellifluus** for his eloquence.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux has written several hymns, poems and books. He is the patron saint of Cistercians monks, candle makers, and beekeepers.

**Wishing all our St Bernard's Parishioners and School Community a Happy Feast Day.**

**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.

**20/21 AUGUST**

Church Cleaning D & L May (22-26)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: K Conway  
Commentator D Robinson  
Reader M Weatherall  
Eucharistic Ministers J Wain  
M Devine  
Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**

Welcomer L Page  
Commentator N Beatty  
Reader: A Jackson  
Eucharistic Ministers N Page, A Skinner  
Computer Screen D May

**MORNING TEA:**

M & C Lowe

**27/28 AUGUST**

Church Cleaning M de/J Maher (29/8-2/9)

**5.00PM MASS**

Welcomer: M Law  
Commentator M Weatherall  
Reader M Bridges  
Eucharistic Ministers J Wain  
Computer Screen M O'Neill  
**9.00 AM MASS:**  
Welcomer L Foran  
Commentator B Basevi

Reader: N Beatty

Eucharistic Ministers S Beashel, L Rodwell  
Computer Screen T Priest

**MORNING TEA:**

A Brown & helper

**Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Sisters of St Joseph St Bernard's Parish Batehaven 1937-2022**

**Friday 14 October**

12.35pm Lunch at school for Sisters  
1.30pm Assembly with parents and children in Hall  
2.15pm Tour of school by SRC  
6.00pm BBQ Dinner at the Convent

**Saturday 15 October**

11.00am Drop-in gathering to meet and greet Sisters  
5.00pm Mass  
6.30pm Dinner at Club Catalina

**Sunday 16 October**

10.00am Mass  
Unveiling of plaque and presentation of History Book  
Brunch After Mass of bacon and egg rolls

**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

**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. We will be happy to drop by and say hello.

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**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby