

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

First Reading Ex 32:7-11. 13-14
A reading from the book of Exodus
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried, “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19.
R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other

people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. ‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’ He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have

sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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Sinners and Archery

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them’. So, who are ‘sinners’? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is ‘hamartia’ which refers to an arrow falling short of the target. Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better. At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus’ expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory. We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be. © Fr

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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

Thursday 8th Sep-
There will be a
Eucharist Retreat held
at the church from
9.00am - 2.30pm

Wrap With Love
Tuesday 13th September
@ 10am Meeting Room

Croatian Mass
Saturday 10th
September @ 11am. All
are welcome

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR

THIS WEEK:

Fr Tom is away on holidays.

There will be no morning masses this week

Daily Mass is available at Moruya
Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday - Friday 9.15am

In case of EMERGENCY ONLY
you can call Fr Eden Langlands
on 0411 581 753

Saturday 16th Mass 5.00pm
Sunday 17th Mass 9.00am



THERE WILL BE NO WEEK DAY MASS
ON FRIDAY 16TH AS PREVIOUSLY
ADVERTISED

Message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse
“I kindly ask you to pray for the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, her family, and for peace in our world in your Masses and prayers. We also pray for King Charles III.”
May she rest in Peace!

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

PLEASE NOTE:

From October 1st
Saturday Mass will
change back
to 6pm

SAINTS OF THE
WEEK

Tuesday 13th- St
John Chryostam

Friday 16th - St
Cornelius and
St Cyprian

Saturday 17th - St
Robert Bellarmine St
Hildegard of Bingen

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.

BOOKINGS FOR CATALINA CLUB DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH IN BATEMANS BAY

Saturday 15th October 2022 @ 6.30pm.

The sheet with booking details will be available in the church foyer until the second week in September (this weekend). Please fill it in if you are coming, so we can finalise numbers and costs.

HELP NEEDED

for Maranatha Lodge

Is anyone available with a bus license that could volunteer to take residents out on a little bus trip?

Staff would accompany.

If you can help please call Judy 0406 788 730 or Linda 4475 1100



Many thanks

Pastoral Care Visitation and Communion to the Sick:

We are in need of more volunteers. Can you give an hour of your time once a month or fortnightly and be on a roster? Training on 1:1 and all resources provided.

Call Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

ROSTERS

10/11 SEPTEMBER
Church Cleaning
R & K Ison (12-16)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M Devine
Commentator M Bridges
Reader S Ebejer
Eucharistic Ministers
A Rogers, M Weatherall
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator . A Brown
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens, S Beashel
Computer Screen
T Priest
MORNING TEA:
L Rodwell & J Barroman

17/18

SEPTEMBER
Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J

O'Neill/J Nugent
(19-23)

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: B Oerder
Commentator School
Reader Children
Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain, S Beashel
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00AM MASS

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator N Beatty
Reader L Page
Eucharistic Minister
A Skinner, A Scicluna
Computer Screen
D May
MORNING TEA
N Beatty & M deSmet

Jamberoo Abbey Retreat

Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya is organising a retreat to the Jamberoo Abbey in November 2022. We will be arriving after 2pm on Wednesday the 9th of November and vacating our rooms before 10am on the Friday 11th November.

The rooms available are:

- 6 x Self-contained hermitages with an ensuite bathroom, kitchenette and sitting area (**\$100 per night or \$150 for two people.**)
- 11 x Shared cottage rooms where each guest has their own lockable bedroom and shares the bathroom and kitchen. There are two bathrooms to be shared by six people in each cottage (**\$60 per night**) These rooms have access to shared cooking facilities.

We have also invited parishioners from St Bernard's and Our Lady of the Sea.

The dining room is not open currently so we will be providing our own meals. The pantry is still available for basic supplies.

Please RSVP ASAP to Sue McCosker by **phone or text: 0426820860** as we must pay a **25% deposit by end of September.**

USED STAMPS NEEDED

Used Stamps raise a lot of money for the Sisters of St Joseph and help fund their projects in Australia and overseas. Please place your stamps in the container near the kitchenette in the church. *Many thanks Desne Manns*



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 Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

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: Queen Elizabeth II, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara,

St Bernard's Parish, Canberra/Goulburn Archdiocese, St Bernard's School, Carroll College and St Vincent de Paul are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.



On the Australian Government website we read: 'In 2022, National protection week will continue to embrace the overarching message that **"Every Child, in every community, needs a fair go."**

This year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported. Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, faith community, School/College and culture. They have the right to grow in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future. **[Adapted from: 'Australian Govt. Dpt. of Social Services, 2022]**

"Child Protection Sunday invites us to reflect on what it means to put children first. It certainly means ensuring a **safe space** in which children can **live and grow in wisdom, self assurance and confidence; that they are respected and valued for who they are.** The space must be one in which children meet mature adults who understand and care for them and help them to grow. The boundaries of regulation and protocol protect this rich world of respectful and warm relationships. It is an unselfish world where adults recognise and respect the human dignity of each child and nurture the distinctive gift they are." *[Fr. Andrew Hamilton SJ]*

Our Sunday Gospel today speaks of an endlessly patient & merciful God. Jesus put his relationship with the 'lost ones' first and we are invited to put the dignity of person's first.

Morris West in his book **'Children of the Sun'** tells the true story of the poverty stricken children on the streets of Naples after World War 11 and the courageous efforts of Fr. Mario Borelli to improve their lives ...changing his cassock for tattered beggars rags living in the filth and misery of the streets.

He was able to set up the 'House of Urchins.' He reflects: 'It is the rule of the house – the doors open both ways. The Casa exists for the boys, not the boys for the Casa. It is their home, if they don't want to stay there, if the love it offers is not enough, they are free to go ... but they always seem to come back – no one questions them – **it is enough that the boy is home again**' [p.115].

Who in the following week will we 'lift up', care for, welcome home and show compassion? How do we respect, cherish, heal and responsibly protect and make accountable all who harm or hurt our brothers and sisters?

Marie Weatherall

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty that attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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