

LITURGY OF THE WORD
First Sunday of Advent Year B
First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.

The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Timely Living and the End of History

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation? Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: ‘He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.’ You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment. We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: ‘Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.’

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



ST BERNARD'S PARISH
BATEMANS BAY
2 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536



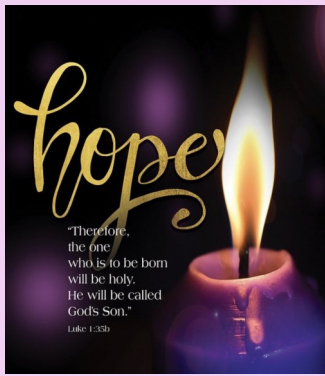
P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536.
Tel: 4472 4153
E: batemansbay@cg.org.au
Website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay
Office Hours: 10am to 2pm
Tuesday-Friday

Priest: Rev. Loi Viovicente
Secretary: Roslynn Trompp
Finance Admin: Anne Jackson
PC Co-ord: Marie Weatherall
Asst. PC Co-ord: Carolyn Evenden

Principal: Mrs. Jo Wain
St. Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven
R.E.C: Sharon Beashel
Principal: Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan
Carroll College, Broulee
R.E.C: Erica Drewsen

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND THE WALBUNJA PEOPLE OF THE YUIN NATION. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING

FIRST
SUNDAY of
ADVENT
YEAR B



Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st
Saturday of the month @
9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Resumes 2024

Wrap With Love
Resumes 2024

St Bernard's Graduation
Mass and Awards 9.15-
10.15am Thursday December
7th

Candle Ceremony 1.45-
2.15pm Friday 8th December

Kinder Nativity and
Christmas Giving Tree
Wednesday 13th December

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays
after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
(breaks for 2023 on 7/12)
All are welcome

NOW'S THE TIME TO BE ALERT

The Irish have a saying: God must have really loved Time. He made so much of it. Not quite a scientific approach to the concept of Time but it might be closer to the concept of Eternity.

Years and millennia do not add up to make Eternity. Eternity is an all-at-once reality, a fullness of life, where before and after have no meaning. When our mortal existence ends, our lives as the persons we are, are not finished. They are changed. We are launched as it were, into an ocean which has no beginning and no end; with a depth and a height and a breadth beyond our imagining.

The Church in her Liturgy has an orderly approach to Time. Hence we have Sundays in Ordinary Time. It has devised a Liturgy that fits the seasons of the year and meshes them with the main Jewish feasts. For example, at the Jewish Passover which remembers the night when the angel of death passed over the Israelites as they prepared to flee Egypt under the leadership of Moses, we celebrate Easter, when Jesus passed over from death to life.

Looking back in time at the ups and downs of Israel as a nation we see the prophets trying to raise morale by preaching that God would raise another leader like Moses. David came close but, alas, there followed more bad kings than good ones. Then came the tragedy that was the Exile in Babylon (587 - 538 BC) after which the idea of a powerful military Messiah dominated Jewish dreams. It was the strength of Persia, under Emperor Cyrus, that freed the exiles from their Babylonian captivity.

Jesus the Nazarene was not the sort of Messiah Jews were waiting for. Even a major prophet like Isaiah prayed that God would demonstrate might. ***“Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt.” (Isaiah 64: 1)***

Instead, our Truine God planned for the Son to come down six centuries later. No hurry. No fuss. In early spring in a place called Nazareth, over which the Herodian royal family held sway under Roman suzerainty, a you girl betrothed by not yet married, called Mary, would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

A divine messenger said this about Mary's son: ***“He will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.” (Luke 32: 12)***

Eight months later the heavily pregnant Mary, with her husband Joseph, were planning a trip to Bethlehem by order of a Roman Emperor mightier than Cyrus. Augustus was his name. Bethlehem is the city where the Davidic royal dynasty began. No one in the whole world was aware God was about to burst from Perfect Bliss into the hurly burly of human existence. Nor could anyone predict what a Good News story of Love and Sacrifice would unfold.

This Advent let us listen attentively to that story and make it part of our daily lives.

Joe Quigley



MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th December

Sunday 10th December

Monday 4th: No Mass

Tuesday 5th: Mass 5pm

Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 6th: Mass 9am

Thursday 7th: Mass 9.15am

Friday 8th: Mass 9am

Saturday 9th: Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

Sunday 10th: Mass 9am

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

ROSTERS

2/3 DECEMBER Cleaning

4-8 B Coffey/M Paine

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson

Commentator: M

Weatherall r

Reader: P Nolan

Eucharistic Minister

K Lovering

Computer Screen

M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek

Commentator M Lowe

Reader: D Herring

Eucharistic Ministers

C Lowe, K Corbin,

Computer Screen D

May.

MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

9/10 DECEMBER Cleaning

11-15 R & K Ison

6.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson

Commentator: B

Maynard

Reader: J Mackay

Eucharistic Minister

L Rodwell

Computer Screen

J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran

Commentator B Basevi

Reader: L Page

Eucharistic Ministers

S Beashel, N Page

Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

Advent program for 2023

The first session of the Advent program will begin on Wednesday 29th November and will run for the following three Wednesdays—6th, 13th, 20th December.

9.30-11am in the Church Meeting Room.

Facilitated by: Marie Weatherall

For info ph: 0405 028 057

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:

'Grant a Wish for a family'

St Vincent de Paul continues the annual Christmas Appeal

If you are able, could you make **\$ donation after mass** [receipt supplied if needed] for Christmas food Hampers we have ordered from Food Bank NSW.

or you may wish to take a **tag from the tree and help a child receive a gift.**

Place in the envelope chosen a **\$ donation or buy a K Mart Gift card for that child** and place in the SVDP Christmas Box near the tree.

All Donations in by Dec 10 please.

We **thank you** for your continued and faithful support of St Vincent de Paul Conference

Note: we are not collecting tinned food or toys.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Parish will be providing a **breakfast of Sausage Sandwiches/Egg and Bacon Rolls on Sunday 17th December after the 9am Mass.**

All are welcome

ZOOM ROSARY

You are invited to join us for an ongoing Rosary via Zoom.

TO JOIN:

Meeting No: 697 896 1059
Password: 8Py80J

Every Wednesday &
Friday @ 4pm
Every night @ 8.30pm

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
BSB: 062-786 Bank Acc:
00012939

Ref: Family Name

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve – 6pm & 8pm

Monday 25th December
Christmas Day- 10am

COMBINED CHURCHES CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

@ Salvation Army and

Anglican Church

A community event for those who are alone or in need

Please call 02 4472 9644

Numbers are limited. Due to Covid19 restrictions, bookings by 18th December are essential

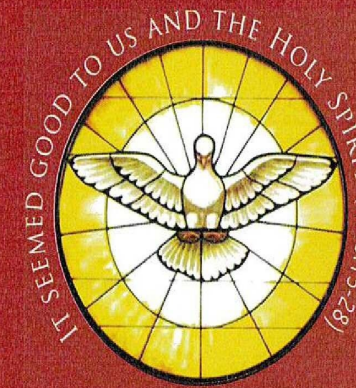


Remembering the Sick:

Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, 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: Paul O'Callaghan, Barbara Fogerty rsj, Carmen Morphet, Anne Dryden, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Shirley House, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, M aree O'Brien, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman



YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

December

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS

Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years
Batemans Bay 44728886
Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888

INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS

1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay

Buy fuel any time

EFTPOS
VISA
AMEX
MASTERCARD

OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY

Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee

100% BEEF BURGER

248 Beach Road
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

02 4472 1802

MAYDAY Plumbing And Gas

Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter

Gutter Cleaning
General Maintenance

RHYS MAY

0427 373 826

Clinical Psychologist

Patrick Fleming

Batemans Medical Centre
Ph: 0412 295 394

Medicare Rebates Available

excell Ideaspeople
PRINTING GROUP
— with a passion for print

P 4472 1599
E: batemansbay@excellprint.com.au
www.excellprint.com.au

Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy
Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Ray and Anne Brown

COASTAL
CONCRETE & QUARRY

02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara
your vets
at Surf Beach

EUROCOAST
Veterinary Centre

0488671118