

LITURGY OF THE WORD Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading *Isaiah 6:1-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 5:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,'

Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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33rd WORLD DAY of the SICK

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illness.

The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

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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FIFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
1PM Every second and
fourth Monday

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

Enjoy the Good News
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap with Love Tuesday
11th February 10am
BB Library

Anointing of the Sick
Mass Wednesday 12th
February 9am

Craft Group 10am
Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

BAPTISMS:

Isaac David Helliwell
Sunday 9th February
May God's love and
blessings be upon him
on this baptism day and
always.

The Chipped Cup

Joyce Rupp in 'The Cup of Life' tells the following story: 'One day my friend Pat told me about a bowl her mother had given her long ago. They had used it often for family gatherings over many years. The oriental design had faded and one side received a crack and several chips on it from so much use. Pat use to turn the 'bad side' of the bowl to the wall of the china cabinet, so the flaws would be less noticeable. Now, however, she turns the bowl's faded chipped area to the outside of the room so all can see and enjoy the stories it has to tell. Pat explained that as she aged she began to identify with the bowl. I've got some definite character marks from life too.' [pg 65, 1997].



Flaws and inadequacies come with the territory of being human. Like Pat's bowl, we also have bumps, scratches, cracks and chips that keep us from being perfect vessels of life. We are flawed and we all have our own internal inadequacies or stains of the spirit. Being fully human is a paradox. Growing and becoming more of a person whose life resembles the values of Jesus is essential. At the same time my flaws are my greatest treasure ...my imperfections keep my 'ego' in check. They remind me daily how much I need the grace of God.

Who does God draw to himself?

In the scriptures today do you notice the people God and Jesus his Son, called and drew to himself? They were often people who failed, people who were flawed! These very ordinary people were the ones God and his Son Jesus yearned to teach and to guide towards wholeness.

The prophet Isaiah, the disciple Paul and the Apostle Peter each acknowledge they are a sinner. 'What a wretched state I am in. I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips' cries Isaiah; 'I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserved the name Apostle, but by God's grace that is what I am' confesses Paul; and Peter falling on his knees says to Jesus: 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' Isaiah, Paul and Peter know their need of forgiveness but they are also aware of God at work in them. **It is in the context of their human lives and ours that God reaches out to us.**

God reaches out to us in the way that God has always reached human beings - through our ordinary flawed lives. The scriptures today are very clear about God's welcome of us, and to follow him as his Gospel messengers. In Peter, Jesus urges him to banish his fears and step out in faith to share the message of God's goodness with others.

With Isaiah, Paul and Peter let us respond: **Here I am Lord – send me!**

Marie Weatherall

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 10th—Sunday 16th February

Monday 10th : NO MASS

Tuesday 11th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 12th: Mass with Anointing of the Sick 9am

Thursday 13th: Mass 9am

Friday 14th: Mass 9am

Saturday 15th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 16th: Mass 9am

FUNERALS IN THE PARISH:

Ms Joanne Rogers Tuesday 4th February
11am Broulee Memorial Gardens

Mr David Cowley Friday 7th February 11am
St Bernard's Church.
Committal at Moruya Cemetery

ROSTERS

8/9 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

10-14 Favetta, O'Neill, Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: Jeni McCarthy,
Beck Keough
Commentator: Matt Lowe
Readers: Anna Smart, Belle Barling
Eucharistic Ministers
Karen Hadley, Brendan Maynard
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek
Commentator . N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
V & C Burns
Computer Screen T
Priest....

MORNING TEA:

J Barroman/G Berryman

COUNTERS:

B Basevi/C Meade

15/16 FEBRUARY

Cleaning

17-21 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder:
Commentator: S Ebejer
Reader: P Nolan
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering
Computer Screen
K Connway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M Britt
Commentator L Page
Reader: JO'Sullivan
Eucharistic Ministers
K Corbin, L Stevens
Computer Screen .T
Jones

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS:

D & L May

EASTER MUSIC PREPARATION.

In addition to our regular Monday practices, extra choir practices to prepare for Easter will take place at 1pm Monday 17 March, Monday 31 March and Monday 7 April.

New and previous singers....All welcome!!

GATHERING:

'We are Called to Minister to Others'

Facilitated by Sr Virginia Bourke rsj. Tuesday February 25th, 9.15am registration for 9.30am start—3pm in the Church meeting Room.

Sister Virginia specialises in Adult Faith Education & Spirituality and is travelling from North Sydney to be with us.

Recommended by Sr Marie McAlister.

Morning tea provided.

BYO Pot Luck Lunch. **COST = Free**

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL by Monday February 17. For further information call: Marie Weatherall, 0405 028 057
Email. marieweatherall87@gmail.com

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

In keeping with the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, St Bernard's Parish offers a family centered, parish based and school supported Sacramental Program.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation— Tuesday 8th April 5pm

Sacrament of Confirmation—Saturday 28th June 5pm

Sacrament of First Communion— TBC

Enrolment Evening

An enrolment and information session for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held at 5pm on Thursday 13th February at St Bernard's Church, Batehaven. If you live in the Batemans Bay Parish, your child is baptised and will be in Year 3 in 2025 or others who are eligible coming from another school, please put this date in your diary.

COST for the Sacrament is \$40 and can be paid on the evening by Cash or Eftpos

For further information regarding the Sacramental Program— please contact Fr Curry on 0407 068 413, the Sacramental Program Coordinator - Roslynn Trompp at the Parish Office on 4472 4153 or the REC—Rebecca Keough at St Bernard's Primary School.

Updates will be posted to the Parish Website—
cg.org.au/batemansbay



Anne & Terry Jackson on receiving the **Silver Kangaroo Award** recognising many years of active service in the Scouting movement.

Their commitment to the Scouts has benefitted many in our local community and beyond.

All Welcome

Wedding Mass Invitation: On Wednesday February 12 at 1 pm Lisa Newman and Vaughan will celebrate their marriage to each other. Any Parishioners who would like to attend this Eucharistic Celebration are invited .

Lisa is the St Vincent de Paul Case Manager for our area and a member of St Bernard's Choir.

LEADERS TRAINING NIGHTS "Exercise in Synodality"

WHEN: 12 & 19 February, 2025

WHERE: Church Meeting Room
TIME: 7.30-9.00pm

The training nights for 'EXERCISE IN SYNODALITY' have been cancelled. No interest was registered from the parishioners.

SYNODALITY is the way forward, not only for the universal church, but Pope Francis has encouraged all parishes to begin immediately.

Wrap with Love members would love to welcome newcomers who may be interested in knitting, crocheting, or sewing together squares to create blankets for people in need in Australia and abroad.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February 10am-12noon at the Batemans Bay Library. An afternoon meeting 1pm-3pm will be held on Wednesday 26/2 in the church meeting room.

Information and instruction sheets available.
Enquiries: Jenny 0414 664 077

WEDDINGS IN THE PARISH

Congratulations To Lisa & Vaughan who will celebrate their Wedding at St Bernard's church on Wednesday 12th February, 2025 @ 1pm.



Officiating Priest is Fr Eden Langlands

Remembering the Sick:

Jeanette Clarke, Margaret Priest, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, 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: David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother, and the flame
of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos, in
the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when,
with the powers of Evil
vanquished, your glory will shine
eternally.

May the grace of the
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of
Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Pope Francis Monthly
Prayer Intentions
FEBRUARY
For vocations to the
priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the
ecclesial community
might welcome the
desires and doubts of
those young people
who feel a call to
serve Christ's mission
in the priesthood and
religious life.

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