



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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St Bernards Primary School: 'That All May Be One'. Principal: Jacqueline Heffernan.
Carroll College: 'Learning For Life'. Principal: Acting: Nathan Mansfield

THIS WEEK: 31-5th August

- Tuesday 31:** 9am Mass in Convent
- Wednesday 1:** 8:40 am Rosary
9am Mass
- Thursday 2:** 9am Mass
- Friday 3:** 9:am Stations of the cross
9:15 am Mass
- Saturday 4:** 9am Mass
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 5: 9am Mass
Adoration is on First Friday of the Month at 5:30pm. Mass is also celebrated every first Saturday of the Month at 9am.

ROSTERS FOR Church Cleaning 6-10 August

Ron & Karen Ison
Welcomers:
6pm: David Ebejer
9am: Margaret Harris

Readers
6pm: Saskia Ebejer, Marie Weatherall, Peter O'Kelly
9am: Charlotte Nicolette, Erica Drewsen, Anne Scicluna

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm: Henrietta Blake, Claire Burrows, Margaret Bridges, David Gorzalka, Rita Duggan- Marion

9am: Anne Scicluna, Colleen Connell, Liz Butt, Maureen Kinross, Carol Schor

Computer screen

6pm: Kevin Conway
9am: Keiran O'Sullivan



Fr Martins: Bay: Wed, Fri.
Moruya, Tue, Thur, Sat & Sun

Fr Dom: Bay: Tue, Thur, Sat, & Sun

Moruya: Wed, Fri



Upcoming events

- 1st August** Enrolment evening First Eucharist 5:30 at the school.
- 4th August** 9am Mass
- 8th August** Mary MacKillops feast day.
- 11th** Pilgrimage to Eden, Mary of the cross MacKillop. (more info to come)
- 19th** 50th Anniversary celebrations

Weekly events

RCIA Process is ongoing every Wednesday 7pm in meeting room

Rosary Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the church.

Stations of the cross every Friday at 9am in the church.

Craft is held every Thursday 10 -12pm in the church meeting room.

Wrap with Love 2nd Tuesday & 4th Wednesday of the month

Men Alive—meet every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am

Monthly Masses

Opal 1st August 10:30am
Maranatha 23rd Aug 2pm
All Welcome to come along.

Please pray for the people in our parish who are sick

Rae Fishlock, Mary Henderson, James Lee, Dianne Hantas, Judy Sykes, Charlie Morella, Geoff Philpot, Pam Carriage and Fr Warwick Tonkin

REST IN PEACE

We pray for those who have departed this life and anniversaries at this time

Sieglinde Bogdanovic, Josie Van Oosterhout, Jetty De Graaf, Harry Golbach, Fred Simiara, Denis Johnson and Michael Garrety, Jocey Karlish & Phyllis Favetta



A Eucharistic Community

Every parish is a Eucharistic community. A community whose members are not only drawn together by a common interest but bonded by the waters of baptism and the body of Christ received at the table of the Eucharist. This is what the Eucharistic miracle in chapter six of Saint John's Gospel foreshadows and here are some of the notable characteristics of a Eucharistic community flowing from the feeding of the five thousand.

Everyone was welcomed and served the meal. The text indicated that everyone was invited to sit down on the available grasses where they were served with the available bread and fish. Our parish community must continue to remain a Eucharistic community where everyone is made to feel welcome around the table and included in the celebration.

Also, sharing remains very central to the Eucharistic community. The five loaves and two fish were shared. They all ate as much as they wanted. They had more than enough to eat and ended up with some left overs. The bread and fish came from one person and shared among all. Thanks to the little boy for sharing his 'lunch box' with five thousand people. Around the Eucharistic table, everyone has a gift to bring. What more can we bring to satisfy the hunger in our community?

At the end of the meal, the left overs were collected perhaps for many possible reasons: firstly, to confirm the miraculous feeding of five thousand people with five loaves and two fish; secondly, to avoid waste and thirdly, to provide for the needs of the poor and the under privileged in the community who could not make it to the scene. Typically, at the end of every mass the remaining Holy Communion is collected and preserved in the tabernacle. From this, Communion is taking to the sick and the homebound. As we reflect on the significance of the sign, let us think of those moment when we may have promoted the 'throw-away culture' by being wasteful with groceries and other resources.

Before we conclude, let us take a moment to reflect on Jesus' action before the meal. He gave thanks, bless and broke the bread. He prayed. Two important things to keep in mind include: **i. the grace before meal**-when last did we pray before eating? **ii. Eucharistia**-in Greek means *thanksgiving*; every mass is therefore an act of thanksgiving through the prayers, the Word, our Offering, the Eucharist and the hymns.

As we reflect on the theme of the Eucharist in the Gospel of John, at the start of Term 3, let us keep the year three Boys and girls in our School in prayers as they prepare for their 1st Eucharist in the coming days.

Fr. Martins

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

August retreats
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Knowing peace beyond understanding

When: Aug 4: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Presenter: Cathy Kennedy
Cost: \$30.00
Bring your own lunch. Pickups from Minto train station at 930am and 1000am

This week on **The Journey**, our very own Pete Gilmore encourages us to "Ask the Right Questions", Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us about "Honoring" and Marilyn Rodrigues, The peaceful Parent, talks about "Individual Time". We are so lucky and so grateful for the amazing Christian music that has been selected for this program. This is the Journey Catholic Radio, where faith, hope, love and life come together. Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



You are invited to the
50th Anniversary Of Saint Bernard's Parish
Batemans Bay.

To be celebrated on **Sunday 19th August 2018.**

This will coincide with the **Celebration of The Annual Feast Day of Saint Bernard.**

Where: St. Bernards Church

David Street Batehaven

When: **Sunday 19th August 2018**

Time: 10.30am for Mass -12.00 for lunch

Friday 10th August

RSVP: Bernie 0428227384
Please bring your own drinks

Popes Prayer of Intention

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Amen



More to mission than meets the eye!

Right now, a Butcher is needed in Madang, Papua New Guinea

Meat this challenge: contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/

[volunteer](http://palms.org.au/volunteer)

Can't commit just yet? Check out

palms.org.au/encounters

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Enrolment evening will be held in St Bernards school **1st August at 5:30pm**

If you need further information please contact the parish office. 9-2pm Tue-Thur

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