

HOLY WEEK : 2 -5 April

Holy Thursday: 6.00pm Mass

Good Friday: Stations at 10.00am

Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: 8.00am Morning Prayer

Easter Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm

Easter Sunday: 9.00am Mass

Indian Community

Good Friday Liturgy : 11.00am

Easter Saturday Night: 11.00pm

EASTER OCTAVE : 6-12 APRIL

Monday: 9.00am Mass

Tuesday: 5.00 pm Mass

Wed - Saturday: 9.00 am Mass

Saturday Vigil : 5.00pm Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday: 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation

Tues: 4 - 4.45pm

Sat: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Adoration & Benediction

Tue: 4-5pm

Croatian Mass Saturday 11am 6/4

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions

APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Land:

Traditionally in Australia, a special collection has been taken up on Good Friday to support the Franciscans who administer and maintain the Holy Land pilgrimage sites.

Please consider giving generously.

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St Bernard's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people.

Mick Lowe & Karen Hadley are our safeguarding volunteers.

Batemansbay.safeguarding.com.au

Baptisms in the Parish:

This week-end we welcome into our faith community through the waters of baptism.

Ted McRae

Lola Favetta

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A/C Name: St Bernard's

Operating

BSB: 062 786

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ROSTERS

11/12APRIL

Cleaning

13-18 E Butt/R Mathews

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson

Commentator: P O'Kelly

Reader: S Ebejer

Eucharistic Ministers

E Butt

Computer Screen

K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May

Commentator . B Basevi

Reader: D Herring

Eucharistic Ministers

V & C Burns

Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

Indian Community

COUNTERS:

D & L May

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Prayers for the Sick

Jesus, Divine Healer, we entrust all the sick into your loving hands

James Kershaw, Frankie Pepper, Declan Holmes, Joy & John Dillon, Jan Simpson, Nan Reidy, Natalie Matthews, Jordan Ambler, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Jeanette Clarke, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill.

All those in hospital and nursing homes.

Recently Deceased

We have loved them in life; let us not forget them in death. May they live forever in God's love.

Deborah Eddington, Nick Hum, Fiona Wearne, Bettye Ison, Fr Frank Fuchs, Chris Bowditch, Shirley Carroll, Pavla Pinkawa, William Gallagher, Teresa Lewis, Bob & Suzanne Hughes, Bishop Pat Power, Diana Ebbelaar, Sr Maria Goretti, Maria Mendes, Gregy Elchico, Bob & Judy Spruce, Rod & Letitia Baz, Wido Melis, Zora Domitrovic, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Margaret Silversides, Joseph Quigley, Patricia Totterdell, Joanne Rogers, Josephine Beckhaus.

Anniversaries: Are listed in the Church Memorial Book.



ST BERNARD'S PARISH BATEMANS BAY

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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.

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Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Dear Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Dawn has broken upon the world. The silence of the tomb has been shattered, the stone is rolled away, and light has pierced the deepest darkness. Christ is risen—hope is alive, and love has the final word.

Only days ago, we stood at the foot of the Cross. We witnessed suffering, abandonment, and the stillness of death. Like the first disciples, we too have known moments when fear lingers and hope seems distant. Yet Easter speaks gently but powerfully into every human heart: God is never absent. Even in the quiet of the tomb, He is at work, bringing forth new life where none seemed possible.

Like a seed hidden in the earth, Christ rises—and with Him, all that seemed lost is restored. Our wounds, our struggles, our “Good Fridays” are not the end of the story. In Him, they are transformed. In Him, even sorrow becomes a doorway to grace.

And so, the Risen Lord calls us—not only to rejoice, but to follow. He leads us through surrender, through trust, through the quiet offering of ourselves to the Father. In that surrender, something new is born within us: a deeper faith, a gentler heart, a life made radiant by grace. May this Easter awaken within us that new life, quietly but surely reshaping who we are.

In the darkness of Easter night, a single flame is kindled—the Paschal Candle. From that one light, countless others are lit, and the darkness is no more. So it is with us. The light of Christ has been entrusted to our hearts—not to be hidden, but to shine. May our lives become small but steady flames, bringing warmth to the cold, light to the lost, and hope to the weary.

Yet even as we rejoice, we cannot forget the world we live in—a world wounded by conflict, division, and war. This Easter, we lift our hearts in prayer for peace. May the risen Christ breathe His peace into places of violence and fear, soften hearts hardened by hatred, and guide nations toward justice and reconciliation. May His peace begin in us, and flow outward into a longing world.

We remember too those who walk in shadows: the sick and the suffering, the lonely and forgotten, the grieving and the poor. May the light of the Resurrection gently reach them, bringing comfort, strength, and healing. And may we, as a parish family, become instruments of that light—present, compassionate, and generous in love.

This year, we are drawn in a special way to the spirit of St Francis of Assisi—simple, humble, and filled with wonder at God's presence in all things. May his example teach us to live lightly, love deeply, and walk gently with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

With a grateful heart, I thank all who have given their time and love to make our Holy Week celebrations prayerful and beautiful. Your quiet generosity reflects the beauty of a faith that is alive and shared.

We rejoice also with those who have entered fully into the life of the Church this Easter. Through Baptism and Reception into the Church, we welcome with great joy: Damaris Falzon, Jacob Dunstan, Adam Hudson, Malcolm Crewe, and Ryan Ralston. Your journey is a sign of hope among us, and we thank God for the grace unfolding in your lives.

To those returning to the Church this Easter—welcome home. You have been missed. You belong here.

As we step forward into the days ahead, may we live as Easter people—people of light, of hope, of resurrection. May our words be kinder, our hearts more open, our lives more deeply rooted in Christ.

And when the Morning Star who never sets rises again, may He find our lamps still burning, our faith still alive, and our hearts ready to meet Him.

May the peace and joy of the risen Christ dwell within you and remain with you always.

A Blessed and Joyful Easter to you all!

Fr Joshy Kurien PP