

PARISH MASS TIMES

No Week Day Masses

Sat : 5.00pm Mass
Sunday: 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation
Sat: 3.30 - 4.30pm

Dear Parishioners,

I will be away on holidays from 21 April to 8 May, returning to India to spend some precious time with my parents. During this period, there will be no weekday Masses.

I am very grateful to Fr Rex Curry for kindly celebrating the weekend Masses while I am away.

I also wish to share that my Ordination Anniversary falls on 20 April. I would truly value your prayers on this special day in my life and ministry.

Please keep me in your prayers, as you will be in mine. Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

With every blessing,

Fr Joshy

St Bernard's Church is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families, carers and vulnerable people to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and action.

The Parish Safeguarding Volunteers are Mick Lowe and Karen Hadley.

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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.

MASSES IN AGED CARE

The Glen Every Second Wednesday
10.30am

The Manor Every Third
Wednesday 2pm

Maranatha Every Fourth
Wednesday 2pm

Claim the Date:

Two Retreat Mornings open to all.

Theme: 'The Cup of my Life'
on Tuesday May 19, & Tues June 16,
9-15am for 9-30am start - 12 noon in Church Meeting Room.

Free. BYO shared morning tea.

Facilitated by Marie W and Carolyn Evenden.

Booking Essential by Mon May 11 for May date.

Each Retreat day will have
different sessions
Text or phone Marie W re booking
(m) 0405 028 057

Vinnie's & Club Grants Free Gathering
R U OK? Physically Emotionally Financially Socially

Let's Talk & take Action!

Date: Monday May 4, 2026.

Venue: St Bernard's Church Meeting Room 2 David Ave, Batehaven.

Time: 9-30am for 10am start - 1 pm
Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Booking Essential by Monday April 30, 2026.
Lisa Albert [m] 0475 267 711

You may know someone who would benefit from this gathering—invite them to attend.

BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON

COME FOR SOME FUN, FOOD AND FUNDRAISING IN SUPPORT OF SRE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Saturday May 2 2026 2 PM
Salvation Army Church Batemans Bay
25 Old Hume Highway, Batemans Bay
\$15 PER PERSON

Afternoon Tea included.

Tickets and information are available at:

Anglican Church Office (Wednesday) or John Hoggan 0417801566



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April Session: Discover Palms Online!

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Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm AEST



May Session: Live from Timor Leste!

Scan here-

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm - 5:30 pm AEST



Middle East Emergency Appeal - Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit:

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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.

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 Memorial Book at the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

PARISH ROSTERS

18/19 APRIL

Cleaning

20-25 E Butt/R
Mathews

5.00PM MASS5

Welcomer J McCarthy
Commentator M
Weatherall
Reader P Nolan
Eucharistic
Ministers
K Lovering
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet
Commentator J
Whiteford
Reader: P Fleming
Eucharistic Ministers
L Stevens, D Herring
Computer Screen .T
Jones

MORNING TEA:

M & C Lowe

COUNTERS:

J Whiteford/P Galvin

25/27 APRIL

Cleaning

27 Apr- 1 May R & K
Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer K Conway
Commentator: M
O'Neill
Reader: P O'Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers
N Buick
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den
Broek
Commentator L Page
Reader: B
Basevi ..
Eucharistic
Ministers
K Corbin, J Whiteford
Computer Screen T
Jackson

MORNING TEA:

M & S Beashel

COUNTERS:

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Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy:

my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life. Or (R.) Alleluia!

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not

know the things that have been happening these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A



Community Corner

Choir Practice
Choir in recess

Cenacle Prayer
9.30 am
Fridays after Mass

"Enjoy the Good News"
Wednesdays after
Mass
Church Meeting Room

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 29th April
1-3pm CMR
Tuesday 12th May
BB Library 10am

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

Craft Group
Thursdays 10-12
Thursdays
10am CMR
Resumes after
holidays

Trust that the Light is Already There.

Sr. Mary Hughes ASC in a reflection in 'Avanti - a reflective Journal for Woman Religious' shares the following: 'Sometimes God's call from the future is an invitation to walk an unknown and unfamiliar path. It invites us to trust that God's light is already there'. She continues: 'A few years ago while visiting Vietnam with one of our Sisters we were travelling by SUV to a remote village in the early morning. We were almost there, when we met a narrow bridge. The only way to continue was to get out and walk the bridge and the dark dirt path ahead. As we made our way, dawn began to break, revealing the Church and a Community of people already there waiting to welcome us. They had walked the path in even deeper darkness to be there before us as we came into the light.'



I once heard "Faithfulness is learning to live into the future God intends". That early morning walk into the light of a welcoming community, reminds me that when the way I have always known narrows, a path will be made and light will break revealing God's waiting, welcoming communion'. [pg 8, 2016]

Jesus Our Light Accompanies Us on the Journey ...the Emmaus Story.

Which of us, at least once, has not walked the road of Emmaus, full of uncertainty about Jesus, full of disappointed hope for his Church? Even currently we are undergoing the shock of the passing away in our society of a certain kind of thinking about God; Christ is to all appearances, defeated. The Church and its Liturgy seems irrelevant to the unbelieving masses.

It would seem we must frequently walk the road to Emmaus, however painful the journey – the road that will bring us from despondency to faith. We must walk in a twilight atmosphere before darkness falls. On roads like this we meet a disguised Companion. It is Jesus himself who meets us right where we are, with a loving presence, no matter who we are and what we have done. The Eucharist begins with acknowledging our need for God in the Penitential Rite. In today's Gospel and through the Liturgy of the Word, Jesus shares and explains the Scriptures to us. We learn to see God's movements and wisdom through our lives. Sometimes only in retrospect.

Jesus finally breaks the bread, sharing his life and nourishment for the journey.
The Eucharist complete, we are sent to be his hands and feet.

Even when Jesus disappears, the Disciples remember and bear witness. In our journeys, Jesus' presence is sometimes obvious or subtle.

Sr. Mary invited us to trust that God's light is already there.

May we realise his loving companionship in each Eucharist and in our community of fellow travellers.

Marie Weatherall

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.