

ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Office Hours: 9am to 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Parish Priest: Fr. Martins Aloga Assistant Priest: Fr. Dominic Byrne.

St Bernards Primary School: 'That All May Be One'. Principal: Jacqueline Heffernan.

Carroll College: 'Learning For Life". Principal: Acting: Nathan Mansfield

THIS WEEK: 18-13 Dec

Tuesday 18: 9am Mass

Wednesday 19 8:40 am Rosary

9am Mass

Thursday 20 9am Mass

Friday 21 9am Stations of the cross

9:15 am Mass

Saturday 22: 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 23: 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.

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ROSTERS	(22/23 December)
Church Cleaning	R & K Ison (24-28)
Welcomers	6pm D. Ebejer 9am M. Law
Readers	6pm S. Ebejer; J.Mackay 9am R.Bemelman, A Horsfall
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Extraordinary	6pm M. Bridges, C Burrows H. Blake, A. Rogers
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Computer Screen	6pm K Conway 9am T. Priest
Morning Tea	O'Sullivan family
Children's Liturgy	Holidays
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Fr Martins: Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun Moruya Wed, Fri Batemans Bay

Fr Dom: Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun Batemans Bay Wed, Fri Moruya



Up Coming Events

December

19 Second Rite of Reconciliation 6-7pm 23 Working Bee at Church 8-10am

Weekly events

RCIA Process is ongoing every Wednesday 7pm in meeting room

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

Singalong every Monday at 1pm In the church.

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

<u>Craft</u> is held every Thursday 10 –12pm in the church meeting

Wrap with Love 2nd Tuesday& last Wednesday of the month

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

Monthly Masses

Opal 1st Wednesday of month 10:30am

Glen 3rd Thursday of month

Maranatha 4th Wed of month 2pm

Please pray for the people in our parish who are sick

Rae Fishlock, Mary Henderson, James Lee, Dianne Hantas, Judy Sykes, Geoff Philpot, Fr Warwick Tonkin, John Dillon, Vince Burns, George Fitzgerald, Levi Wheeler & Declan Holmes and those in our local nursing homes

REST IN PEACE: we pray for those who have departed this life Jack Bradley, Ann Smith, Helen Price, George Unitt. James McArdle, David Patrick Connell, Rodrigo Alivio, Gerald Suarez, Angelita Alivio and Monica Watts

Piety shop has 2019 Calendars for sales Christmas cards and children's books available Come over and have a browse

Gaudete Sunday

This weekend marks the end of the first part of the advent season, counting from the first Sunday of advent to 16th December, ushering us into the second part with the celebration of Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice Sunday). During the mass, we light the rose-coloured candle to lighten the mood as we cross the mid-point between the start of the season and the joy that comes with the anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

Advent is season with rhythm. This can be seen in the organisation of the liturgy and the symbolic rituals of the season. Central to this rhythm is the

In our first weekend, St. Luke in the text of the Gospel presented the image of the destruction of the earth, the coming of the Son of Man and judgement This fire-alarm approach is meant to create spiritual anxiety. To calm the anxiety, the second weekend offered a voice; a voice crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord... In this third weekend, the voice of John is giving precise direction to his audience who came asking: what should we do? As we go through this week, we pray for the grace to respond as appropriate to the demands of John's voice. Fr. Martins

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve:

6pm & 9pm.

Christmas Day: 9am

Croatian Mass: 11am. Christmas Dav.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS CHOIR PRACTICE

You are invited to join the Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm. Practice with the children is on Friday December 21 at 10am in the Church. We look forward to seeing you. Please join us. For any queries please ring Phil 0428593191.

PARISH WORKING BEE at the Church Saturday 22nd December 8.00am-10am Clean Up before Christmas —all welcome

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Parish Celebration last weekend to Farewell Fr Dominic, Jacqui Heffernan and Julie Valentini. Particular thanks to the Filipino community who provided us with a hearty feast for the occasion.

Singalong this week is at Maranatha on Monday at 1.00pm singing Christmas Carols. Singalong will take a break and resume in February

Banking details

If you are a parishioner who gives directly from your bank account to the offertory please note details for banking. Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund

Bank Acc: 29248 B.S.B: 062.786

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ROSTERS . . In January there will be a 5.00pm Mass on Sunday evenings. If you are interested in volunteering please fill in the list in the fover. There is also a list for Christmas Mass volunteers as well to be completed. Rosters will issue during the coming week.

You are all Invited SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **ADVENT 2018: WEDNESDAY** 19 DECEMBER AT 6PM

It is while waiting for the coming of the reign of God, Advent after

Advent, that we come to realize that its coming depends on us. What we do will either hasten or slow, sharpen or dim our own commitment to do our part to bring about God's love in the world.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation invites us to embrace the strength of God's love and mercy, whilst admitting our weaknesses and the presence of sin in our lives - the Sacrament of Reconciliation strengthens us to commit to God's love during Advent and throughout the year.

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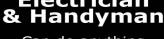
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