



## ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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**Office Hours:** 9am to 2pm  
Tuesday-Friday

**Rev. Martins Aloga**

Parish Priest

**Don Nguyen**

Parish Deacon

**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**

St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.**

Carroll College, Broulee

### Mass Times

**Tues 9:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 10:** 8: 40 am Rosary  
9am Mass  
**Thurs 11:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 12** 9am Stations of the cross  
9:15 Mass

5.30pm Adoration/Vespers  
**Sat 13:** 9am Rosary7  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday 14:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

### Sacristans

**6pm:** Tony Craddy & Brian Carmody

**9am:** Anne Scicluna & Ray Bemelman

**5pm:** Des & Barbara Macormack

### ROSTERS 13/14 April

R Talbot & L Butt (15-21 April)

### Welcomers

6pm L Baz

9am J McClelland

5pm M deSmet

### Readers

6pm P O'Kelly, J Mackay;

9am R Bemelman; A Skinner

5pm C Nicoletti, J O'Sullivan

### Commentator

6pm J Quigley

9am A Jackson

5pm M Klarica

### Extraordinary Ministers

6pm M Weatherall, H.Blake,

9am K Corbin, N Beatty, C Schor

S Beashel, A Scicluna

5pm B McCormack, Volunteer

### Computer Screen

6pm K Conway

9am T Priest

**Morning Tea:** O'Sullivan family

Childrens Liturgy holidays

## COMPASSION, NOT CONDEMNATION

Compassion is at the heart of the season of Lent. A season within which we recall Gods compassion for humanity and make effort to extend the same to others in different ways including the ongoing giving through Project Compassion. Gods' compassion is expressly found at the heart of Jesus' incarnation and public ministry. In Mathews' Gospel 5. verse 48, he invited his audience to *'be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate'*. This permeate all of his teachings and actions. Compassion moved him to teach, heal, restore the broken and raised the dead. Indeed, Christ is the epitome of compassion. He is compassion per excellence!

In the story of the Prodigal Son, the father was full of compassion for his son, again, revealing Gods compassion for human vicissitude; His readiness to forgive sin, offering the sinner a second chance. This weekend, we find a similar story in the Gospel. A story of sin and forgiveness. It was about a woman caught in the act of adultery (John 8.1-8). In the episode, the accusers were ready to punish the accused by stoning after judging and condemning her to death not in the Court of the Sanhedrin or Pilate's Palace but in the public square where Jesus was teaching. Unknown to them that with Jesus, there is mercy, compassion and liberation. Jesus reminded them of their deficiencies and guilt by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone. He compelled the accusers to assess their own lives and to leave. Thus, he grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. This shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners knowing that, *'to err is human and to forgive is divine'*.

Very often, people are subjected to hash treatments, bullied, denigrated, gossiped, judged and condemned in the public court as a result of gender orientation, social status, addictions, race or background, education, health conditions, culture, religion and perhaps pedigree. Sometimes, the circumstances are never taken into consideration. Like the condemned character in the story, there are many out there who suffer silently without any shoulders to lean on or ears to listen and to feel their invisible tears; they live with condemnation for life. Yet, those who condemn others are not innocent themselves.

Christ action, offers inspiration to all to show the same compassion to others around them and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and with one another instead of condemning them. This has visibly influenced our Parish and School vision and value at this time, the value of compassion. Our trademark is compassion and our commitment to compassionate actions will do more for the world than words.

*Rev. Martins*

### Weekly/Monthly Activities & Up Coming Events

#### Weekly Events:

**Singalong:** Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.

**RCIA Process/Faith Formation:** Every Wed 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room

**Rosary:** Every Wednesday at 8:40am in the Church.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 9am in the church.

**Adoration/Vespers:** Every Friday at 5:30pm in Church

**Craft:** Every Thursday 10 -12pm in the Parish Meeting room.

**Wrap with Love:** 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

**Men Alive:** Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8am in Church

**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

#### Monthly Events:

**First Saturday:** 9am Mass

**Opal Mass:** Every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

**Glen Mass:** Every 3rd Thursday of the Month at 10:30am

**Maranatha Mass:** Every 4th Wed of the Month at 2pm

**Baptism Preparation:** Every last Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm, Church

**Mass of the Sick:** Every 1st Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm

**Weddings and Funerals** by arrangement

#### Up Coming Events -April

**Saturday 13th:** 11.00am Croatian Mass

**Monday 15th:** Chrism Mass, Blessing of Oils 7.30pm Cathedral

**Monday 22nd:** 11.00am Croatian Mass

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## ARCHDIOCESAN/PARISH NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Job Vacancy: Parish Secretary (*Permanent Part Time*)

**St. Bernard's Parish, Batemans Bay**

This position provides administrative assistant to the Parish, ensure the flow of all correspondences, and prepare the Weekly Bulletin while being the Pastoral face of the Parish to all.

**Requirements:** Applicant needs to be able to work within the Mission and Values of St. Bernard's; have good organizational and communication skills, ability to publish a weekly bulletin, keep Church records, answer enquiries, have excellent computer skills and social skills. It will be a part time permanent position, 2 or 3 days a week (8hours per week). Application and Resume or enquiries are to be emailed to Fr. Martins Aloga: [martins.aloga@cg.org.au](mailto:martins.aloga@cg.org.au). Interviews will take place after 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Holy Week Roster:** Rosters for volunteers for Palm Sunday and Easter are in the foyer please fill in where you are able to assist this weekend so that the roster can be issued during the week. Readings will be provided.

### Have you noticed something in the Church that needs repair?

If you have, there is now a method of notifying the Maintenance Team of the problem. On the wall to the left of the Kitchen door is a folder with provision to report what you feel needs attention. Details can be recorded on the sheets at the rear of the folder."

**New Parishioners Form:** If you are a new parishioner, kindly fill the light blue form available at the Foyer or the piety shop. We welcome you to our Parish and we look forward to contacting.

**Parish Lenten Program 2019:** Every Wednesday throughout Lent Morning session : 9.30am Evening session : 7.00pm. This will be held in the church meeting room. EVERYONE WELCOME ! **For more information please, contact: Bernie 0428227384 & Joe 44717383**

**Disabled or unwell:** If you are unable to process to receive communion, if you can be seated in the front centre pews a minister will come to you during communion – wheel chairs are welcome at the front of the church. Please ask the sacristan or welcomers if you need assistance.

### ST BERNARD'S BATEMANS BAY EASTER TIMETABLE

**Palm Sunday:** 6pm; 9am; 5pm:

**Holy Thursday:** 6pm followed by Adoration

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross:** 10am

**Good Friday Commemoration of the Passion:** 3pm:

**Easter Vigil:** 6pm

**Easter Sunday:** 9am & 5pm

**We Remember the Sick:** Bella Duggan, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Drago Bandur, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Timothy Gerrard, Allan Odum, John Jessop, Luke Ward, and those in our local nursing homes and Hospital.

**Rest In Peace:** Angeline Davis, Mirko Baresic, Ivan Norris, Errol Carter, Robert Loftus and Michael Doyle

#### Banking details 1st Collection

Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund  
Bank Acc: 29248 BSB: 062-786  
Ref: SUBURB/TOWN & SURNAME.  
Eg: Batemansbay jones

#### Banking details 2nd Collection

Acc. Name:  
St Bernard's Operating Account  
Bank Acc:0012939 BSB: 062-786  
Ref: FAMILY NAME. Eg: Jones

# PROJECT COMPASSION

## Fifth Sunday of Lent 7th April 2019

Salma featured in Project Compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and proved hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**

**Lives change when we all give 100%.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



## 2019 Parish Diary is Available in the Church Foyer and Parish Website

<b>Batemans Bay, Moruya &amp; Narooma District Funerals</b> <b>Mark Hewson JP</b> Funeral Director <b>Phone 02 4472 8886</b> Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	<b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b> 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay <b>Buy fuel any time</b>  EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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<b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b> Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee <b>100% BEEF BURGER</b> 248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536 <b>02 4472 1802</b>	<b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>ENROLLING NOW</b> <b>Ph 4472 4446</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
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Ray and Anne Brown <b>COASTAL CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b> <b>02 4474 0320</b>	 <b>Kate &amp; Tara</b> your vets at Surf Beach <b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre <b>4471 3400</b>
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