

### ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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# **Mass Times**

**Tues 23:** 5.30pm Mass **Wed 24:** 8: 40am Rosary

9am Mass

Thurs 25: 9am Mass Fri 26: 9am Stations of

the Cross 9.15am Mass 5.30pm Adoration

9.00am Rosary **Sat 27:** 5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sund 28: 9am Mass 5pm Mass Sacristans

**6pm:** T. Craddy & B. Carmody 9am: A. Scicluna & R. Bemelman 5pm: D. & B. McCormack

#### **ROSTERS 27/28 April**

**Church Cleaning:** 

R & K Ison (30 Apr-3 May)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am M Law

5pm M deSmet

Readers

6pm M Weatherall, N Crewe 9am B Basevi, A Jackson

5pm C Nicoletti, K O'Sullivan

## Commentator

6pm P O'Kelly

9am A Brown

5pm J O'Sullivan

#### **Extraordinary Ministers**

6pm H.Blake, L. Favetta, A Rogers, C Brownlie 9am C Schor, V & C Burns, C

Connell, G Norris 5pm B McCormack, A Horsfall

# **Computer Screen**

6pm D Coffey 9am T Jackson

Morning Tea: R & D Aquilina Children's Liturgy: Holidays

Canberra & Goulburn

# ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE Forgiveness is the door through which healing peace enters our world this Easter

One of the last statements of Jesus on the Calvary Cross was: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23/24). Forgiveness of every person who harms us is one of the great saving lessons of Good Friday.

Then, the first words of the Risen Lord Jesus at the Resurrection Victory of Easter is: "Peace be with you." (Luke 24/36). Easter peace is the first gift to us from our healing God.

This Easter let us receive these gifts of forgiveness and healing peace like never before! Let us begin in our hearts, so easily torn apart by bitterness and selfishness.

Let forgiveness and healing peace flow into our families and friends. May these gifts give us courage to develop real neighbourliness to those in our streets and communities. Let the homeless and lonely this Easter receive not more pious sentiments but real practical charity and care.

Let the forgiveness and healing peace of the Risen Lord Jesus reign this Easter! May we be filled with joy and hope.

Happy Easter to all!

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse** Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Apostolic Administrator of Wagga Wagga

## Easter, Celebrating the Feast of transformation through transitions

Easter marks the highest point in the life of the Church and her liturgical calendar. A day celebrated with joy, because Christ is risen. The faithful therefore, celebrate with hope their liberation, salvation, transformation and new life through the evident transitions.

The first is the transition from darkness to light. This is evident in the liturgy of the Easter Vigil when everywhere is dark at the outset of the mass. Then the Paschal Candle illumines the dark night giving way to brightness. Secondly, we experience a transition from the season of Lent to the season of Easter. During Lent, we fast to express penance. At Easter we feast to express our praise.. Thirdly, we transition from death to life. This is the mother of all the transitions experienced at Easter. This is evident in the empty tomb. Christ has risen. This is the major transition that we celebrate at the Easter. Fourthly, we celebrate a transition from condemnation to redemption. By our sins, we merit condemnation however; Christ's salvific death has brought us redemption. Again, we celebrate another form of transition as our despair gives way to hope and trust knowing that our faith will not be in vain.

Additionally, we celebrate another level of transition. This pertains to the catechumens, who transition to full membership of the Church by the virtue of their baptism. During Easter, we renew our baptismal promises along with the newly baptised expressing our recommitment to the transition experienced during our Wishing one and all a Happy Easter. Fr. Martins baptism.

ANZAC DAY APRIL 25: This year, we mark a Centenary plus one anniversary of ANZAC, celebrated on April 25th every year. On this Day, we recognize the courage, mateship, skill, service, sacrifice and perseverance of those who have served, fought and given their lives in the military. On Anzac Day, we show love, honor and support for those who fought to enable freedom for people all over the world, but were not able to make it home. This year's anniversary falls within the Octave of Easter and all invited to the parish 9am mass to pray for the fallen heroes in the spirit of Easter... "Lest we Forget".

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 28:** Divine Mercy is a growing Devotion inspired by the apparitions of Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska since the middle of the twentieth

century. The primary focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. Pope Saint John Paul II once declared that, "A part from the mercy of God, there is no other source of hope for humanity". He was very instrumental in the celebration of Divine Mecy on the Second Sunday of Easter in order to re-emphasized the Christ Event which is Divine mercy in action. All are welcome to join the ongoing Nine Days Divine Mercy Novena after mass every day leading up to the Divine Mercy Mass on Sunday 28th April at 5pm in St. Bernard's, Batemans Bay.

The leaflets are available at the Church Foyer for people who would ike to join the Novena prayer on their own.

2019 COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION: Each year, the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn hosts two Marian Processions: one in the South Coast Deanery, first Sunday in May and the other in the Western Deanery in October. At this processions, the faithful gather to pray the Rosary and to reflect on the faith of Mary. All are invited to this year's South Coast Deanery Marian Procession scheduled for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 2.00pm in Our Lady of Good Council Church, Cobargo NSW. With a special focus on the Young in our parishes and deanery. Theme: 'Bringing Young People to Connect with the Yes of *Mary'*. Please, save the date.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Each year the parish Social Team organises a number of Trivia Nights. An event that brings together the parishioners and friends from the community to socialise, have fun and to raise funds in support of a common project. The parish first Trivia Night for 2019 is soon: WHEN: Saturday 11th May, 7.00pm start, after mass: **WHERE:** Church Meeting Room; **TEAMS:** 6 or more, Organize a team or come along and join a team; **COST:** \$2.00 per person. Everyone welcome and please, save the date.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: Journey with St. Paul as you re-live the Acts of the Apostles and his letters from the New Testament following his footsteps on a 14-day pilgrimage to Greece departing on 14 of May, 2019. This pilgrimage features Saint Paul's missionary through Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5990. This all-inclusive fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Stay Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Return Airfares + Local Transfers+ Priests. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

#### JOB VACANCY-PARISH SECRETARY (Permanent Part Time)

St. Bernard's Parish, Batemans Bay: This position provides administrative assistance to the Parish, ensures the flow of all correspondences, and prepares 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 or batemansbay@cg.org.au. Interviews will take place after 30<sup>th</sup>

#### Happy Easter from all Caritas at Caritas Australia!

Thankyou for supporting us this year as we showcase the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering communities to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Lives change when we all give 100%.

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We Remember the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Timothy Gerrard, Allan Odlum, 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, Michael Doyle, Sr Marietta Drew, Bella Duggan, Lesley Thomson Elsie Patricia Waltham and all the faithful departed.

## Weekly Events:

Singalong: Every Monday at 1pm in the Church. RCIA Process/Faith Formation: Every Wed 7pm, Rosary: Every Wednesday at 8:40am, Church Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 9am in the Adoration/Vespers: Every Friday at 5:30pm Craft: Every Thursday 10 –12pm Meeting Room Wrap with Love: 2nd Tuesday & last Wednesday of the month in Church

Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5pm in Church

Cenacle Prayer: Every Tues at 4.45pm in Church

Monthly Events

First Saturday: 9am Mass Opal Mass: Every 1st Wed at 10:30am Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30am Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed at 2pm **Baptism Preparation:** Last Wed at 6.30pm Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm Weddings and Funerals by arrangement **Upcoming Events: APRIL** 

Monday 22nd: 11.00am Croatian Mass Thursday 25th: ANZAC DAY Sunday 28th: Divine Mercy

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