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Mass Times
Tues 7 : 5.30pm Mass
Wed 8: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 9: 9am Mass
Fri 10: 9am Stations of
the Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 11: 9.00am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sund 12: 9am Mass
5pm Mass

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

ROSTERS 11/12 May
Church Cleaning:
D & L May (13-17 May)

Welcomers
6pm K Conway
9am J McClelland
5pm Volunteer

Readers
6pm J Mackay, J Quigley,
9am P Hamer, L Page
5pm J O'Sullivan, K O'Sullivan

Commentator
6pm P O'Kelly
9am A Skinner
5pm Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers
6pm C Brownlie, M Weatherall,
H Blake, A Rogers
9am K Corbin, N Page,
C Schor, M Trojkovic
5pm A Horsfall, B McCormack

Computer Screen
6pm D Coffey
9am T Jackson

**Morning Tea: Filipino
community**
Children's Liturgy: M Britt

...IT IS THE LORD (John 21.7)

This expression changed the world for a band of grieved men who were in search for meaning and answers after losing their friend, mentor and master to death at the hands of the leaders at the time. They bunched together for support. Perhaps, bored by retelling the same story, they went fishing led by Peter who was struggling with guilt as well as grief. They went back to the same point where Jesus had called them three year before. Unable to concentrate, they fished all night but caught nothing. At dawn, Jesus showed up, asked them for a catch and after paying out the nets, they hauled in over a hundred and fifty fish. At this, John, the beloved exclaimed, ‘*It is the Lord!*’. Indeed, it was a moment of relief not only for Peter who would eventually use the opportunity to plead for forgiveness for the triple denial, but for all his colleagues.

May the Lord continue to be recognized at every breaking of the *Word* and the *Bread in Eucharist*.

MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY AND MOTHERS

The month of May has had a number of traditions and attributes over the years. In Civil Service, May 1st is considered to be *Workers Day* or *May Day*. On May 1st the Church's Liturgical Calendar offers provision for the celebration of St. Joseph the Worker. This celebration honours Joseph, the husband of Mary who provided for his family through his carpentry trade. It is also a recognition of the dignity of labour while acknowledging the place of Mary who looked after Jesus while Joseph laboured in the Carpentry Shop. No wonder, the Month of May is also celebrated as Mothers' month! Additionally, in May the Crowning of Mary has become a tradition.

During May devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary refer to special Marian devotions held in the Catholic Church honouring the Virgin Mary as "the Queen of May". The practices include the daily recitation of the Rosary, placement of flowers at Marian Grotto and pilgrimage to places of Marian apparitions.

According to one source, the May devotions to Mary in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary in response to the immorality of the students.

From Rome, the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin Rite. In Rome by 1813, May devotions were held in as many as twenty churches. From Italy, May devotions soon spread to France. In Belgium, the May devotions, at least as a private devotion, were already known by 1803. The tradition of honouring Mary in a month-long May devotion spread eventually around the Roman Catholic world in the 19th century together with a month-long devotion to Jesus in June and the Rosary in October.

Another source claimed that, in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May a child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of Our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

This is the month in which, in churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. During this month, pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to Mary, little sacrifices in her honour, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary abound.

While offering devotions to Mary, we specially recognize the place of mothers in the family and the community and honour all who support, care, and nurse life in every form and level.

Fr Martins

<p><u>Weekly Events:</u> 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</p>	<p><u>Monthly Events</u> 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 <u>Upcoming Events:</u> MAY Sunday 5th May: Cobargo Marian Procession 2pm Saturday 11th May: Trivia Night Saturday 28th May: Mens Breakfast</p>
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PREPARE TO REACH BEYOND: Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. Do you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills? You can give opportunity to others by sharing them with our global family! Come to the Palms Meet & Greet, Saturday May 4th @ 11:30am, King O'Malley's Pub, 131 City Walk, CIVIC, CANBERRA. *But if that's quite a drive*, simply call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTER: 2019 RETREATS
Where: 247 St Andrew Road, Varroville Ph: 02-8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com.au
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au *Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord* May 4: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm Presenter: Br Emmanuel Noel, OCD Cost: \$30 *Let Mary lead us to a deeper relationship with the “Son of the Most High” (Lk 1:32).* *Mary MacKillop, Woman of faith and Vision* May 17 – May 19 Presenter: Sr Ann Morrison, RSJ Cost: \$300 (concessions apply)
“Believe the whisperings of God to your own heart.” A week with the Carmelite Saints May 27 – June 2 Presenter: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) *How can the Carmelite Saints guide us in our journey to intimacy with God? Directed Retreat* May 27 – June 2 Cost: \$800 (concessions apply) *A time of reflection and prayer on your own spiritual journey with the help of a director.*

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 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.

MENS BREAKFAST - 18th May 2019 at 8am - have an election free morning. Denis Beaven (retired Paramedic) will be following up his previous informative talk at this breakfast. Still \$5 a head –For details, please contact Tony 0423361083 or Terry 0488052147

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL—Collection for Formation of Seminarians:
Our Archdiocese has four young men who have answered God's call to serve as priests and are now studying at the Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. **The Formation of men for the priesthood requires the support of the entire Church community** – please pray for the future of the priesthood in our Archdiocese and contribute financially towards the many years of academic training and seminary formation. ***The appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend 11/12 May 2019. Kindly give generously and please note that Donations are not tax deductible.***

CENACLES OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS - Each **Tuesday at 4.45pm** before the 5.30pm Mass. The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests is a prayer group who gather in prayer and fraternity through the rosary, and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for peace in the family, our church and the world. A short meditation is also given. You are invited to join in prayer and fraternity before Mass.

CATHOLIC VOICE - May edition of the Catholic Voice is available with coverage of Easter and Anzac Day. Please take a copy.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT EVENING Parents and candidates are invited to attend the Confirmation enrolment evening next **Thursday 9 May at 5.30pm** in the iCentre at St Bernard's Primary School, Batemans Bay. This is for Year 6. Parents whose children are in the public schools are invited to the session. More information is available on the Parish website or contact the parish office directly.

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION: *Mothers are invited to share their reflections and experiences through the bulletin for the Mothers Day weekend. 50 words of reflection will be appreciated. — please email or drop into the Office by lunchtime on Friday. Many thanks in anticipation.*

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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, Timothy Gerrard, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, John Jessop, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooney, Dawn Rash and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Mirko Baresic, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Sr Elizabeth Glass, Bella Duggan, Lesley Thomson Elsie Patricia Waltham, Coby Blyes, May Turner, Robert Pacion, Ivan Hropic, Robyn Albert and Gregory Parsons.

2019 COBARGO MARIAN PROCESSION:
All are invited to the Coastal Deanery Marian Procession this **Sunday 5th May 2019 at 2.00pm** in Our *Lady of Good Counsel Church, Cobargo* ***‘Bringing Young People to Connect with the Yes of Mary’.***

Pope Francis Prayer Intention: May
The Church in Africa - A Seed of Unity
That the Church in Africa through the commitment of its members may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee 100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536 02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
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We Remember the Sick: