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St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.
Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan, Princ.
Carroll College, Broulee

Mass Times
Tues 21: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 22: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 23: 9am Mass
Fri 24: 9am Stations of
the Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 25: 9.00am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sund 26 : 9am Mass
5pm Mass
Sacristans
6pm: T Craddy & B Carmody
9am:A.Scieluna & R Bemel-
man
5pm: D. & B. McCormack
ROSTERS 25/26 May
Church Cleaning:
R Talbot & L Butt (27-31)
Welcomers
6pm C Brownlie
9am M. Law
5pm D Ebejer
Readers
6pm M Weatherall, N Crewe
9am N Beatty, A Brown
5pm J O'Sullivan, K O'Sullivan
Commentator
6pm
9am A Jackson
5pm S Ebejer
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm L Favetta, A Rogers,
C.Brownlie;
M Bridges
9am C Connell; K Corbin
M & C Lowe
5pm D & N Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T. Jackson
Morning Tea: O'Sullivan family
Children's Liturgy: M Britt

Parish Coffee Club
All are welcome to join the Parish
Coffee Club on Thursday after the
9am mass. Venue: Crumb Cafe,
Batehaven.
Coffee N Chat



COMMITMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMATION

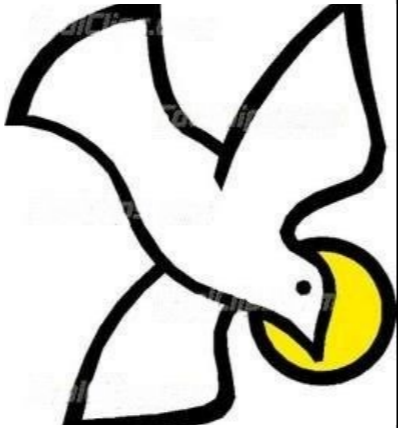
Our faith is best expressed in a context of a journey. A journey with many moments and stops-over: the moments when we celebrate the sacraments including mass and occasions when we stop over to empty, refill, and renew our commitments. To guarantee confidence on the journey, we are always surrounded by the community. A community made up of the family and the faithful as reflected in our gathering this weekend.

The sacramental journey which begins at baptism happens within the context of the community, where Parents, Gods Parents (Sponsor) together with the Faith Community expresses a commitment to bring up the child to be baptised, in the practise of the faith. Within this community the child grows, experiencing more moments: of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. With these sacraments, the child is renewed and nourished on the journey. Then comes, the big moment: the moment of Confirmation. At this point, the child's gifts are identified and readied for the mission of Christ and his Church in the local and global contexts. On the big day, the Bishop or his delegate comes along and the big moment happens: the sacrament of Confirmation.

However, to enable this, a deep and sincere preparation is required; preparation on the part of the candidates and a commitment on the part of their Families and the Faithful who commits to accompany the candidates, building a network of prayer and support around the them as they journey to this sacrament of mission and not 'exit'. This is our special focus at all the masses this weekend.

We therefore acknowledge and welcome all families, friends, the members of our school and parish community. Warmly, we welcome and congratulate all the candidates as they progress on their journey of faith.

Fr. Martins



RCIA PROCESS/FAITH FORMATION

You'll notice in the regular Sunday newsletter, under the heading Weekly Events, the item **RCIA Process/Faith Formation** (which is guided by a pastoral team). **Faith Formation** is first about enriching the faith of us, the already practicing and involved Catholics, since our faith is a lifelong journey among the people of God and, along the way, experiencing the power of God active within the community of believers. This is also a very personal journey — where we each grow ever more fully to know, intimately and uniquely, God's constant merciful love and His presence within the human heart. (Jer 31:3; Jn 14:23; Rev 3:20)

Then there are lapsed Catholics, some of whom we may know. Perhaps invite (and even accompany) them to attend one or more of the weekly meetings in the Church, if only listen and/or ask questions; for even just that contact could be the needed catalyst for bringing them home. Well — you just never know, do you?

The **RCIA Process** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is when the journey begins for the convert ('catechumen'), whether she or he intends being baptized into the Catholic Church or, if already a Christian, is being confirmed once received into the Church. But the process certainly doesn't end there; now that the person has joined the faith journey with the people of God, there remains the need of continual growth in his or her faith along the way.

Anyone is welcome to visit the Wednesday night meetings starting at 7pm.
David Cowley
0478664068

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: MAY
Thursday 23rd : PPC Meeting, Meeting Room at 5pm

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

2019 CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS. The preparations for the Celebra-tion of Confirmation commenced last week with a successful Parents Information and Can-didates' Enrolment Evening last **Thursday 9 May at 5.30pm** in the iCentre at St Bernard's Primary School, Batemans Bay. This is for Year 6. **The commitment mass comes up next weekend (May 11/19) at all masses.** Let us pray for the Boys and Girls during this phase of their faith journey. Parents whose children are in the public schools are encouraged to contact the Parish Office for registration. For more information, see the Parish Website.

MEETING WITH WOMEN OF THE ARCHDIOCESE – CLAIM THE DATE PLEASE

As part of the Plenary Council process a small group from the Archdiocesan Women's Planning Team to establish a Women's Action Group, is coming to rural communities to consult with women in each of the four rural Deaneries. They will be in **Batemans Bay** on **SATURDAY MAY 25** and in **Bega** on **SATURDAY JUNE 1**. You are invited to attend for a cuppa at 10.30 and the meeting will be from 11.00 until 2.00pm. You are also request-ed to bring a plate. A flyer with further details is displayed. So please CLAIM THE DATE.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTER: 2019 RETREATS

Where: 247 St Andrew Road, Varroville Ph: 02-8795 3400, retreats@carmelite.com.au
www.carmeliteretreats.com.au *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 jour-ne* *ney with the help of a director.*

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 consecra-tion 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 frater-nity before Mass.

PASTORAL CARE INTRODUCTORY COURSE You are invited to attend the St Ber-nard's Pastoral Care Introductory Course [five sessions] to be held on the following five Saturdays from 10am – 12 noon In the Parish Church Meeting Room: May 11 & 25; June: 8 & 22; July 6, 2019

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

APPEAL Collection for Formation of Seminarians: We especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Last weekend we were asked to give a generous **donation** or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education and formation of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line through the website www.cgatholic.org.au. **Kindly give generously and please note that Donations are not tax deductible**

Thanks for you generosity

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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

We Remember the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simp-son, 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, Bella Duggan, Lesley Thomson Elsie Patricia Waltham, Coby Blyes, May Turner, Robert Pacion, Ivan Hropic, Robyn Albert, Gregory Parsons, Betty Lorraine Hogarty and Mila Bandur

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

May 2019
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.

Thank You

To all who helped with Mothers Day celebrations: The Social Committee, The Filipino community for the recipe and Joy Guist for the gifts

<p>Batemans Bay, Murrumbidgee & Narooma District Funerals Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Murrumbidgee 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 Batemans 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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