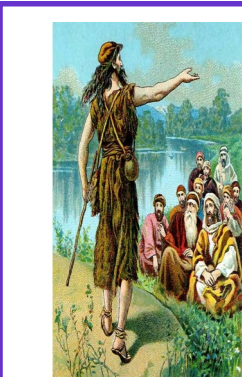



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Mass Times
Mon 9th: 9am Mass
Tues 10: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 11: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 12: 9am Mass
Fri 13: 9am Stations of the
Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 14: 9am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 15: 9am Mass
5pm Mass
Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody
9am: Scicluna & Bemelman
5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 14/16 Dec
Church Cleaning
M deSmet/J Maher (16-20)
Welcomers
6pm C Brownlie
9am M Naughton
5pm M deSmet
Readers
6pm N Crewe, M Bridges
9am P Hamer, A Fowler
5pm J O'Sullivan, K O'Sullivan
Commentator
6pm J Quigley
9am B Basevi
5pm C Nicoletti
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm M Weatherall, C Burrows,
H Blake
9am M & C Lowe, T Cashman,
S Beashel
5pm B McCormack, Volunteer
Computer Screen
6pm K Conway
9am T Priest
Children's Liturgy
R Keough
Morning Tea
O'Sullivan family
Hospital Visits (15/12) Mary
O'Neill



During Advent we can seek to see the world with childlike eyes, so that our vision might take in the kingdom of God in our midst, to change how we look and listen to the sounds and sights around us. Let us pray and ask God that we be blessed with a pure heart that is open to see the world as God sees it.

Our readings today are beautiful. Isaiah paints a picture of Peace. The whole world of people and animals living together in harmony. What a wonderful thought! This may challenge us to ask what words or actions can I do that would help this to come about.

The Psalm too speaks of this hope for peace and justice for all. Saint Paul, when he writes to the Romans, also mentions the hope which can be found in Scripture. This Hope is spelled out in the gospel where Matthew presents Saint John the Baptist, with the message: *'Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'* Let us look at how we can answer John's call: Firstly by preparing the wilderness of our human hearts to be free from the clutter that may be grudges or resentments or something personal to you.

God is asking us to change some of our paths. Where do I need to change within myself? In my dealings with my family, colleagues, friends and even strangers? Perhaps I may see in myself, as the Pharisees were targeted, a complacency that is quite soul destroying, if we continue this laziness in preparation for Christ.

Let us take time during these busy days of Advent to **STOP** and spend even a few minutes a day to acknowledge the Divine Presence and talk about my day...it's joys, sorrows, frustrations and why I feel the need to be with God today. The one thing that we can be sure of is this: God hears every prayer but we need to be still to hear a response.

Mindful of this week's readings and opening prayer of the Mass, I can perhaps look around me and, whether by word or deed, encourage others to join me as I set out in haste to meet Jesus this Christmas. **Sr. Marie**

Batemans Bay Bushfires: The Currowan fire continues to burn north of Batemans Bay and is impacting our coastal communities. Please do not hesitate to implement your fire plan or make plans to leave early if you or your property are in danger. Check the RFS website <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me> for the latest updates and road closures and also stay tuned to local radio station 2EC for more information.

Evacuation Centres are now open at the Ulladulla Civic Centre and MacKay Park in Batemans Bay for any residents needing assistance. Pets are welcome. Ben Knight is coordinating food and meals and any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated. You can text him on 0423 687 485.

St. Bernard's Parish will be supporting the local community coordinated response, by providing lunch and dinner on Wednesday 11th December at the Evacuation Centre. Parishioners who wish to volunteer can put their names down on the list in the foyer. Fresh food can be donated to the Centre.

We pray for the safety of all our residents and give thanks for the teams of dedicated firefighters.

Weekly Events:
Singalong: Monday at 1pm in the Church.
Bible Study/Faith Formation Wed. at 9.30am
Rosary: Wednesday at 8:40am, Church
Stations of the Cross: Friday, 9am in church
Adoration/Vespers: Friday at 5:30pm
Craft: Thursday 10 -12pm Meeting Room
Wrap With Love: 2nd Tue & last Wed of month in church
Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church
Reconciliation: Saturday at 5pm in Church
Cenacle Prayer: Tues at 4.45pm in Church
Monthly Events
First Saturday: 9 am Mass—All Souls
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: November
27th Advent Program 9 am & 7 pm Meeting Rm
28th PPC Meeting 5 pm Meeting room
30 Nov—1st Dec SVDS Christmas Appeal
Upcoming Events: December
4th/ 11th Advent Program 9am & & 7pm Meeting Rm
8th Parish Christmas Morning Tea 10 am in Church
13th Graduation Mass 9.15 am in Church
18th Advent Reconciliation 6 pm in Church
25th Christmas Masses

ADVENT REFLECTION WEEK 2



GETTING READY

During this season of Advent, the period of waiting before Christmas, we continue to get ready.

To help each of us prepare our own hearts for the birth of Christ, let's try to take a few moments each day, perhaps before a meal, to pray together and light the second candle of the Advent Wreaths in our homes.

Loving God, during this second week of Advent, help us remember that we are your people and that you are our God, by loving you and loving our neighbour through being KIND.

Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make so that we choose to do what shows our love of others, especially those in need.

Lord Jesus, we wait in joyful hope for you. Come into our hearts so that when the time comes we will be ready.

Amen

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

occurs this year on Monday 9th December. There will be 9am Mass to be followed by an hour of adoration.

ADVENT PROGRAM: Dates:
Wednesday 11th December 9am & 7pm
Wednesday 18th December 6pm Reconciliation

WHERE? In the Parish Meeting Room
The format will be Lectio Divina—A reverent reading of the next Sunday's gospel followed by reflection, discussion and prayer. The sessions will go for around an hour.


For more information please call Joe Quigley on 0404 357 744

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

To say thank you to our wonderful parishioners, there will be a breakfast/morning tea this Sunday 8th December after the 9am Mass. Bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. Come and help say *"Thank you"*. **All are welcome.** Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve the BBQ.

See Bernie or ring 0428 227 384



 **A WORKING BEE** For a general spruce up of our church and surrounds will be on Saturday 21st December at 8am. It should only take a couple of hours. Volunteers are needed!!!

ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS: The Year 6 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 13th December at 9.15am. All are welcome to come along and congratulate the students on their achievements.

Christmas Carols & Gift Giving for the whole school will be held on Monday 9th December at 5pm. Please join the students and teachers for a wonderful event.

THE CHILD SAFEGUARD TRAINING SESSION was cancelled last Friday due to the road closures and the bushfire emergency in the area. We hope to re-schedule it in the New Year and look forward to seeing many parishioners involved.

ROSTERS for Christmas and January Masses are in the foyer for volunteers to fill in. It would be appreciated if you could put down what and where you are available. Thank you !!

GIVING HOPE AND LOVE AT CHRISTMAS: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is on again this weekend. Please help us to make Christmas special for local families. You can do this by donating after Mass this weekend, taking a tag and buying an age appropriate gift for a child, or bringing in Christmas food items for our hampers. Place items of food and gifts in boxes supplied in the foyer of the church. **Thankyou for your ongoing support.**

BBECET Annual General Meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Melaleuca Crescent, Batehaven at 6pm on Monday 9th December. **All are welcome to attend.**

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CAROLS are still on at the moment on Sunday 15th December from 5-9pm at MacKay Park in Batemans Bay.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE: Latest edition is now in the church foyer.

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Rest In Peace: Des Beckhaus, Bea Field, Jim Daley, Merle Hague, Guiseppe Ferrante, Anthony Clift, Marie Stewart, Vivien Doyle, Frances Doyle, Colin Doyle, June Bowditch, Nick Shannon, Peter McKeon, Joe Borg, Katima Skuzma, Desmond Lyons, Val Back, Norma Phillips, Ted Gillis, Vincenzo Biondo, Brian Jose, Edith Bruce, John Hay, Donald Walker, Colin McGrath, James McArdle

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

December
Universal—The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority

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PARISH COFFEE CLUB

All are welcome to join the coffee Club on Thursdays after the 9am mass.

VENUE: Corrigan's Cove in Batehaven
COFFEE, CONNECT & CHAT

