



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Mass Times

Tues 21: 5.30 Mass

Wed 22: 8.40 Rosary

9am Mass

Thurs 23: 9am Mass

Fri 24: 9am Stations of the
Cross 9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

Sat 25: 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 26: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS (25-26Jan)

Church Cleaning

M deSmet/ J Maher (20-24Jan)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am C Connell

5pm M deSmet

Readers

6pm N Crewe, J Mackay

9am A Brown, A Fowler

5pm C Nicoletti, J O'Sullivan

Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am Sr Marie McAlister

5pm K O'Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm M Weatherall, H Blake

9am N & L Page

5pm B McCormack,

D Gorzalka

Computer

6pm D Coffee

9am M Priest

Children's Liturgy

Holidays

Morning Tea

Nola Beatty

Hospital Visits (Jan 26th)

Lorraine Page



GOD IS PRESENT AMONG US

Am I a Light to those around me? In the first reading God anoints us to be lights to the nation. In the second reading Paul graces us with love and peace to be such and John the Baptist in the Gospel actually confirms the Christ in the midst of the people.

The words we hear in the readings are '**alive and active**' - they are living words for today. Paul's words to the Corinthians speak to the 'holy people of Jesus Christ, therefore to us, who are endeavouring to come close to God by the way we live.

I guess our days do not always help us to attract others to Jesus but our morning offering to God helps us to have the intention to do so. Today's Psalm encourages us to "open our ears to hear" and do the will of God.

In these times when God seems so far away in the eyes of the world, can we be that Light that brings hope and joy to those who are suffering? Not the 'riotous happy clappy' joy but the deep peace that is ours in our relationship with our God.

As we come to worship each week, and especially while we walk with the wounded as a result of the devastating fires in our region, let the readings give us hope and comfort.

Many of us may feel overwhelmed and not sure how we can be that joy filled presence when we meet those affected. Don't be afraid to just be and listen. None of us have the words yet, so be patient and know that God is right there in the mess and suffering with us. Our faith is our strength.

Sr Marie

PRAYER TO SAINT MARY MACKILLOP—IN OUR TIME OF NEED

Ever generous God,

You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live your mission of bringing hope and encouragement to those marginalised, disheartened, lonely, sick and needy.

With confidence in your generous providence, and praying with Saint Mary MacKillop, we place our needs before you.

We trust in your loving care for us. We ask that our faith and hope be fired anew by your Holy Spirit so that, like Mary MacKillop, we may act more justly, love more tenderly and walk humbly with You. We ask this through Jesus Christ.

AMEN



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,

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

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: January

Sunday 26th Australia Day Masses

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN



**In Wisdom and Love
You created our Earth
To sustain us and give us
life.**

**We turn to you now in these
troubled times as we cope
with the tragedies of the
fires
across our country.
In faith, hope and love,
We commend to you those
who have died.**

**We ask you to bring comfort
and hope
to those who are suffering
the loss of loved ones,
their homes and liveli-
hoods.**

**Loving God look with favour
on
our burnt and drought-
stricken land,
on our starving animals, on
our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give
new
heart to all of us and to all
giving support.**

**In your loving providence,
send
abundant rain and restore
our earth.
God of compassion, hear
our prayer
Through Jesus Christ your
Son,
And the power of the Holy
Spirit:
Renew us, your faithful
people,
Renew the face of the earth.**

**Our lady of the Southern
Cross,
Mary, help of Christians -
Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop -
Pray for us**

AMEN

Bushfire Support

As our community begins the long process of recovery and healing, our hearts and prayers remain with all those people whose lives have been impacted.

The Eurobodalla Recovery centre has now been relocated to the Soldiers Club, providing a one-stop shop for information, government services and relief grants. There will also be a mobile outreach service. Please call 1800 018 444 for further information.

Meanwhile, there will be a leaving collection in support of the RFS and all those impacted by the recent bushfires, on the long weekend of 25-26th January 2020 at all masses.

Please let us all continue to pray for our community.

The Parish of St. Bernard's welcomes Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he makes a bushfire recovery visit to the Parish on Sunday 19th January. Archbishop Prowse will celebrate the 5pm Mass with us with a Parish barbeque to be held straight after the mass. Please join us as we begin the recovery process and celebrate our community.

Dinner is provided and all are welcome.

A donation of rosary beads, miraculous medals and other holy items have been offered to those who may have lost these during the fires. If you are in need of any of these items please contact Lana Harisymiv directly on lhara45@gmail.com

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM 2020—FEBRUARY

February 1st: *Spiritual Childhood, Sainly Parenthood. Sainly Parents.*

14-16 February: *Therese and her Parents: God's Messengers in a Changing World*

For information Ph: 8795 3400 email: retreatates@carmelite.com

Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council

If you have been part of the Plenary Council process and feel called to express your interest in being a delegate for our Archdiocese, then please speak to your parish priest, school principal or other leaders about how you can become involved.

Expressions of Interest are due by 25 January 2020. Any person expressing an interest must be available for one of the following dates: Preparation and formation days for delegates:

Melbourne: Thurs 18 June - Sat 20 June 2020

Brisbane: Thurs 25 June - Sat 27 June 2020

Sydney: Thurs 16 July - Sat 18 July 2020

Perth: Thurs 23 July - Sat 25 July 2020

P C General Assembly 1: Sun 2pm 4 Oct – Sun 12pm 11 Oct 2020.

P C General Assembly 2: Mon 12pm 28 June – Sat 12pm 3 July 2021.

Banking details

1st Collection

Acc. Name:

Central

Presbytery Fund

Bank Acc: 29248

BSB: 062-786

Ref: SUBURB/

TOWN &

SURNAME.

Eg: Batebay jones

Banking details

2nd Collection

During January

there will be a

Tap & Go

machine set at \$5

donation in the

foyer at Masses

for those wishing

to contribute to

the upkeep of the

Parish

Remembering the Sick:

Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evenden, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Evelyn Freiburger and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Sean Griffin, Betty O'Neill, Patricia McLennan, Maureen Noyeaux

Death Anniversaries:

Pasquale Imbriano, Robert Edward Burtenshaw

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

JANUARY

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world

<p>Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma District Funerals</p> <p>Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886</p> <p>Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888</p>	<p>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay</p> <p>Buy fuel any time</p> <p>EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD</p>
<p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER 248 Beach Road 0478 146 837 02 4472 1802</p>	<p>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4472 4446 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>
<p>CARROLL COLLEGE ENROLLING NOW</p> <p>Ph 4471 5600 Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community</p>	<p>excell Ideaspeople — with a passion for print</p> <p>P 4472 1599 E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au www.excellprint.com.au</p> <p>Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy Batemans Bay NSW 2536</p>
<p>Ray and Anne Brown</p> <p>COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY</p> <p>02 4474 0320</p>	<p>Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach</p> <p>EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre</p> <p>4471 3400</p>

PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

VENUE: closed until 13th
FEBRUARY



**COFFEE, CONNECT
& CHAT**