



ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Mass Times

Tues 04 5.30 Mass

Wed 05: 8.40 Rosary

9am Mass

Thurs 06: 9am Mass

Fri 07: 9am Stations of the

Cross 9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

Sat 09: 9am Rosary

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 09: 9am Mass

5pm Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS (8-9 Feb)

Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (3-7 Feb)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am J McClelland

5pm D Ebejer

Readers

6pm School

9am A Brown, M O'Neill

5pm A Horsfall, N Crewe

Commentator

6pm M Weatherall

9am N Beatty

5pm S Ebejer

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm School

9am C Connell, K Corbin, M

Trokjovic, A Skinner

5pm B McCormack, D Gorzal-

ka

Computer

6pm T Jackson

9am T Priest

Children's Liturgy

Morning Tea

Cashman/Toyer family

Hospital Visits (Feb 9th)

Carolyn & Vince Burns

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. The presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfilment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a combined feast, commemorating the Jewish practice of the purification of the mother after childbirth and the presentation of the child to God in the Temple and his buying back (redemption) from God. It was known as the Feast of the Purification of Mary, and the Feast of *Candlemas*. It is also called the Feast of Encounter (*Hypapante in Greek*) because the New Testament, represented by the baby Jesus, encountered the Old Testament, represented by Simeon and Anna.

St. Luke, describes how Joseph, presented Mary and the baby Jesus in the Temple for the required purification. It also describes the Holy Family's encounter with the old prophet Simeon and the old prophetess Anna. In his prophecy, Simeon extols the divine blessings which the Messiah is bringing to Israel and to all people and predicts that Mary will play a crucial and sacrificial role in her Son's redemptive work by sharing in his sufferings. In fulfilment of the Mosaic law, Joseph offered two pigeons as sacrifice for the purification and redemption.

The Feast of the presentation of the Lord reminds all the baptised of their initial presentation, dedication and consecration to the Lord.

Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, however, at every Holy Mass, we re-present ourselves to God together with our dear ones on the altar through Jesus in the eucharist.

Joseph and Mary in presenting Jesus at the temple represent parents who present their children in church for baptism, at school for admission, at the hospital for medical attention, and to different specialists for training and coaching.

As we celebrate this important feast, we welcome the boys and girls back to school along with the teachers. Special welcome to the 50 boys and girls enrolled at St. Bernard's, who begin Kindergarten this 2020 and their families. And together, we present the 2020 school year to the Lord.

Fr Martins

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:

February

21st Combined Mass 10 am Church

24th PFC 5 pm Church Office

26th Ash Wednesday Masses 9am & 5.30pm

Church

NATIONAL PRAYER CAMPAIGN



ETERNAL GOD

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 livelihoods.

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

We continue to pray for those people impacted by the fires in our area. The Eurobodalla Recovery Centre is providing ongoing support at the Soldiers Club with information on government services and assistance. If you cannot attend in person you can call 1800 018 444 for help with transport or to access their mobile outreach service.

Samaritans Purse Australia have now been deployed to Batemans Bay to assist with clean-ups to damaged properties. To contact them and request assistance you can call their office number on 0413 367 332. If you can assist with billeting or catering for the crews, please let Doug Newman at the Anglican Church know on 0428 907 200.

Please let us all continue to pray for our communities.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING will be held on Tuesday February 4th at 9.20 am. Guest speaker will be Jill Davis, RN Maranatha Care manager who will speak to us on Dementia Awareness and pastoral care of people living with dementia.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED to attend an informal Loss, Grief and Bereavement Support Group Gathering on Wednesday, February 12th at 10 am in the Church Meeting room. Morning tea will be provided and all are welcome to come along and join with us.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL WHO HAD A
BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

HOUSE OF SPIRITUALITY, BATEHAVEN—Retreats March 2020

6-8 March—Would you like to experience some time in/with “The Shack?” Viewed with an open mind and heart, this movie can challenge us to recognise where God is active in our lives. Cost \$300.

23-27 March—The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness

During this mini guided retreat, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the memories of our heart and how they can lead us to a sense of being grateful. Cost: \$400. Contact Sister Marie for more information.

MT CARMEL RETREAT PROGRAM 2020—February

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

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

THE FIRST 2020 MEN'S BREAKFAST rescheduled to Saturday February 22nd, will feature parishioner Anthony Fowler as our Guest Speaker. Anthony is quietly keen to tell us all of his experiences with the Missionaries of Charity Brothers, who run a home for children who are mentally and physically handicapped, at Trece Martires in the Philippines, where he volunteered to help last year. Anthony first became involved with the Charity Brothers some three years ago and has an incredible relationship with the home and the children.

An interesting morning is assured and all men are invited. Please think about bringing a friend who may not have been before. Venue is the Parish Meeting Room, 7:45am for 8:00am start. Cost is \$5.00

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1st Collection

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BSB: 062-786

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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 Evendon, 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, Tom

Nagle, Breda O'Kelly

Anniversaries:

Irene Post, Sylvia Penberthy, Nan O'Hara, Brian O'Grady

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

February

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

**We pray that the cries of
our migrant brothers
and sisters, victims of
criminal trafficking, may
be heard and considered.**

Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma

District Funerals

Mark Hewson JP

Funeral Director

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PARISH COFFEE

CLUB

**All are welcome to join
us after the mass on
Thursdays.**

**VENUE: Beginning
again 13th February
TBA**