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Mass Times

Tues 10: 5.30 Mass

Wed 11: 8.40 Rosary
9.15am Mass

Thurs 12: 9am Mass

Fri 13:

9am Stations of the Cross

9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration

Sat 14: 9am Rosary/Mass

5pm Reconciliation

6pm Vigil Mass

Sun 15: 9am Mass

Sacristans

6pm: Craddy & Carmody

9am: Scicluna & Bemelman

5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 14/15 March

Church Cleaning

R & K Ison (9-13 Mar)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway

9am J McClelland

5pm M deSmet

Readers

6pm P O'Kelly, S Smith

9am C Jackson, A Skinner

5pm N Crewe, A Horsfall

Commentator

6pm M Bridges

9am N Beatty

5pm K O'Sullivan

Extraordinary Ministers

6pm S Beashel, C Burrows,

A Rogers

9am C Connell, K Corbin,

M Trokovic, G Norris

5pm B McCormack, Volun-

teer

Computer Screen

6pm D Coffee

9am T Jackson

5pm D McCormack

Children's Liturgy

R Keough

Morning Tea

Cashman/Toyler family

Hospital Visits (Mar 15th)

Maureen Kinross

Listen To Him - Mathew 17. 5

Lent is a season. A season of forty days, excluding Sundays. Within this time, we journey towards Easter, nourished by the word and the sacraments especially, the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

In this second week of Lent, we are presented with the Transfiguration episode of Jesus on the mountain accompanied by Peter, James and John his disciples. Moses and Elijah were found with Jesus while he was transfigured. Significantly, from the clouds covering the mountain, a voice was heard *'this is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased, listen to him.'*

This voice was heard at the time the three disciples were trying to make a sense of the beatific vision as they were confused, astonished and overwhelmed. They wanted to remain on the mountain by building three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Perhaps, to keep seeing the vision. However, the voice gave them a condition and a sense of direction: to keep listening to Jesus the beloved son in their response to the call to discipleship.

The invitation offered by the voice extends to all the baptised, called this Lenten season to listen to God's Son, as He speaks through the sacred scriptures, others and the events of each day. This implies availability, attentive presence; the ability to have inner quiet in order to hear Jesus and discern his will. It requires, in the words of Pope Francis, *'listening with the ears of the heart.'*

This is key to our relationships with God and one another. The absence of listening to oneself, others and God may be responsible for a portion of the world's problems. In this fresh season of Lent, we are encouraged to listen to the soul, the conscience, the body, to others including partners, parents, children, teachers, doctors, the police, indeed everyone of goodwill, including our pets.

In the recovery phase of the bushfires, presuming the needs of people, like Peter on the mountain of transfiguration may not help, but listening to them might help identify their needs. Amid the looming coronavirus 'COVID 19' outbreak, listening to experts and the voice of reason might see us through.

God gives each one two ears and one mouth calling us to listen twice as much as we speak. May we be opened to listen to Jesus in this season of Lent and always.

Fr. Martins

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020



'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love' (Saint Teresa of Calcutta) Through your generosity during Project Compassion in 2020, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their

communities. Mindful of all the needs here locally in our own community perhaps we can give *'something small with great love'*. The boxes and envelopes are in the Church Foyer.

WEEK 2: PHANY - CAMBODIA

Phany's life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program. In 2016, Phany joined the Upholding Community Dignity Together program, where she learned new farming techniques. *"I am proud that I was a farmer who had no skills and now I can earn and improve my living, share my knowledge and also improve solidarity in the family and amongst our neighbours."*



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

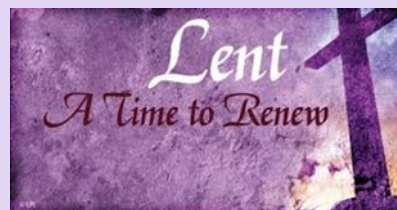
Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm

Weddings and Funerals by arrangement

Upcoming Events:

March

Sat 21st men's Breakfast 8am Meeting Room



LENT – WEEK 2

Create A New Heart Holy Lord

As we journey further into the Lenten Season, the Scriptures awaken in us our need to commit more deeply to God's call in our lives—to open our eyes, our ears and open our hearts.

As we respond to the call to prayer, (open to God) to fasting, (being more present) and to giving alms, (outreach) we are in need of God's grace to assist us, perhaps even carry us.

So we might reflect on Grace—not often spoken about today but a core tenet of how we understand ourselves as Catholics.

How do we understand Grace?

Grace is not about something but rather it is about Someone

- God -

The living, loving God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Grace is about God dwelling in us, and we, in the process, growing ever more God-like in our understanding, in our love and compassion for each other and for the world.

...Our Prayer for the Week...

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you (Psalm 32)



LENTEN PROGRAM 2020

Every Wednesday throughout Lenten Season

Morning session: 9.30am

Evening session: 6pm

Venue: Church Meeting Room

All welcome. For more information contact Bernie on 0428 227 384

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

You are invited to join the **Monday Singalong Group at 1 - 2pm in the Church** as we begin our practices of the music for Holy Week. Even if you don't wish to join the Choir please come and learn the hymns - your presence and voice will make a difference! A great way to prepare during this Lenten Season.



The rosary will be prayed at 4.35pm every Sunday before 5 pm Mass.

As part of our ongoing response to the disaster recovery process, the Parish would like to offer the opportunity for pastoral visits to any parishioner who may feel they would benefit from such a visit. Fr Martins, Sr. Marie or Eden will be available to respond to requests. A box will be placed in the church foyer for requests to be placed inside.

INFORMAL LOSS, GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

MEETING—Friday March 27th at 10am in the Church Meeting Room. For anyone who has had a loved one die, experienced loss of any kind e.g effected by the fires. Morning tea is provided. Bereavement Support team attending. Input on :men, women and children grieving differently. All are welcome.

BBECET MEETING on Monday 9th 5-6pm at the Presbyterian Church in Melaleuca Crescent, Batehaven. Come along and pray for our young high school students.

ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE BATEHAVEN— 12 David Avenue

23-27 March—The Hearts Memory: Gratefulness—With Maureen

McDermott RSJ 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. This retreat can be **attended as a single day or all three days.** Daily cost \$40 includes lunch. Full retreat, board and meals \$400. Contact Sr Marie for further information 0429 383 333 or email her on **batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au by 16th March.**

RELICS OF St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, St Louis and St Zelie Monday 30th March at St Patricks Church in Bega. Church open at 7 am followed by welcome & blessing, mass and confessions. Then 2-3 pm Bemboka Church

MENS'BREAKFAST

After the unsettling start to 2020 we would like to get the Men's Breakfast back on track. And understanding that many of our men are silently coping with the recent stressful months, we would like to offer an opportunity to sit among acquaintances and perhaps let out some feelings. Our Breakfast on Saturday March 21st is Themed: "Of Fires, Floods and Friends." and all are welcome. Venue: Parish Meeting Room, 8am, cost just \$5.00 For more information contact Terry Jackson on 0488 052147 or leave a message for Tony Priest on 0423 361083.

ORGAN RECITAL—Special Bushfire Recovery Edition Sunday 22nd March at 3pm—James Flores plays works by Bach, and others. Entry is free. Donations are welcome.

THE CATHOLIC VOICE latest edition is out now in the church foyer.

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2nd Collection

During February

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 Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, Robert Craddy, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:

Patricia McLennan, Maureen Noyeaux, Tom Nagle, Breda O'Kelly, Jack McNamara, Lyn Attenburry, Faye Therese Uren, Evelyn Freiburger, Des Jeffs, Louise Keeley, Peter Burum.

Anniversaries: Angeline Davis, Robert Loftus, Michael Doyle, Joan Neems, William Holmes, Ruth Ryan, Margaret Toy, Ivan Hropic

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

March
Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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PARISH COFFEE CLUB

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

VENUE:
Scoop @ Batehaven Shops