

  
**ST BERNARD'S PARISH**  
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 St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.  
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**Principal,** Carroll College

**Mass Times**  
**Tues 17:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 18:** 8.40 Rosary  
 9.15am Mass  
**Thurs 19:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 20:**  
 9am Stations of the Cross  
 9.15am Mass  
 5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 21:** 9am Rosary  
 5pm Reconciliation  
 6pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun 22:** 9am Mass

**Sacristans**  
**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody  
**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack  
**ROSTERS 21/22 March**  
**Church Cleaning**  
 B Favetta/JO'Neill  
 (16-20 Mar)  
**Welcomers**  
**6pm** L Baz  
**9am** M Naughton  
**5pm** D Ebejer  
**Readers**  
**6pm** J Mackay, P O'Kelly  
**9am** T & A Jackson  
**5pm** C Nicoletti, J O'Sullivan  
**Commentator**  
**6pm** J Quigley  
**9am** L Page  
**5pm** S Ebejer  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
**6pm** H Blake, M Weatherall,  
 J Wain, A Rogers  
**9am** N Page, T Cashman,  
 V&C Burns  
**5pm** B McComack, Volun-  
 teer  
**Computer Screen**  
**6pm** K Conway  
**9am** T Priest  
**5pm** D McCormack  
**Children's Liturgy**  
 M Britt  
**Morning Tea**  
 O'Sullivan family  
**Hospital Visits ( Mar 22nd)**  
 Lorraine Page



Moses had a tough time in the desert listening to the moaning of the Israelites. They expected better treatment. God said the Promised Land was within their grasp. Are we like those Israelites who are promised something and want it **NOW!** God knows when we are ready but God also wants us to prepare and spend time in prayer listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so we can appreciate the gift given.

The hard part is that we may think we deserve better treatment than the 'others' who we feel don't warrant this wonderful gift. God allows the rain to fall on both the good and the bad. God showed so much love for us when we were 'sinners' and 'enemies' and now as his friends ... **cf Romans**. Who are we to judge?

The beautiful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman tells us so much about God. Just a couple of thoughts to take away from this Gospel. The human Jesus asks for water... it was hot and he was thirsty. The woman is taken aback... 'you are asking me for water?' Jesus' response: **'If only you knew'** and that is what Jesus is offering us this Lent. Jesus is offering himself in the Word over these weeks for us to get to know how much God loves us. Are we listening?? Are we willing to accept the **'living water'** the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Samaritan woman **'got it'** she went racing off to share her experience! We may not 'race off' but we can be witnesses to this great gift by living our faith in our daily lives among the people we encounter each day, who need our listening ear.

In the words of today's Psalm: *'Let us today listen to God's voice: Hard-en not our hearts'* and take the readings into our week as we also celebrate the **Feasts of St Patrick and St Joseph**. As a Sr of St Joseph, it is one of our big celebrations. What St Joseph offers us is an example of a great listener.

On this feast of Joseph let us ask for the blessing of strength to be still and listen, the fortitude to be patient amidst the many trials and tribulations that confront us at this time and the courage to say yes to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*Sr Marie*

#### 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



#### 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.**

#### STORY FOR WEEK 3: BARRY - AUSTRALIA

Barry, a Gamilaroi man originally from western NSW, didn't have a stable home or support network and was mostly brought up by his grandparents. He became a father in his late teens & faced with responsibilities ... he started drinking heavily.. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in Red Dust Healing – a cultural healing program, which encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within. Today, thanks to the Red Dust Healing program, Barry is an inspirational father to his four girls and a respected leader in his community. He now facilitates Red Dust Healing workshops and helps others through their healing process.

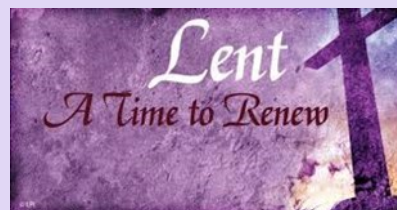


#### Weekly Events:

**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  
 Wed 18 & 25 Lenten Sessions 9.30am & 6pm  
 Church Meeting Room



#### LENT – WEEK 3

#### ENCOUNTER

We are almost at the midpoint of Lent. This time of prayer and reflection invites us into a deeper encounter with God. Just as the Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well and responded to this stranger with faith—are we willing to take a chance in our relationship with God?

Like the Samaritan woman, are we ready to unburden ourselves? To take a chance and live a life encountering God in the other—especially those needing help?

Do we make time for a deeper encounter with God in prayer?

How do we pray? Are we busy saying lots of words or do we stop and listen for God's response deep in our hearts?

Sometimes silence is the best prayer of all..

#### ...Our Prayer for the Week...

In the words of our Gathering Hymn...

**Come to the water, you who are thirsty**

**Though you have nothing, I bid you come  
 And be filled with the goodness I have to offer**

**COME! LISTEN! LIVE!**



#### PARISH PASTORAL VISITS

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 visitation box has been placed in the church foyer for requests.



#### Rosary 4.35pm every Sunday

**UPDATE ON PLENARY COUNCIL 2020** The Journey to the First Assembly for the Plenary Council in Adelaide in October is well underway with planning teams meeting to finalise matters. The delegates to the Plenary Council will be announced in the week of March 16-20. Following that, the papers for each of the six themes will be published. It is understood that these papers will be available to all and will be central to the Plenary Council Agenda for Assembly 1. We continue to pray the Plenary Council Prayer invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance for our Australian Church. For further updates: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

#### PPC DOT POINTS SUMMARY- Wednesday 27th February 2020

- \* **Parish Safeguard Training** planned for the second half of the year
- \* **Bushfires:** The Archdiocese have been supportive, parish bbq, music concerts and presentations at mass by psychologists and relevant experts.
- \* **Plenary Council** updates to be placed in the weekly bulletin.
- \* **Parish Diary:** Pastoral Care Training session Mon 16th March
- \* **Reports:-** Schools: *St Bernard's Primary*— Offering help and support to children and families impacted by the bushfires. *Carroll College*— All back to school, but new staff room and school hall had flood impact.
- Ministries-Pastoral Care:** Ongoing visitation and training of volunteers.
  - Liturgy: Getting ready for the Easter ceremonies.
- \* **Parish Pilgrimages**— Overseas pilgrimage next year. 2020 Local Pilgrimages: - 30th March, Relics of St Therese Lisieux in Bega—**Sign up sheet in foyer.**
  - 8th August 2020, In the Footsteps of Mother Mary MacKillop
- \* **New organ**— worth \$23,000 has been freely donated to the parish for bush-fire recovery support. Accepted by the Parish Finance Council and recommended by the PPC for installation in church.
- \* **PPC and Parish Pastoral Plan** due for renewal. Process to begin soon with inauguration of new PPC on Parish Feast Day Sunday 16th August.

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:batehavenretreats@sosj.org.au) by 16th March.

**MENS'BREAKFAST-** Saturday March 21st Venue: Parish Meeting Room, 8am, cost just \$5.00. Theme: "Of fire and flood"

**ORGAN RECITAL—Special Bushfire Recovery Edition** Sunday 22nd March at 3pm—James Flores plays works by Bach, Buxtehude, Walther and Widor. Entry is free with any donations made to bushfire relief.

**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 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.

Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma <b>District Funerals</b> Mark Hewson JP Funeral Director Phone 02 4472 8886 Moruya 02 4474 3555 Narooma 02 4476 3888	<b>INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS</b> 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time  EFTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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<b>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</b> Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee <b>100% BEEF BURGER</b> 24R Ranch Road <b>0478 146 837</b> <b>02 4472 1802</b>	<b>ST BERNARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> <b>ENROLLING NOW</b> <b>Ph 4472 4446</b> Member of the Eurobodalla K-12 Catholic Schools' Community
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Ray and Anne Brown <b>COASTAL</b> <b>CONCRETE &amp; QUARRY</b> <b>02 4474 0320</b>	Kate & Tara your vets at Surf Beach <b>EUROCOAST</b> Veterinary Centre <b>4471 3400</b>
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**PARISH COFFEE CLUB**

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

**VENUE: Ocean Breeze @ Batehaven**