



## ST BERNARD'S PARISH

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Tuesday-Friday

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Parish Secretary

**Mrs. Jo Wain, Principal**

St. Bernard's Prim. Sch.

**Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan,**

Principal, Carroll College

Carroll College, Broulee

## MASS FOR 10 PEOPLE

**Tues 02:** 5.30 Mass

**Wed 03:** 9am Mass

**Thurs 04:** 9am Mass

**Fri 05:** 9am Mass

**Sat 06:** 9am Mass  
6pm Mass

**Sun 07:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

## PLEASE CALL TO REGISTER FOR MASS

**Phone:** 4472 4153 or

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## Upcoming Events

**Bible Study/Faith  
Formation** - Wed 9.30am

**Adoration:** Friday 5:30  
pm

**Reconciliation:** 5 pm  
Saturday

**e-Activity of the week**  
**Singalong:** Mon 1 pm



**Pentecost** literally means 50th. It was a feast of weeks, originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast celebrated by the Jews 50 days after the Passover, and a remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai. For Christians, it is a feast celebrated 50th days after the Resurrection of Jesus to

commemorate the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity in time, fulfilling the promise of Jesus.

On Pentecost day, the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the feeble apostles as fiery tongues in an enclosed room, bestowing upon them, the gifts of *Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and the Fear of the Lord*, transforming them to fiery preachers, teachers, and evangelizers leading to the conversion of over 3000 women and men. This event marked the birth of the Church.

Principally, the Holy Spirit dwells in us (*1 Cor. 3:16*), strengthens and sanctify us through the Sacraments. In Baptism, the Holy Spirit makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven, in Confirmation temples of God and witnesses to Christ, and effects Gods pardon through absolution in Penance and Reconciliation as reflected in John's Gospel this weekend. In anointing of the sick, the Spirit effects spiritual healing and forgiveness and in the Holy Eucharist, transforms the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood through *Epiclesis* for our spiritual nourishment. Through Holy Orders and Matrimony, the Spirit guides and gives increase to the community of the faithful. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray (*Rom. 8:26*), teaches, clarifies, and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church.

Celebrating the Feast of Pentecost this weekend, let us dispose ourselves by self-emptying to be filled afresh with the gift of the Holy Spirit and be united with all Australians in taking positive steps towards healing especially during this 2020 **National Reconciliation Week**, as we stand together with the Indigenous Communities and First Australians.

We pray also, for the Boys and Girls in Year Six at St. Bernard's Primary, who are due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. With gratitude and joy, we warmly welcome the nine families that have joined the Parish since Pentecost 2019.

Happy Pentecost Sunday and happy birthday to the Church!

*Fr. Martins*

## Reconciliation as Walking Together

During National Reconciliation Week we stop to remember, to listen and to say sorry. We are reminded that Reconciliation is a journey of friendship – our First Australians and those of us whose families came later to Australia, reaching out to each other. Some of us have arrived in Australia after experiencing aggression and dispossession in our countries of origin and others have lived here for tens of thousands of years and sadly our First Australians have experienced that same dispossession.

The 28th May 2020 marks the 20th Anniversary of the [Reconciliation Walk](#) across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the year 2000, where 250,000 people walked together in an act of unity, calling for true Reconciliation to be realised in this nation. This is still the largest public gathering in Australia's history. All other States and Territories joined in similar walks throughout the year 2000. In 2020 we remember these significant events and together commit to **Still Walking For Reconciliation**.

We are also reminded that the journey of Reconciliation needs to be grounded in truth and action – both personal and as a community. The bushfires and the coronavirus remind us of our shared humanity – we are *In This Together*.

This song for National Reconciliation Week 2020 – *Walk With Me* – by the Australian Girls Choir and Girls from Oz captures our personal and communal hopes:

<https://youtu.be/C3WBAzGQUUU>



## OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your

children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



To all those who celebrated a birthday in the month of May.



## MAY DEVOTION

Many thanks to all parishioners who participated in the May Devotion through the daily recitation of the Rosary and the Nine Days Novena to the Holy Spirit. May Mary continue to intercede for us and may we be filled with the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy this Pentecost and always.

## Church Re-opening & Parish Mass

The church is now open for prayers every day. You are invited to visit the church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. The current limit to gatherings in church is ten people. We will advise of any changes. Meanwhile, communal masses in the Parish are on-going. Please, contact the parish office to book a place at a Mass by: **Ph-4472 4153** or **E: [batemansbay@cg.org.au](mailto:batemansbay@cg.org.au)**



## BUSHFIRE SUPPORT COUNSELLING

**CatholicCare** is offering a free counselling service to support all those impacted by bushfires. The service will offer strategies on moving forward after the trauma of the disaster. Sessions are available via telehealth services.

Please call 1800 068 698 to make an appointment or to find out more information.

**The Baptist Church** is offering a professional and free counselling service for people who are still adjusting to and recovering from the trauma of the recent fires. With the coronavirus adding additional strain on lives, people who may be feeling overwhelmed or simply needing someone to talk to, can access this free and confidential service.

For appointments please ring **Pastor Rob on 0414 577 500**.

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Thank you for your generous giving by direct debit and cash contributions through the Parish office. This is helping to sustain the Parish. If you would like to join the e-platform, the bank details are as follows

**1st Collection** Acc. Name: Central  
Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786

Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batebay Jones

**2nd Collection** Supports the running costs of the Parish  
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786

Bank Acc:000012939 Ref: Family Name

Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

You may also contribute using this link.

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:**

Collette Winter, Eli Chatfield, Leonard O'Hara, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Angela Mahon, Tony Donohoe, Bob Lane, Noni Boyce

**Anniversaries:** Josephine Van Oosterhout, Sieglinde Bogdanovic, Henrietta De Graff, Ivan Pintar, Maria Syne, Kelvin Fleming

**Remembering the Sick:** Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, 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, Mary Carter, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

## Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

JUNE

## The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Batemans Bay, Moruya & Narooma  
District Funerals  
Mark Hewson JP  
Funeral Director  
Phone 02 4472 8886  
Moruya 02 4474 3555  
Narooma 02 4476 3888

## INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS

1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay

Buy fuel any time



## OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY

Fish & Chips, Burgers,  
Sandwiches & Coffee

100% BEEF BURGER

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