

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 11th—Sunday 17th August

Monday 11th: NO MASS

Tuesday 12th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 13th: Mass 9am

Thursday 14th: Mass 9am

Friday 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.15am

Saturday 16th: Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 17th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS	16/17 AUGUST Cleaning 18-22 R & K Ison
9/10 AUGUST Cleaning 11-15 B Coffey/M Paine	5.00PM MASS Welcomer: J McCarthy Commentator P O’Kelly Reader P Nolan Eucharistic Ministers L Butt Computer Screen K Conway
5.00PM MASS Welcomer: K Conway Commentator S Ebejer Reader R Keough Eucharistic Ministers J McCarthy Computer Screen M O’Neill	10.00 AM MASS: Welcomer M deSmet Commentator N Beatty Reader: B Basevi Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns Computer Screen T Priest.
MORNING TEA: M & S Beashel	MORNING TEA Filipino Community
COUNTERS T Priest/J Whiteford	COUNTERS Jackson/Evenden

MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- ◆ **THE GLEN**
Second Wednesday of each month
10.30AM
- ◆ **THE MANOR**
Third Wednesday of each month
2pm
- ◆ **MARANATHA**
Fourth Wednesday of each month
2pm

PASTORAL CARE ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE
Saturday August 16th
9am—4pm
In the Church Meeting Room

If you have never trained for Pastoral Care or are interested in Pastoral Care Ministry, this is the course for you!
This course will only go ahead if we have at least 4 participants.
BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 11th
Marie: 0405 028 057

BOOKS FOR SALE

Who Am I In God? Discovering Our Christian Identity -
Fr. Michael Lim & Dr. Sunny Hong (Paperback)
A Compilation of Catholic Teachings & True-Life Conversion Testimonies. Discovering our Christian Identity?

Provides answers to this defining question by drawing upon the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.

\$30.00

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: (RCIA)

Information evening: Thursday AUGUST 21st at 5.30pm at Parish meeting Room
All Adults who wish to become a catholic or interested in learning more about their faith are invited.

For enquiries, please contact Fr Joshy 0412 358 222

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

St Bernard’s Feast Day
will be celebrated on
Sunday 17th August
after 9am mass.

A Filipino breakfast and Aussie sausage sizzle
will be provided.

ALL WELCOME !!!

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

‘All creation’, Pope Leo affirms, ‘exists solely in the form of coexistence ... always interconnected.’ While we might be lonely at times, none of us exists alone. We are all, always, part of something bigger. Focused on encouraging unity, the pope repeatedly calls for the Church to become ever more synodal – more conscious that we travel together. He wants us to ‘recognise our own poverty and our riches,’ allowing ourselves the grace to ‘feel part of a greater whole.’

None of us is saved alone. As the pope points out, ‘even the most original and unique of charisms’ – or gifts – will ‘wither’ if it is directed away from the community it is called to serve. The pope calls us to follow ‘the way of the Beatitudes, a path that we tread together, between the “already” and the “not yet,”’ hungering and thirsting for justice.’ He calls us to be ‘poor in spirit, merciful, meek, pure of heart, men and women of peace.’ In this context, the pope shows us what spreading the Gospel really means. ‘Evangelisation,’ he says, ‘is not our attempt to conquer the world, but the infinite grace that radiates from lives transformed by the Kingdom of God.’ It is not you or me who evangelises, but the Spirit – taking each of us in our seeming ordinariness and changing the world.

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Remembering the Sick:

Ken Evenden, Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O’Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O’Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O’Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O’Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your
Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure
expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with
the powers of Evil
vanquished, your glory will shine
eternally.

May the grace of the
Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope LEO
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

AUGUST

For mutual co-existence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult, might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

 <p>BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS</p> <p>Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years Batemans Bay 44728886 Moruya 4474 3555 Narooma 4476 3888</p>	INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS 1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay Buy fuel any time ESTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not

fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass

"Good News" Wednesdays after Mass to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR

Parish Sacramental Program 2025
First Eucharist Commitment Masses
Saturday August 9th 5pm and Sunday August 10th 9am.

Wrap with Love
Tuesday 12th August BB
Library 10-11am
Wednesday 27th August 1-3 pm CMR

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Night time awakens different responses

The night awakens different responses and reactions according to one's temperament or lifestyle. For some, coming home after work, night time is a relaxing time and/or time with the family. For others it is a time of fear, living with an abusive partner or worrying about 'breaks ins' in the street. For some night is long and protracted especially when they are sick and can't sleep or have PTSD. For others it can be a time for meetings, reflection & prayer - a time of entrusting one-self to God in silence. The night can be feared, desired and mysterious.



Stay Awake with lit Lamps!

When we read Luke, 12:32-48 we recognise that Jesus is telling us a parable about servant and/or slaves. We read 'Be dressed for action, have your lamps lit, and be like those who are waiting for their Master to return from the Wedding Banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.'

'These servants/slaves waiting had little agency. They were someone's property, which means they were disposable – almost a commodity, benefiting the one who owned them.' [Pastor Christine Redwood 'In Her Voice' 2023, page 87]

Yet Jesus calls those who want to be his disciples, to identify with the servant/slave. 'Ready for service, lamps burning as you wait for the Master to return' [v. 35]. Jesus is teaching the crowds. He is teaching who God is and what it means to be a disciple. The Master is coming but he is not what you are expecting. When he comes he is going to dress like a servant/slave. He is going to identify with the servant/slave. He will invite these to dine with him. The roles will be reversed so be ready!

The 2nd parable speaks about living in the world now. Jesus is suggesting we will be held to account for the way we live. If we know everyone is welcomed to his table, that people are not disposable or objects to be used. If we know that God comes to serve us shouldn't that change how we live now?

We must watch alertly and without fear in the hope of the Master, this God 'in the apron', who will invite himself to our table and wait on us.

Marie Weatherall