

MASSSES THIS WEEK

Monday 18th—Sunday 24th August

Monday 18th:

NO MASS

Tuesday 19th:

Mass 5pm

Wednesday 20th:

St Bernard’s Feast Day

Mass 9.15am

Thursday 21st:

Mass 9am

Friday 22nd:

Mass 9am

Saturday 23rd:

Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 24th:

Mass 9am

ROSTERS

16/17 AUGUST

Cleaning

18-22 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J McCarthy

Commentator P O’Kelly

Reader P Nolan

Eucharistic Ministers

L Butt

Computer Screen

K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet

Commentator N Beatty

Reader: B Basevi

Eucharistic Ministers

V & C Burns

Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING TEA

Filipino Community

COUNTERS

Jackson/Evenden

23/24AUGUST

Church Cleaning

25-29 Favetta/O’Neill/ Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder:

Commentator M Weatherall

Reader J Mackay

Eucharistic Ministers

K Lovering

Computer Screen

M O’Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L May

Commentator A Skinner.

Reader: N Beatty

Eucharistic Ministers

N & L Page

Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA

M & C Lowe

COUNTERS

M & C Lowe

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

Books are in church foyer. See Fr Joshy to purchase.

HAPPY FEAST

Dear Parish Family,

As we gather once again to celebrate the Feast of St. Bernard, let us thank the Lord for the gift of faith, community, and all the blessings that make our parish a true family. This special day offers us an opportunity to come together in prayer, enjoy delicious food, share friendly conversations, and strengthen our bonds with fellow parishioners.

A heartfelt thank you to the Filipino and Aussie groups for their efforts in co-ordinating this day.

May this feast inspire us to deepen our faith, enhance our sense of community, and become more generous in service. St. Bernard, pray for us.

Fr Joshy

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 SALE

Four (4) Electric Hospital beds with many functions—up/down, head and foot.

Waterproof mattresses.

\$100 each

Will deliver to front door.

Contact Men’s Shed

0479164074

Or Neil on 4472 2725

Bay Theatre Players—

Fundraiser for Maranatha

Presents... Ladies in Black

Saturday 18th October

2pm.. Tickets \$30

Please book for this show with Heather Powell

0421 420 605

purplepowell@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A/C Name: St Bernard’s

Operating

BSB: 062-786

A/C No: 00012939

Ref: Family Name

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering undergrowth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germinate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth. So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire', bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open? What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as fearless disciples? Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite. We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in all His glory.

© Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

Remembering the Sick:

John Hyland, 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.

BATEMANS BAY & MORUYA DISTRICT FUNERALS

Caring for Eurobodalla shire families for over 50 years

Batemans Bay 44728886

Moruya 4474 3555

Narooma 4476 3888

INDUSTRIAL REPLACEMENTS

1 Sharon Road, Batemans Bay

Buy fuel any time

ESTPOS VISA AMEX MASTERCARD

OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY

Fish & Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches & Coffee

100% BEEF BURGER

248 Beach Road

Batemans Bay NSW 2536

02 4472 1802

MAYDAY

Plumbing And Gas

Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter

Gutter Cleaning

General Maintenance

RHYS MAY

0427 373 826

excell

ideaspeople

— with a passion for print

P 4472 1599

E batemansbay@excellprint.com.au

www.excellprint.com.au

Shop 1/25, Old Princes Hwy

Batemans Bay NSW 2536

Niall Mahon

0450960904

ABN 36 923 804 026

LIC # 368320C

Ray and Anne Brown

COASTAL CONCRETE & QUARRY

02 4474 0320

Kate & Tara

your vets

at Surf Beach

EUROCOAST Veterinary Centre

0488671118

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year C

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10*  
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14*

**(R.) Lord, come to my aid!**  
1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a

rock and made my footsteps firm.  
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.  
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

**(R.) Lord, come to my aid!**

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 12:1-4*  
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** *John 10:27*  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 12:49-53*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing

already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

© The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.  
The English translation of the Psalm Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries, and Conclusion of the Readings, from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved.



**Jeremiah on the ruins of Jerusalem**  
Horace Vernet (1789–1863)



**ST BERNARD'S PARISH**  
**BATEMANS BAY**  
2 David Avenue, Batehaven NSW 2536



P.O. Box 3220, Batehaven, 2536.  
Tel: 4472 4153  
E: batemansbay@cg.org.au  
Website: www.cg.org.au/batemansbay  
Office Hours: 10am to 2pm  
Tuesday-Friday

**Priest:** Rev. Joshy Kurien  
E: joshy.kurien@cg.org.au  
**Secretary:** Roslynne Trompp  
**Finance Admin:** Anne Jackson JP  
**PC Co-ord:** Marie Weatherall  
**Asst. PC Co-ord:** Carolyn Evenden

**Principal:** Karen Hadley  
**St. Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven**  
**R.E.C:** Rebecca Keough  
**Principal:** Mrs. Jacqui Heffernan  
**Carroll College, Broulee**

TWENTIETH  
SUNDAY in  
ORDINARY TIME  
Year C



**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**

**Mass with Anointing of the Sick Saturday 6th September 9am**

**Parish Sacramental Program 2025**  
**First Eucharist**  
**Sacramental Retreat Day @ Carroll College Thursday 28th August 9.30-2.00pm**  
**Family Catch-Up Evening Thursday 11th September 5pm CMR**  
**Celebration Mass Sunday 14th September 9am**

**Wrap with Love Wednesday 27th August 1—3 pm CMR**  
**Tuesday 9th September 10-11am BB Library**

**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.

**"Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith..."**

Just in case we are feeling complacent in our faith, the readings this week could have us rethinking some aspects of being a follower of Christ- the highs and lows. Of particular interest is the Gospel of which Veronica Lawson RSM writes " not an easy text to understand or even accept. We are invited to struggle with its ambiguity."

There are many themes running through the readings which can apply to us and our lives, some which we can observe being present, happening/ not happening in our world today.

Jeremiah in the first reading is an example of speaking out against injustice and being punished. He showed perseverance and endurance showing us what it is to keep our eyes on God. His stance resonates with what Bishop Robert Barron said "in a world gone wrong, off kilter spiritually those who are authentic religious will be opposed." More and more we are exposed to loud public opinion and social media which can often have negative and even destructive implications. Our beliefs and values may clash with those of others. Hence the second reading encourages us to stand up for what we believe, persevere and trust. We also need to remember that Faith is both a gift from God and a journey that journey is one of growth and transformation often involving periods of conflict and uncertainty.

Luke in the gospel, tells us that Jesus came to bring fire to the earth and this fire will cause division in families. We need to reflect on this less than peaceful exposed side of Jesus, taking some time to realise or understand what He may be saying to us. There is also a mention of Baptism which involves water.

We, here, have had first hand experience of fire and its power-it has the power to change things. It can cook, heat water, provide warmth and light but it can also destroy all in its wake. We need to realise that it burns up old growth allowing for new growth. Can we think of our faith being fiery - ablaze in our hearts? The mention of Baptism also helps us remember that water also destroys but brings and refreshes life. The Holy Spirit is ignited in us through our Baptism but we need to keep it alive and blazing.

It is on our faith journey and the living out of our discipleship, that there is the potential for division and pain even within our own families. It can be difficult sometimes to choose authentic faith over complacency and comfortable conforming. Perseverance and endurance can be challenging.

Whether we are called to speak the truth like Jeremiah, allow God's fire to change us or face challenges in our faith , we are never alone.

**Remember the fire of God's love warms and lights our path, guiding us to be the people He calls us to be.**

**Ken and Carolyn Evenden**