



# Bridgeside Bulletin

*The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry*

**Sunday, 24 Sep 2017: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

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## Weekday Masses Sept 26– 30

**Tuesday:** 4.30pm

**Wednesday:** 9.00am

**Friday:** Mass 9.30am

**Saturday:** Mass 9.00am

## September

**23 First Eucharist 6pm**

**24 First Eucharist 9am**

**30 Syro-Malabar Rite  
First Eucharist  
11.00am  
Helen Thomas**

## October

**4 Kularoo Gardens  
Mass 11am**

**12 CLAICA House Mass  
10.30am**

**22 Funeral Ministry  
Dialogue Parish Hall  
1.30–4pm**

Dear Parish Family,

This week we welcome, in a special way once more our first Communicants and their families. I have enjoyed thinking back to my own first communion day. Things were different then. I made my first communion in 1967 in the school chapel where I went to school. I attended a school run by the Sisters of Nazareth who also ran an aged care facility on the same site, Nazareth House. Actually my little primary school formed part of the ground floor of the home. I remember we were always visiting the residents singing songs or reading to them. It was a wonderful primary school.

I remember being so nervous! And hungry. You will remember many of you the fasting rules. I have vague memories of not being allowed supper and certainly not breakfast: would we have fasted for 12 hours? Mass was at 7.00am and I remember we trundled down the hill from our home to the chapel. It must have been warm as the photos I have, show me in shorts and a white short sleeved shirt, although my mum is in a thick coat and hat. Women wore hats generally. I remember too, the long climb home after. I remember that the hall in Nazareth was set up for our Communion breakfast and that there were things like sausage rolls and sandwiches but I remember that we had pink lamingtons and that somehow they were a highlight. Pink lamingtons only appeared on the very special days. I'm sure that my absolute devotion to curried egg sandwiches and party pies comes from that time. It was also about that time that my grandmother began whispering to my mother that I was destined for the priesthood.

I remember too that we received Communion on the tongue and that we were told not to chew the host but to allow it to dissolve in our mouths and that should it cling to the top of our palates that it was a mortal sin to touch it with our tongues. I remember for years after the Host always seemed to go straight to the top of my mouth. I'm pleased that whilst they were important parts of the process on the day that we have changed some of our understanding of what reverence and respect can look like. We know what is in our heart is as important as the way we do some of the things in our rituals.

It is important that this day be remembered as something unique and special. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time is something that we remember and carry with us for life. The heightened sense of excitement and joy, nervousness and fear even help us remember just how important this day is. The party after simply reinforces that this day, whilst we will receive Communion thousands of times throughout our lives, will always be the first and that it was important to family, friends and community as well.

Regards,

## What's happening in the Parish ...

### Congratulations

Congratulations to our First Eucharist Candidates who make their First Eucharist this weekend.

### Welcome Deacon John Mahony

Deacon John Mahony joined the Forster Tuncurry Parish this week. Deacon John will be at all Masses this weekend, please introduce yourself and make him welcome.

### Syro Malabar

First Communion for our Helen Thomas under the Syro-Malabar Rite will be held on September 30 at 11am here at Holy Name. You are invited to be part of this blessed event. The Mass will be in Indian language with an English translation.

### RCIA

Please keep our RCIA candidates and the team in your prayers as they meet together each Wednesday.

### Funeral Ministry Dialogue

Funeral Ministry Dialogue Forster will be held on **Sunday 22 October** at 1.30 PM at Forster Parish Hall, 33 Lake St, Forster. In response to increased pastoral requests associated with funeral ministry and the Funeral Rites, the Diocesan Liturgy Council invites you to participate in a Consultation and Discernment Process to review the existing 2002 Diocesan Guidelines for Funeral Ministry. E Zoe.Marr@mn.catholic.org.au P 02 4979 1328

If you are interested in attending and/or can contribute to hospitality I would love to hear from you. Please RSVP to the Parish Office 6554 6401 or email forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au by Friday 20 October.



We are launching our initiative for a fort-nightly evening for young people (secondary school).  
(2nd & 4th Friday)

Commencing Friday 13 October 2017 (6.00 - 8.30pm)  
Holy Name Parish Hall

A chance for young people to gather, connect, share time together, conversation, food!, music ... a key component will be the focus on positive lifestyles and providing a good balance with fitness (boxing) ... all fitness levels - just bring it!

Keep up-to-date with the Holy Name Facebook page.  
Please help us 'spread the invitation' over the coming weeks!



### Prayer Zone

#### Recently deceased

Susan Scarff, Livia Richardson, Juan Rayida

#### Sick in the Parish

Megan Snow, Louise Shand, John Foster, Carol Boyd  
Natasha Brassil, Lydia Fazio, Larry Walsh, Carole Blair,  
Dawn Ganda, Debra Chidgey, Chris Jackson, Nellie Tisson,  
Kylie Honor (Wood), Sibyll Czerkowsky, Paul Conaghan,  
Andrew Winter, Richard Mainwaring

#### Anniversaries

Lydia Viajar, Wenceslao Viajar

## What's happening in the Diocese...

### Social Justice Sunday -

### Everyone's Business

Sunday 24 September

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or 8306 3499.

### Two Bishops Dialogue - Adults

will be held on Tuesday 10 October at 6.00 PM at St Luke's Anglican Church, 11 Brown St, Wallsend. An opportunity to gather as an Ecumenical and Interfaith community, with both Bishop Peter (Anglican) and Bishop Bill (Catholic). Both Bishops invite you to join them in conversation about Morals, Ethics and Good Decisions.  
RSVP 4979 1111.

### Mental Health Week Forum

will be held on **Tuesday 10 October** at 9.30am-noon at St Laurence Centre, Broadmeadow. No cost, lunch included. RSVP 49791111  
[brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:brooke.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au).

### A Vocational View :

Today we remember the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life. Following your vocation in today's culture is also a paradox. Pray for all priests, deacons, religious and married couples that they be faithful to their way of life. For more information regarding Vocations contact Fr Brian Mascord on 0249791112 or [vocations@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Ministers    ...of the Word    ...of Communion 23/24 September**

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6pm	Monica Hunt Geraldine Mullin Clare Moulder	Owen Carroll, Frank Hayman, Carolyn Olliffe, David Olliffe, Pat Hooker
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7am	Chris Waters Maria Armitage Fred Liackman	Cushla Drake, Kay Griffiths, Graham Griffiths, Mary Greig, Cecile Malone
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9am	Madi Darcy Amanda Brown Lois McPherson	Barbara Dolahenty, Anne Hartman, Monique Johnson, Danny Meredith, Maria Meredith
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**Ministers    ...of the Word    ...of Communion 30 September/01 October**

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6pm	John O'Donnell Michael Siddle Maureen Stevens	Lou Hope, Ruth Pearson, Maureen Pye, Jake Siddle,
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7am	Cushla Drake Gen Williamson Cecile Malone	Mark Mowbray, Edna Tucker, Fred Liackman, Norm Chapman, Gen Williamson
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9am	Marie Keep Marian O'Neill Kris Koch	Alan McCarthy, Coral McCarthy, Anne Moloney, Robert Moran, Shiony Neal
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**September 24**

**Scripture Zone...**

**October 1**

**First Reading**

[Is 55:6-9](#)

Seek the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Lord is near to all who call him.

**Second Reading**

[Phil 1:20-24, 27](#)

Both in life and death, Paul finds joy.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

[Mt 20:1-16](#)

Parable of the workers in the vineyard.

**First Reading**

[Ez 18:25-28](#)

Those who turn away from sin shall live.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**Second Reading**

[Phil 2:1-11](#)

Jesus humbled himself to the point of death.  
Phil 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

[Mt 21:28-32](#)

The man with two sons.

**Memorial Acclamation 1**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your  
Resurrection until you come again.

## CHURCH LOCATION

### Holy Name of Jesus

33 Lake Street, Forster 2428 NSW

## PARISH OFFICE

31 Lake St Forster

(rear of the Parish Hall)

(02) 6554 6401

[forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Office Hours

Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm

### Bridgeside Bulletin:-

Items for inclusion to be received by midday on Thursday.

## PARISH CONTACTS

Fr Greg Barker—Parish Priest

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Emergency Contact 0417 321 209

Mr Paul Skippen

Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator

[paul.skippen@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:paul.skippen@mn.catholic.org.au)

Mon-Fri 65546401

Sr Kathryn McCabe

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

### Baptisms

Celebrated most Sundays.

Bookings via the Parish website

[forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Marriage

Celebrated by arrangement and with at least three month's notice. Bookings via the Parish website

Fr Greg 6554 6401.

[forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Sacramental Program

Enrolments via the Parish website

[forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) Parish Office 6554 6401

## PARISH GROUPS

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:00am Mass.  
Phone the Office for details

### Christian Meditation

Forster Tues 9:00am

Monica 6555 7038

Hallidays Point Wed 10am

John: 0417 249 466

### Finance Council

Third Wed, 5:00pm Meeting Room.

### Holy Hour

Tues, 3:30pm in the Church

### Intercessory Prayer Group

*Prays for the sick from the comfort of your own home;*

No meetings required.

Peter Wicks 0407133931.

### Maintenance & Gardening Group

Third Thursday of the month.

8am Church grounds

Howard 6557 6826.

### menALIVE Groups

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed after 9:00am Mass, in the Meeting Room.

Michael Amato 65545284

### Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Rosary

Every Wed, 11:15am in the Church.

Shioney 6554 9468.

### Pastoral Council

Second Wed, 5:30pm

Meeting Room.

### Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Fourth Sunday of the month after 9:00am Mass.

### Singing Practice

Ken Heffernan 65546401.

### Social Justice

Last Wed, 5:30pm Meeting Room.

Tim Prescott 6555 8517.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### Holy Name Catholic School K-6

Mr Chris Waters (*Principal*)

41 Lake St, Forster. PO Box 243

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### St Clare's High School 7-12

Mr Peter Nicholls (*Principal*)

Davis Street, Taree

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## Sunday Mass Times

### Holy Name of Jesus Church

Sat 6:00pm

Sun 7:00am

Sun 9:00am

## Weekday Mass

(See page 1 for this week's changes to Mass times. )

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 4.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am

Thursday: No Mass

Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.00am

## Aged Care Masses

(Subject to change)

Kularoo Gardens: 1st Wed

11.00am

GLAICA House: 2nd Thurs

10.30am

Estia Forster: 3rd Tues

11.00am

## Reconciliation

### Holy Name of Jesus Church

Saturday 8.30am

Saturday 4.45pm