



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

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We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this place

Sunday 25 August 2019

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

Dear Parish Family,

I know that you will have very strong feelings regarding the news that Cardinal Pel's appeal has been denied. You will have noted that he has 28 days to find an element of the process which was flawed so that he might launch a new appeal.

I realise that some of you may feel hurt, confused, angry or betrayed either by the Cardinal and as such the Church, or alternatively the same by the Judicial system. It is not an easy place to be. I think regardless of which has caused the strong feelings you may be experiencing we can come together to support and encourage each other and be respectful of the position held by our brothers and sisters even when it is contrary to our own.

Whilst I realise nothing is ever fully perfect, we live in a Country with a legal process that is publicly scrutinised by both the general public and the media, and I would say generally found to be operating at a very high standard. We all know law enforcement officers and servants of the courts, some of whom have served and some who are currently serving. We have to scrutinise to make sure our processes are just but we also have to recognise and respect the many good men and women who work to protect our most vulnerable, who see things they should never see and who work to keep our communities safe.

I don't know all the facts regarding the Cardinal's trial. My plan is to read the transcript as published by the Appeals Judges: it has been published online in the interest of the public I suspect. At the end of which I still won't know all the facts of the case. Elements of the process are still locked behind a closed door. Whilst I can surmise, postulate and speculate I still don't know all the facts and that is difficult. It would be wrong of me to talk about set ups, hostile juries or an unfair process. Whilst I feel that the media was not helpful in the process and I suspect elements of the trial were played out with a prejudice in the media, I still am called in this country at least to respect the process of our judicial system; unless you have evidence to the contrary I invite you to do the same.

I have to trust in our system and having seen systems in other places at work I know we have one of the best judicial systems in the world.

I pray that justice has been served. I pray for the victims of those who have been abused, the survivors and their families. I pray for those who are not being kept safe, here and overseas. I pray for our community and Church that we can grow to be more fully what Jesus asks us to be. As Pope Francis says 'It takes more strength to repair than to build, to start anew than to begin, to be reconciled than to get along. This is the strength that God gives us.'

Blessings,

Greg

Parish Priest

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE ZONE

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Jim & Dorothy Ryan, Pat Conway

Anniversary: Garry Harnish, Michael John Johnson, Debra Russell, Peter Hartman, Nicole Anne Stimpson

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Lydia Fazio, Malcolm Keys, Jenna Shaw, John Yeo, Megan Snow, Roseanne Telfer, Michael O'Hara, Marion Prescott, Roger Curry, Agnus Rutledge, Dulcie Goldsmith, Barry Bolton, Doreen Gander, Leonnie Martyn, Carol Coleman, Jayden Tekely, Joseph Berzi, Kevin Malone, Norman Read, Bernard Barrett, Susan Hull, Rolana Moss, Mary Camilleri, Josephine Born, Elizabeth Thomas, Ray Vidler, John Avery, Rufino Soliano, Charles King, Ken Vote, Raelene Verlin, Cheryl Worldon, Warren Brown, Kim Salter, Anne McGowan, Ross Williamson, Rachal, Bette Williamson, Robert Greig, Valerie D'Arcy, Janet Bezdek, Kathleen Murphy, Trevor Leon, John Tolland, Lindsay Dale, Glenn Watkinson, Bronwyn Sutton, Gerry Brown, Ann Moreira, Irene Burns, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Chriss Smith, George Flower, Dolly Thompson, Jorge Gonzalez, Michelle Belouard, Claire Gavin

Please ring the parish office if you wish to add your loved ones to the sick list and also to be taken off the list once they are well. Thank you.

LITURGY ROSTER W/E 31 AUG/1 SEP

Vigil Mass

Sacristan: Pat Hooker

Readers: Michael Siddle, Brooke Stephens & Lou Hope

Ministers of Communion: Claudette Cheetham, Ruth Pearson, Owen Carroll, David & Carolyn Olliffe

7am Mass

Sacristan: Cecile Malone

Readers: Maria Armitage, Sarah Praschinger & Suzie Monks

Ministers of Communion: Mary Greig, Lorraine Clark, Mark Mowbray, Graham & Kay Griffiths

9am Mass

Sacristan: Desiree Bennett

Readers: Lois McPherson, Peter Nicholls & Lorraine Thomas

Ministers of Communion: Anne Hartman, Monique Johnson, Sandy Ross, Maureen Visser & Lorna Vidler

5.30pm Mass

Sacristan: Gene Garth

Readers: Shanty Thomas & Lee Sullivan

Ministers of Communion: Gen Williamson

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 31 AUG/1 SEP

First Reading

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Be humble, find favour with God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

We are drawn to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:1. 7-14

Humble yourself and be exalted.



Weekday Masses Aug 26 - Aug 31

Tuesday: 4.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.00am

Parish Timetable

Tues 27 Aug	9.30am Christian Meditation– Church 3.30pm Holy Hour 5.30pm Singing Practice
Wed 28 Aug	11am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thurs 29 Aug	10am Social Group Meet at Sicilian Restaurant
Sat 31 Aug	8.30am & 4.45pm Reconciliation 10am Social Group Meet at Sicilian Restaurant <i>*Everyone welcome, old and new parishioners!</i>

Catholic Care are in urgent need of some pantry items as they seek to care for the needy and vulnerable. **Are you able to assist by donating any of the items listed?** The type of items we are focusing on include the following:

- Cereal; long life milk.
- Baked beans; spaghetti.
- Small tins of tuna; spam.
- Crackers; Jatz; rice cakes.
- Two minute noodles; soups – tins or sachets.
- Tins of corn; four bean mix; peas.
- Tea bags; small jars coffee.

These items are used in emergency food parcels for people who come to the pantry in need of food. They are directed to the Community Kitchen a good meal but some still need assistance with food in between. Items can be left at the back of the church or dropped to the Parish Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH AND SURROUNDS

You are cordially invited to a community gathering

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle facilitated **The Atonement: Lina's Project in 2017** on behalf of Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy.

In the same year, as part of Lina's Project, Bishop Bill established September 15 as a Perpetual Day of Remembrance throughout the Diocese. Such a day holds before us our history of child sexual abuse and the reality of its continual unfolding in the lives of those directly and indirectly affected.

The intention is that this day be marked in a variety of ways including survivor-led events that will grow and develop from year to year.

To build on the work of Lina's Project, the Diocese will host this year's regional event in Forster. This event will take place on **Sunday, September 15 to coincide with the Perpetual Day of Remembrance.**

This event, with the support of the Forster Tuncurry Parish, will display the Lina's Project video in the grounds of the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Forster.

As part of this, you are invited to attend a barbecue to support victims and survivors and gather in a spirit of recognition, healing and hope.

The barbecue will be held on the same grounds, the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry. After the barbecue, attendees are welcome to watch the projection.

The presentation contains material that may cause distress as it contains images of perpetrators of abuse from the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the Marist Brothers and other Orders.

Sunday September 15 2019
Holy Name of Jesus Church,
33 Lake Street, Forster
6:30pm Barbecue



7:00pm Screening of Lina's Project will commence

For catering purposes, please RSVP by September 11 on
02 4979 1188 or

linasprojectforster@mn.catholic.org.au
Personal details are not required to RSVP for this event, only numbers of attendees.

Fundraiser for SIFT

We have a new movie premiere coming up to raise money for SIFT. It would be wonderful to fill the cinema in a display of support for christian movies and scripture.

When: 2pm Sunday 15th September

Where: Great Lakes Cinemas

Cost: \$20 per ticket

Overcomer - A new film from the Kendrick Brothers (creators of War Room, and Fireproof), high school basketball coach John Harrison and his team face an uncertain future when their town's largest manufacturing plant shuts down unexpectedly. As hundreds of people move away, John reluctantly agrees to coach cross-country, a sport he doesn't even like. His outlook soon changes when he meets Hannah Scott, an unlikely runner who pushes herself to the limit. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new friend, John starts to train Hannah for the biggest race of her young life.

Tickets will be made available at the Anglican bookstore early next week but if you would like to ensure a ticket leave your name at our Parish Office as we will have some tickets here also.

Movie trailer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGyieGVn4P4>



Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion

Here are some meeting times to work through the Guidelines as we need to implement them for our community. Two times on offer: Thursday 29 August at 9.00 am and at 5.30 pm, both in the Church. *You don't need to attend both.* And for those who can't attend either :) I will catch you up. If you could let me know which you will attend or if you can't make it.

If you have thought this could be something I could do on Sunday you might feel as a way of progressing that thought to attend one of the sessions on offer.

Best wishes, Fr Greg

We will welcome Baptistcare Catholic residents to Mass on Thursday September 19, at 10.00am here in Holy Name. You are welcome to attend and support. If you know of others in our parish, with some effort, would benefit from attending this Mass you are welcome to bring them or arrange for their families to bring them. Morning tea after. Best wishes, Greg PP

***Tickets are now on sale ***

MOTHERS/FATHERS DAY RAFFLE.

A variety of prizes to be won that will suit the whole family.

Tickets will be sold at the weekend Masses and are also available from the parish office. The raffle will be drawn Sunday, 1 September (Fathers Day). Come and join us for a sausage sizzle.

You are invited to the screening of: 'Unplanned'

Unplanned is to be screened on **Wednesday 16th October** it is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

Please note this film is for mature audiences.

HOST: TAREE CATHOLIC CHURCH
WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER,
6:30 PM

TAREE FAYS TWIN
Cnr Oxley & Millgan St Taree
\$12.00 AUD Admission
+ \$2.00 booking fee = \$14.00

**THIS SCREENING NEEDS YOUR
HELP** the Parish needs to sell 128
tickets to ensure it runs

to view the trailer go to <https://fanforce.com/screenings/unplanned-taree-fays-twin/>



BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.
Bookings via the Parish website

MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 3 months notice. Bookings via the parish website

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Enrolment via the Parish Website

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 6554 6304

CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 6539 5900 for services provided in Forster

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

Forster Tues 9.30am
Monica 6555 7038
Hallidays Point Wed 10am
John 0417 249 466

Social Justice Group

Last Wed 5.30pm Meeting Room
Tim Prescott 6555 8517

Maintenance and Gardening Group

3rd Thursday of the month, 8am
Church grounds. Howard 6557 6826

Family and Friends Group

Meets monthly, contact Carol and Terry Pearson on 0408768729.

Singing Practice

Ken Heffernan 6554 6304
(see parish timetable)

Holy Hour

Tues 3.30pm in the Church

Finance Council

3rd Wednesday of the month, 5pm
Meeting Room

Pastoral Council

2nd Wednesday of the month,
5.30pm Meeting Room

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help and Rosary

Wed 11.00am in the Church
Shiony 0411 493 086

Secular Franciscan

Fraternity

4th Sunday of the month after the
9.00am Mass

menALIVE Group

2nd & 4th Wed after 9am Mass in
the meeting room. Michael Amato



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat. 6.00pm
Sun. 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am & 4.45pm

YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month at 5.30pm.

AGED CARE MASSES

(Subject to change)

Glaica House:

2nd Thurs 10.30am

Estia Forster: 3rd Tues

10.30am

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