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 20 October 2019 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

Dear Parish Family,

I'll be back on deck next week but wanted to thank you for the opportunity I was able to take to go on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to thank Fr Dennis for his work while I was away.

It will take some time I think, to fully unpack and appreciate all that I saw, heard and experienced. Saying Masses in some of the most significant religious sites of our faith is something that I will treasure for the rest of my life. To stand on the holy ground of Christ's path was more emotional than I expected. I still think that the most significant site for me was the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of both the death and resurrection of Christ; you may have seen the photo of my hand resting on the burial slab where the body of Christ lay. It was something to also touch the place where the Cross stood. Hopefully you won't get too tired of hearing 'when I was in the Holy Land'. ☺

I reflected a couple of times as we went along that we stand on holy ground. The Aboriginal peoples get that in a way that I need to be reminded of at times. Standing on Mt Nebo, the place Moses saw the promised land from and was later buried on, I was drawn to something I read prior to our departure. When Moses stood before the burning bush, God reminded him to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. It was holy ground even before Moses got there, Moses just needed to be reminded of it. When we stand in God's presence we stand on holy ground. When are we not in God's presence?

There is a significant push, and a not too subtle one either, from several quarters to have the Christians leave the middle east. You don't have to look to far to see numbers of minorities throughout the world being persecuted to the point of extinction; Christian groups amongst them. The Franciscans hold a significant number of our holy sites throughout Israel, the West bank and other places. The collection we take up each Good Friday helps the Vatican support them in their work. It would be a tragedy for our faith if these places where Christ walked, talked and lived were lost.

If you get a chance have a look at this website: **'missionfourcorners.com'** It has been developed by a group of Christians, our tour guide amongst them, living in the Holy Land. The website I direct you to really is about educating Christians on Christian life in the Holy Land and the significant historical moments of the Christian journey that were played out there. Like here, many of us can forget the learnings of history and the historical significance as it applies to today. The website has lots to share with us in this regard. The Christians there need us to support them prayerfully and to understand what their presence means for Christians world-wide.

Good Friday as a religious day has always held great significance for me personally, that is my own personal faith, as I know it has been important to you. However, I think Good Friday next year is going to feel and be a lot different on so many levels now that I have seen what the money we raise does and the prayers we pray do for the good of Christian life.

Kind regards,

Greg

Parish Priest

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE ZONE

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120. R. v.2

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. 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: Wilma Hankin, Glen Flannery

Anniversary: Barry Lyndon, John Maddocks

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:

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, 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, Glenn Watkinson, Bronwyn Sutton, Gerry Brown, Ann Moreira, Irene Burns, Suzanne O'Sullivan, Chriss Smith, George Flower, Jorge Gonzalez, Michelle Bellouard, John McCaig, Kerry Pickering, Pietrina Ruspandini, Teresa Nardi, Bruce Gurton, Max Sciacca, Kirsty Chan, Anthony Griffiths Jnr

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 26/27 OCT

Vigil Mass

Sacristan: Pat Hooker

Readers: Tricia Winston, John O'Donnell & Frank Hayman

Ministers of Communion: Lou Hope, Owen Carroll, Max Dunn, Ruth Pearson & Maureen Pye

7am Mass

Sacristan: Cecile Malone

Readers: Maria Armitage, Kay Griffiths & Suzie Monks

Ministers of Communion: Norm Chapman, Fred Liackman, Mark Mowbray, Cushla Drake & Graham Griffiths

9am Mass

Sacristan: Kris Koch

Readers: Barbara Dolahenty, Marie Keep & Anne Hartman

Ministers of Communion: Greg Byrne, Lorraine Thomas, Chris Freebody, Maria Meredith & Shiony Neal

5.30pm Mass

Sacristan: Gene Garth

Readers: Shanty Thomas & Gen Williamson

Ministers of Communion:

Thomas Alexander

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 26/27 OCT

First Reading

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord judges justly with no favourites.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul concludes his writing, is ready for the Day of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 18:9-14

Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Weekday Masses Oct 21 - Oct 26

Tuesday: 4.30pm
Wednesday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.30am
Saturday: 9.00am

Parish Timetable

Tues 22 Oct	**9.30am** Christian Meditation– Church **3.30pm** Holy Hour **5.30pm** Singing Practice
Wed 23 Oct	**10am** MenAlive **11am** Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Thu 24 Oct	**10am** Social Group Meet at Sicilian Restaurant
Sat 26 Oct	**8.30am & 4.45pm** Reconciliation **10am** Social Group Meet at Sicilian Restaurant **Everyone welcome, old and new parishioners!*

2020 Columban Art Calendars are now on sale for $8 each.

Male Parishioner in need of couple of hours companionship on Wednesday 30th or Thursday 31st October while carer away. Please phone Evelyn on Home 6557 6413 or Mobile 0439 426 246

Thank You

We would like to say a huge thank you to the painting volunteers who turned up on Monday and Tuesday to assist. **You've all done a fantastic job!!!**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH AND SURROUNDS

Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

Biggest event of the year!!!!

When: 5th November

Time: 12.30pm, stay for the race on the big screen.

Where: Parish Hall.

What: A glass of sparkling wine on arrival, sweeps, best hat and best dressed, lucky door prize plus much more. Ticket Cost: $30.00.

Tickets available from:

- **Parish Office 6554 6401**
- **Beryl Evans 0416 058 537**

All Souls Day

2 November 2019

If you would like your loved one remembered as part of the All Souls' Day Masses you can submit their name either by using the envelops supplied in the Planned Giving Envelops or by submitting your loved one's name in writing to the Parish Office. It is important that the names arrive before the 1 November and in writing. Those who have died in the last twelve months, where we celebrated a funeral liturgy in this parish, will be included by the office automatically.

Anointing Mass

Wednesday, 30 October at 10.00am. Baptistcare residents will be attending. All are welcome especially those who receive communion at home as we will be celebrating the Anointing of the Sick. ***Mass will be at 10.00am not 9.00am.***

Palms Australia
Global Volunteering

A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th – 12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position beginning any time in 2020.

Call or text 0422 4PALMS (M-F). palms.org.au

Forster Local Health Committee Presents

Ageing at Home Forum

Date: Thursday 24 October

Time: 12:30pm-6:00pm

Venue: Club Forster, Strand Street, Forster (in the Auditorium)

Aiming to promote 5 steps to living well at home!

Displays and speakers will include– independent living supports, financial advisors, equipment suppliers, health professionals, local pharmacists, local animal hospital and volunteering opportunities.

Free entry & Lucky door prizes

For further details contact louise Saville on 6539 6316

CURSILLO GATHERING

Our Diocesan Ultreya will be held in the **FORSTER PARISH HALL on Friday night, 25 October 2019**. This is a great opportunity to meet others who have experienced a Cursillo weekend and to find out more about Cursillo. We gather for prayer at 7.30 pm and finish the Ultreya with supper. Please bring some food to share.

Cursillistas are also invited to get together with our visitors from the Diocese for breakfast on Saturday 26 Oct at 8 am.

For more information ring Anne Moloney on 0416 202 106

Plenary Council 2020:

Listen to what the Spirit is saying!!!

You are invited to attend a conversation on the next stage of the Plenary Council Process **Sunday 27 October 10.15am in the Parish Hall. Morning Tea provided.** We have listened to the Spirit and now we need to discern where the Spirit is leading us. You will receive some feedback on the first stage of the process and hear what we have on offer in the next. *Give up an hour of your time to be part of this exciting time in our Church.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE

Diocesan Synod

"Building the Kingdom of God together"

Saturday 23 November from 9.30am to 5.00pm Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West Mass from 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral

Keynote presenters: Fr Richard Lennan and Ms Lana Turvey-Collins

Other presenters: Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, Sr Lauretta Baker RSJ, Dr Ursula Stephens, Mary Ringstad

It will be an opportunity to take up the themes from the Plenary Council's Listening and Discernment. Each guest speaker will workshop a theme repeated over two sessions, to enable you to engage with two themes over the course of the day.

Registration is now open: https://dioceansynodcelebration.eventbrite.com

The Diocesan Synod will take place over three years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

All people from the Catholic Community are invited to join in this first session of the Diocesan Synod Celebration.

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

4th Wed after 9am Mass in the meeting room. Michael Amato 6554 5284

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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