



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 19 January 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

Dear Parish Family,

Did you go outside and dance in the rain this week? Tempting wasn't it. I had a number of moments going from the car to a meeting or appointment and I left the umbrella behind each time; the feel of the rain was just awesome. The video of the little 2 year old seeing rain for the first time and his joy was just priceless.

Our country must be feeling a little all over the place with burning bush fires and no water and then high winds, thunder and torrential rain. God has a plan for us I'm sure: what that is right now I'm not as sure about as with many of God's plans they are **hidden from our eyes**. That means in many ways that we are called to put our trust in not only the plan but our invitation to respond as circumstances and events dictate. Sometimes that means simply praying, another moment it might mean an act of charitable kindness, another moment might be to sit with another and share their pain or grief, or another to help a neighbour shoulder the load by volunteering, offering support and or simply mucking in. We may not know the outcome of the invitation.

We keep praying. Yesterday I had a few moments of waiting in lines, or waiting rooms and I found it a lovely day to count up some blessings. Even in the midst of dry one minute and drenched the next we truly have much to be thankful for. I have much to be thankful for.

The Ordinary time of the year is really our practical time of living the faith. Opportunities to respond to God's call not only in the theoretical but the practical. I am always moved by the challenging reading in Matthew 25, 'the sheep and the goats'. It is a blue print for those moments when I am uncertain of my place in the plan. I can go to that reading and see that I am called to visit the sick and imprisoned, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and give water to the thirsty.

Some of it is literal. We have naked people in our community who have lost everything to the fires. **Some of it is spiritual.** We have naked people in our community who simply need to be clothed in the compassion of Christian life and to find comfort in the merciful God I know and love.

As I count my blessings I know that I am called to share those blessings with others. They are gifts from God that change my life and in sharing them I change the life of another. Whatever the plan God has for all of us it is unfolding around us and we are called to be part of it.

Kind regards,

Greg
Parish Priest

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE ZONE

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Jeffrey Bonner

Anniversary: Alfred John Thomas, John Drzyzga, Tony Holstein

We've recently removed a lot of names from the sick list as it was getting quite long and a lot of names were unfamiliar. If you would like to add someone back onto the list please contact the parish office. We will require phone numbers for family members of the sick so that we can keep updated of their progress.

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:

Roseanne Telfer, Michael O'Hara, Marion Prescott, Roger Curry, Dulcie Goldsmith, Barry Bolton, Elizabeth Thomas, Ray Vidler, Rachal, Robert Greig, Jorge Gonzalez, John McCaig, Kerry Pickering, Pietrina Ruspandini, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, Zac Gogerly, Ethal Hunt, Tony Perrin, Marie Cross

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 25/26 JAN

Vigil Mass

Sacristan: Gene Garth

Readers: John O'Donnell, Maureen Stevens & Geraldine Mullin

Ministers of Communion: Lou Hope, Claudette Cheetham, Frank Hayman & Michael Siddle

7am Mass

Sacristan: Anthony Fazio

Readers: Cecile Malone, Cushla Drake & Sarah Praschinger

Ministers of Communion: Mark Mowbray, Maria Armitage, Lorraine Clark, Fred Liackman & Norm Chapman

9am Mass

Sacristan: Gely Herrero

Readers: Marian O'Neill Marie Keep & Maureen Visser

Ministers of Communion: Kris Koch, Anne Moloney, Lorna Vidler, Josie Beech & Monique Johnson

5.30pm Mass

Sacristan: Gene Garth

Readers: Clare Moulder & Juliet Hinchliffe

Ministers of Communion:

Shibu Joseph

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 25/26 JAN

First Reading

Is 8:23 – 9:3

The Lord brings light to the darkness.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Paul begs for unity.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry, calling the Apostles.



Weekday Masses

Jan 20 - Jan 25

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: No Mass

Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.00am

Parish Timetable

Tues 21 Jan	9.30am Christian Meditation-Church 3.30pm Holy Hour No Singing Practice
Wed 22 Jan	11am Novena Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sat 25 Jan	8.30am & 4.45pm Reconciliation

Columbarium

Columbarium application forms and pamphlets can be found on the tables at the side of the church for those interested in securing a place.

VACANCIES: We currently have some vacancies on both our Counting Roster and Finance Committee.

If you are able to add up (important skill) and are financially aware the Parish could use your help. Please note that all our counters and members of the Finance Committee must be willing to submit a National Police Check. If you are interested to know more please speak with FR Greg asap in the parish office or after any of our Masses; if you would like to participate but have concerns a conversation is always a good starting point.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE
PARISH AND SURROUNDS**

Please help support our Community Care Pantry

CatholicCare is experiencing an increased number of people presenting at our Pulteney St office who are in need of food.

We would like to respond to this need but we need your help to do so.

Preferably, we would be looking for items that do not require much preparation, as many of the people asking for our assistance do not have cooking facilities. We are hoping to provide them with nutritious, filling and basic food items such as:

- Cereal; long life milk
- Tins of casseroles
- 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; tomatoes
- Tea bags; small jars coffee; sugar
- Cans of stewed fruit

If you would like to help us assist people in need, please leave food donations in the bins at the side of the church. Thank you for your kind consideration.



The Sicilian Bushfire Appeal

The Sicilian Group will be standing by our fellow Australians throughout these tough times and we'll be donating 100% of our coffee sales to the Australian Red Cross, Bush Fires appeal.

When you buy a coffee on Monday, January 20th from The Sicilian Forster, Cafe Giardino Taree, or Café Toscano, Forster 100% of our coffee sales will go directly to the Australian Red Cross.

Every dollar adds up...every bit counts. Grab a coffee - help out a mate!

Lina's Project

The community is invited to attend a barbeque to support victims and survivors of abuse and gather in a spirit of recognition, healing and hope.

When: Wed 12 Feb

Time: 6pm screening of Lina's project will commence followed by barbeque at 6.30pm

Where: Toronto Multi-purpose Centre, 9 Thorne St, Toronto

RSVP: for catering purposes please RSVP by 7 Feb on 02 4979 1188 or

linasprojecttoronto@mn.catholic.org.au

For more information visit: linasproject.com.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies Bushfire Relief

In an emergency Vinnies can provide support such as:

- Food vouchers
- Clothing & bedding
- Toiletries
- Financial assistance
- Interest free loans
- Emotional support
- Referrals to other services

For more information on local assistance and support call us on (02) 4967 6277.

Pamphlets can be found at the side of the church.

Save The date:

Stephen Bromhead, Member for Myall Lakes presents...

Myall Lakes Seniors Festival Concert 2020

Club Taree's Auditorium, 121 Wingham Road, Taree

Monday 16th March 2020

10.30am-2.00pm

&

Club Forster's Auditorium, Strand Street, Forster

Tuesday 17th March 2020

10.30am-2.00pm

Tickets are Free and limited to 2 per household. tickets available Mon 6th January 2020 from Club Forster and MidCoast Council Office

(Myall Lakes Electorate Residents Only)



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

PARISH TEAM

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