



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 26 January 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A

Dear Parish Family,

Can anyone remember a time when we went out for dinner and had to leave the restaurant phone number in case of emergencies? A local restaurant here has a sign reminding those dining to 'pretend its 1995 and talk to each other'. Recently out with a group of priests I noted that all of us had our phones sitting at the table and a quick scan of the restaurant revealed we weren't the only ones. Admittedly a couple of the priests were Vicars General, and we were all on call but still it was interesting. When I was first ordained I wore a hospital pager: how things have changed. We did at least talk to each other.

The meetings I attended this week were part of my compliance requirements. I find them helpful in assisting making our parish community a place of safety for everyone. All of us have a responsibility to ensure our parish is a safe place. That's not new however and I know you are aware.

You may have wondered about the small penguin symbol at the top of our newsletter. This represents the LINA Project and the Diocese and her agencies commitment to not only atoning for the sin of sexual abuse in the Church but also our commitment to never remain silent when we know of any form of abuse, injustice or breach of our codes of conduct. *That small penguin protecting the egg is extremely important.*

I get concerned when I see small children heading off to the bathrooms at the back of the church on their own. The toilets are out of sight. Children under the age of 8 I think should have a parent go with them or at least an older sibling. I can't enforce the request but *parents you might be mindful of the request.*

Thanks to all those who were able to make the morning tea on Monday. Over 50 gathered at the Sicilian – awesome number. I'm not entirely sure what that equates to in coffees but I do know over and above we donated \$200 to the Red Cross. Make sure you put pressure when you can on the charities raising money to protect the donations (\$1 billion) from the fire appeals nationally to ensure they go where they are meant to and quickly. St Vincent de Paul has issued a statement saying 100% will go where it is meant to!

The driveway is being repaired this week and there will be access issues. Cars can't drive on the concrete for a week. **If you have mobility concerns please let me know.**

Please pray for the American fire fighters who were killed in the plane crash this week. They have been here since November and their families will be heartbroken.

In Christ ,

Greg

Parish Priest

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE ZONE

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Memorial Acclamation

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Jorge Gonzalez, Anthony Griffiths, Charlie De Bono & Rita Jones

Anniversary: Paul Geraghty

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, 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 1/2 FEB

Vigil Mass

Sacristan: Pat Hooker

Readers: Claudette Cheetham, Neville Cheetham & Max Dunn

Ministers of Communion: Michael Amato, Maureen Stevens, Frank Hayman, Michael Siddle & Lou Hope

7am Mass

Sacristan: Cecile Malone

Readers: Sarah Praschinger, John O'Donnell & Lorraine Clark

Ministers of Communion: Mary Greig, Cushla Drake, Mark Mowbray, Kay & Graham Griffiths

9am Mass

Sacristan: Anne Hartman

Readers: Lois McPherson, Greg Byrne & Kit Hornibrook

Ministers of Communion: Kris Koch, Lorraine Thomas, Josie Beech, Shiony Neal & Sandy Ross

5.30pm Mass

Sacristan: Gene Garth

Readers: Helen Thomas & Clare Moulder

Ministers of Communion:

Thomas Alexander & Shanty Thomas

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 1/2 FEB

First Reading

Mal 3:1-4

The Lord will send his messenger.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading

Heb 2:14-18

Jesus was fully human.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:22-40

Jesus is brought to the Temple by Mary and Joseph.



Weekday Masses

Jan 27 - Feb 1

Tuesday: 4.30pm

Wednesday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.30am

Saturday: 9.00am

Parish Timetable

Tues 27 Jan	9.30am Christian Meditation-Church 3.30pm Holy Hour No Singing Practice
Wed 28 Jan	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Sat 1 Feb	8.30am & 4.45pm Reconciliation



BAPTISMS

This weekend we witness the baptism of Hugo Dixon

May the gift of baptism he receives strengthen him for his journey of life and faith he will share with us. Please remember the Dixon family in your prayers.

LENTEN PROGRAM 2019

The Lenten program we will use this year is called 'Grace' from the Diocese of Wollongong. Grace is a 76-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday). The daily reflections have been written by 16 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world including Fr Sean Cullen and Sr Susanna Edmunds OP.

If you wish to host the program in your own home, parish hall or in the parish meeting room, please indicate on the list provided on the church doors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH AND SURROUNDS

Australia Day



We mark Australia day this year on Sunday. I think it is a day to remember many of the elements that make our country great and to be mindful of those things that we need to work on. For some it is a day of sorrow and so we need to be aware as we pray particularly for our aboriginal countrymen and women. It is also a day to acknowledge the need to feed the hungry and house the homeless, to welcome the stranger and the new citizens, to pray for our serving men and women at home and overseas, to hold the firefighters and those they work to save, to acknowledge our farmers and the backbone they are for our country as we support them through the droughts. It is also a day to pray in thanks for what we have and be grateful for the grace God has bestowed on us, our resources and our generous hearts that in the light of the Gospel demands we share. I am grateful for our diverse cultures that make this country unique and for the peace generally we enjoy. Have a great day Australia.

Some websites to consider:

The Catholic Church is committed to ending modern slavery:

<https://www.minderoo.com.au/walk-free>

<https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/report-shows-church-leads-way-in-commitment-to-end-slavery/>

<https://catholicoutlook.org/new-national-catholic-network-to-tackle-modern-slavery/>

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/solidarity-and-justice/anti-slavery/>

And to learn more about Catholic Professional Standards Limited:

<https://www.cpsltd.org.au/>

Liturgical Ministers Roster

If you haven't yet collected your copy of the weekend roster you will find it in the red folder on the table at the side of church.

The Little Black Books are now on sale for \$5 each. The books contain six-minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

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.

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 Multipurpose 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



Would you like a visitor?

Would you like to be a visitor?

The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) at MSS is a social initiative & can arrange a visitor for an elderly person once a week or fortnight. **It is a free service.**

To be eligible the participant must be over 65yrs (or 50yrs if Indigenous) and either living in any aged care facility or in their own home with a home care package with any provider. (No cost to participant or their package)

Each visit the participant & their visitor decide what they would like to do. They can have a chat, go for a walk, play cards or drive to the coffee shop. CVS will reimburse some travel costs for visitors too. So refer your mum, refer your friend, refer yourself.

Please call Chris Becroft at MSS on 02 6551 1800 for more information on CVS either as a participant or a volunteer visitor.

National Biennial Liturgy Conference, Parramatta 2020

Liturgy: Forming a Prayerful and Eucharistic Church

Thursday 12 March to Saturday 14 March, 2020

This national Conference is an Australian gathering of the ACBC's Bishops Commission for Liturgy, Advisory Councils and Consultants with diocesan liturgy representatives, pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in the Church's liturgy. The keynote speaker is Fr Paul Turner STD from the Diocese of Kansas City- St Joseph, Missouri, USA. The conference will focus on fostering and forming the people of God at prayer.

Early Bird registrations close 1 Feb

For more information go to:

Bit.ly/nlc2020event

Project Compassion 2020

The launch of Project Compassion will be held on **Tuesday, February 25 at 10:30AM** at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle.





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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