



# 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 April 2020,

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR A

Dear Parish Family,

I've been watching with interest the 99 year old World War 2 Vet, Tom Moore in England, walking to raise money for the English National Health System. There are now calls for him to be knighted before he turns 100 as a reward for his efforts. As you will know he hoped to complete a hundred laps around his garden and to raise something like \$2000. \$30 million dollars later and yet to turn a hundred he is still walking.

What I have loved about this man is not the grandeur of his fund-raising effort but the *grandeur* of seeking to make a difference within his own capacity and with his own skills and talents. How simple in lock down to simply see a need and want to make some *smallish* difference to the life of another, and to recognize at least one way that this could happen. England is having such a hard time at the moment like many countries, ours included. Each country is facing its own challenges and difficulties. We don't have the devastating deaths as some countries are having but none-the-less many of us are struggling.

Who would have thought that at 99, Tom would have captured the hearts and minds of millions world-wide? Don't you love the image of him in shirt and tie, medals proudly displayed, walker in hand diligently negotiating the paths of his garden! The image of the soldiers in his guard of honour saluting his efforts now indelibly printed on my memory



On Thursday I arrived home to a lovely note in my letter box, written anonymously. However, due to the lettering on the envelope I know that it was prepared and sent by one of the students at Holy Name Catholic Primary School. *I just want to say "it made my week"*. A very simple gesture but like the pebble dropped in the pond or Tom walking his garden, you just don't know where the ripples end or how it makes someone feel.

So easy to think that we all have to be like Mother Teresa or Mary Mackillop but in reality we simply have to do what Tom did as part of his mission or the young person who prepared my mail surprise as part of theirs: ***we do what we can and what we are called to do.*** The call of Christian ministry is not a competition it is a way of life isn't it. So ring, write, support and encourage from where you are and within the circle of mission and ministry that you are called into; that would be your family and your friends and if you can, spare a thought, an action or a prayer for those in need.

Happy Easter Alleluia, Alleluia,

Yours in Christ,

*Greg*  
Parish Priest



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:** Lidwine Wijtenburg

**Anniversary:** Scott Hinwood & Zillah Blair

*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, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, Zac Gogery, Junior Soliano, Ann Moreira, Dawn Gander, Judy Shand, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Alan Winston, Adam Knixon, Alex Guider, Angela McNamara

*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.*

**Worship & Prayer Suggestions**

**Sunday Worship:** Can I suggest the following times that you might stop and pray the liturgies of Sunday; 7.00am, 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am or 11.00am. Just choose one. Could you email us the time you would choose and I will let others in that time slot know your first name so we have a sense of gathering together in prayer. With the news letter you will receive Sunday's readings and the Prayers of Intercession.

**Daily Prayer one or more of the following options:**

**Rosary:** Can I suggest a rosary chain each day at the following times: 9.00am, 1.00pm, or 5.00pm. If you would like to join this chain can you let me know and I will connect by first name to those also choosing that time.

**Sunday in Easter:** The Sorrowful Mysteries In Easter and Time After Pentecost: The Glorious Mysteries

**Monday:** The Joyful Mysteries

**Tuesday:** The Sorrowful Mysteries

**Wednesday:** The Glorious Mysteries

**Thursday:** The joyful Mysteries

**Friday:** The Sorrowful Mysteries

**Saturday:** The Glorious Mysteries

**Angelus:** Can I suggest that we pause at 6.00am if you are up, at Noon and 6.00 pm to say the Angelus. Prayer included.

**Office of Readings:** Commit to one time during the day when you might pray the office of readings which we will send you each day. Let us know if you are choosing this option and we will let others know of your choice. Others will feel connected to you in this regard.

**Angelus Prayer**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,  
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ, your Son by the message of an angel, so by His passion and cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



**JOIN US IN PRAYER**

**Sunday Worship**

7am	Mary, Marie
8am	Mass Live Stream
9am	Monique, Carmel, Gene, Danira
10am	Ruth

**Daily Rosary**

1pm	Monique
5pm	Mary, Danira

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. *By Pope Francis*

## LIVE STREAMING MASS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Due to COVID-19 restrictions closing all churches and restricting gatherings, the diocese has been working to create a way to still allow our parishioners to stay connected to our church. Bishop Bill will be celebrating Mass alone in the cathedral, and he invites you to join with him in prayer from home on Sunday or watch at a later time here. The celebration will be live-streamed on the Diocesan YouTube channel which is accessible via the Diocesan website:

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/)

## **A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.

For you alone are our hope.  
We place before you the disease present in our world.

We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.

Stabilize our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.

Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.

Amen.

*Acknowledging the Maronite Youth website.*

## **Prayer Resources for Individuals and Families**

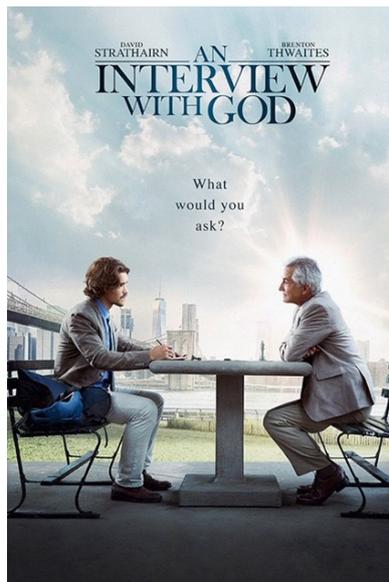
During this time of social isolation it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources is available to support personal and family prayer at:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/covid-19-supplementary-prayer-resources/>.

Additionally, LiturgyHelp is offering free access to its range of prayer resources at <https://liturgyhelp.com/aus/mn/pray>.

**Count Down to Calvary:** Many of you would have already seen this ABC show but it was recommended to me recently and I have enjoyed watching it. Lots of place on view are places I visited last year. Hugh Bonneville, actor who hosts this program read theology at Cambridge's Corpus Christi College so he has history with what he is presenting. I recommend it to you. *Best wishes, Greg PP*

You can still view it on the following link: <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/jesus-countdown-to-calvary>



Danira: This movie was worth watching. The movie is thoughtful, compelling and moving. I was asking myself what questions I would ask God. Many of the questions they did ask, and in many cases, they asked questions I would not have thought of. It reminded me we never have to question his love, He loves us and desires a relationship with each one of us! Worth a watch.

## **Electronic Planned Giving**

We have simplified the direct debit or credit card planned giving process for those who are isolating and unable to print or drop forms in but who still want to give. We are now able to take the payment details over the phone and complete the form for you. We will record your phone number so that a CDF staff member can contact you and verify the request. You will also be able to indicate how much you would like allocated to the parish and how much to presbytery. If you would like to sign up for electronic planned giving please contact Danielle on 0459 342 981. Another way you can donate to the parish is through the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle website:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/>

*To claim a tax deduction on your donation you will need to provide your planned giving number, if you do not have a planned giving number please contact us and we will provide you with one.*

## **Art Competition**

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement *Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes in the Social Justice Statement. Works must be on A3 paper, with a 150-word artist statement accompanying the work. Entries close Friday 14 August. Exhibition date is Saturday 29 August at San Clemente High School, Mayfield. \$150 prize for each category (Stage 3,4,5,6 and adult). Contact [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au) for more information.

## **Free online resources for kids:**

- <https://bibleappforkids.com/>
- <https://www.play.bible/category/kids>
- <https://www.lostsheep.com.au/>
- <https://www.biblesociety.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/KIDSWISE-COLLECTION4.pdf>
- <https://www.quizworx.com/>

Dear Parish Family,

I am praying the Rosary every day and would like to invite you to join me via Zoom.

If you install the App on your mobile phone we will be able to link up, see each other and pray the Rosary together. If you want to contact me : Monique: 0419 212 350 I would love to hear from you.

The Rosary above is almost 100 years old - it is a silver one that my dear Mum would have been given probably for her 1st Holy Communion. I polished it up and it is so beautiful and reminds me so much of the many times we as a family prayed the Rosary at difficult times - helped us through.

I must admit I have not prayed the Rosary very much of late, in fact not for quite a long time but am drawn to do so at this time of difficulty for so many of us. Technology today will allow us to still be together even though we are practising self-isolation.

Much love to you all and hope to hear from some of you.

Monique xxxx



## Prophetic and timely-- 1869.

***Timeless! History repeats itself. Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during the 1919 Pandemic. It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:***

*And people stayed at home  
And read books  
And listened  
And they rested  
And did exercises  
And made art and played  
And learned new ways of being  
And stopped and listened  
More deeply  
Someone meditated, someone prayed  
Someone met their shadow  
And people began to think differently  
And people healed.  
And in the absence of people who  
Lived in ignorant ways  
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
The earth also began to heal  
And when the danger ended and  
People found themselves  
They grieved for the dead  
And made new choices  
And dreamed of new visions  
And created new ways of living  
And completely healed the earth  
Just as they were healed.*



*Reprinted during Spanish flu  
Pandemic, 1919  
Photo taken during Spanish Flu*

## MY QUARANTINE THINGS

Most of my mornings I ride to the po-ool  
Can't do it these days they'd call me a fo-ool  
Stuck in the yard pool with floaties and rings  
These are a few of my quarantine things

Watching the TV and losing all hope  
Washing and washing and washing with soap  
I'd play the piano but I've lost my zing  
These are a few of my quarantine things

We're on our computer in our living ro-oom  
Having to meet with my friends on this Zo-oom  
I'd go to the playground but can't have a swing  
These are a few of my quarantine things

When the virus bites  
When my throat stings  
When I'm feeling sad  
I simply remember my quarantine things  
And then I don't feel so bad

Boxes of tissues and sanitized gases  
Face masks that tickle my nose and eye lashes  
Thick squares of newspaper tied up with string  
These are a few of my quarantine things

Talking to people at one point five metres  
Bought disinfectant and other germ eaters  
Can't invite guests don't know what they will bring  
These are a few of my quarantine things

Watching the TV just gives me the blu -ooz  
One thing for certain I'll not take a cru -ooz  
Away from the harbor to dry land I'll cling  
These are a few of my quarantine things

When the virus bites  
When my throat stings  
When I'm feeling sad  
I simply remember my quarantine things  
And then I don't feel so bad

*By Greg Byrne & Judy Woolstencroft (Adaptation of Julie Andrews- My Favourite Things!)*

## Our Parish Community

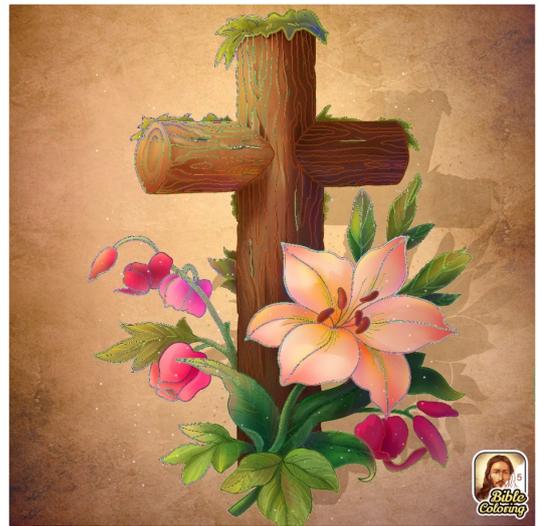


Greg Byrne's photos: praying the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday & Holy Thursday celebrations

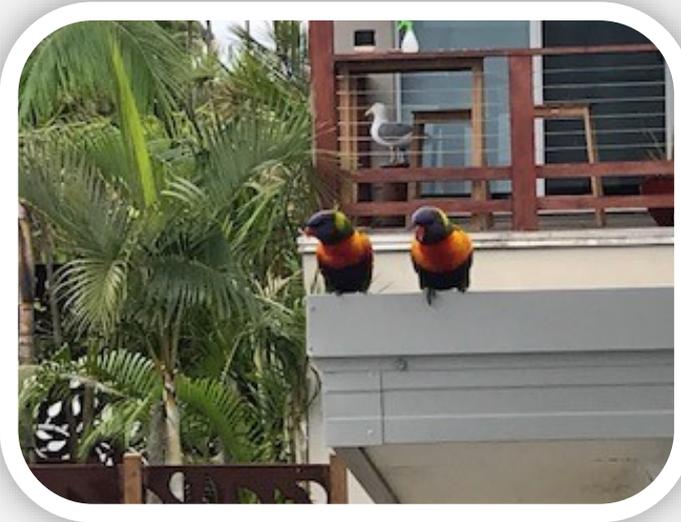




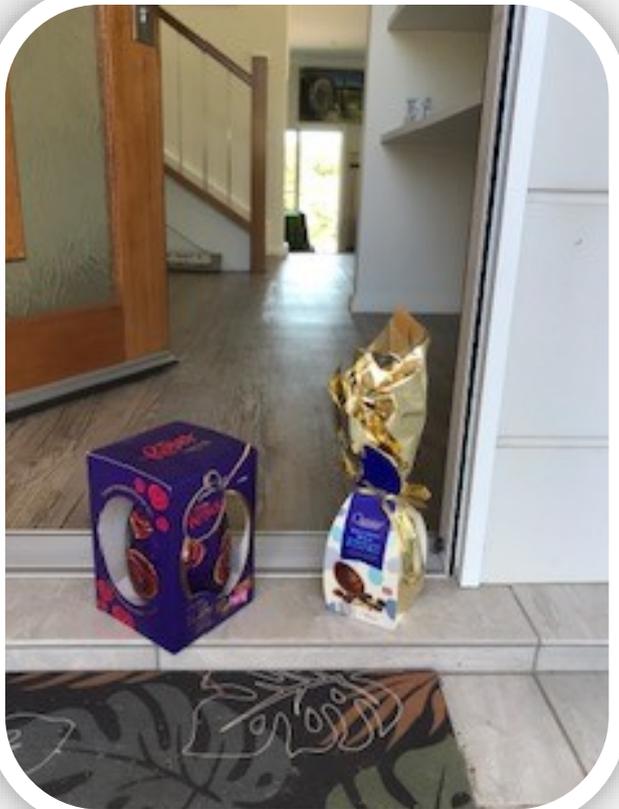
Fr Greg received a special gift



Sandy Ross: This is what I am doing while staying at home...If anyone is interested in colouring, then download Bible Colouring by numbers app on your phone, tablet or computer... Good relaxation...



Claudette's little friends in isolation & Easter chocolate



### Send us your photos:

If you are happy to share some photos of your life at home in isolation, maybe doing some of those things that help us keep going: praying, knitting, playing cards, cooking, prayer space etc. please send them through to our email address or text Fr Greg: 0417321209. You can also send in your tips for getting through. Have you got a favourite recipe you could share? A book you've read that you might review for others? A poem? A short story? All elements for keeping together and staying afloat as the Parish family.



## READINGS 18/19 APRIL

### First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

#### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Pt 1:3-9

#### A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

### Gospel

Jn 20:19-31

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'

**(Continued)** Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities – thumbing his nose at the rules. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They'd gone from riding the crest of a wave to being utterly dumped! They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas has received a pretty bad rap for the last 2000 years, forever labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word for the fact that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God.

### Historical Context – My Lord and my God

This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.

### Have you thought? Those who have not seen

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we – blessed are we – who have not seen and yet still believe!

### Scriptural context – Not an ending?

The final two verses of today's gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.

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## Second Sunday of Easter Year A

Sunday 19 Apr 2020

**Priest:** Sisters and brothers, through Christ's victory over death, we bring our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader:** That our Holy Father Pope Francis will lead the Church in the peace of our risen Lord.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That exhausted healthcare workers will be given patience and determination to mirror Christ's compassion in their ministry of healing. We pray especially for those at the forefront of the coronavirus outbreak.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That countries where health infrastructure is limited will be granted equipment and resources. We pray especially for generous sharing between nations during the coronavirus pandemic.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who doubt their faith may find belief in Christ who was once dead, but now lives forever.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our parish community, without seeing Jesus, will continue to believe and acclaim the victory of Christ.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick will experience the divine healing of Christ, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will share in the glory of Christ our Saviour, especially Lidwine Wijtenburg, Scott Hinwood & Zillah Blair.

*(pause)* In your glory:

**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** God our Father, having not seen, we believe in Jesus Christ. Hear our prayers and help to sustain our faith in Jesus and remain true to the teaching of his apostles. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

## APPENDIX: Keeping Sunday Holy – What Can We Do?

To assist individuals and families during this time, the Diocesan Liturgy Council has offered the following options, particularly in keeping Sunday holy:

**Praying with the Sunday readings:** Such prayer may take many forms including *Lectio Divina* and Liturgies of the Word in families or small groups. Parishes may like to download the 'Weekly Prayer Sheet' with the Sunday readings from [LiturgyHelp](#) and email it to parishioners.

**The Prayer of the Church:** We recommend morning and evening prayer to individuals and families. We suggest downloading the [Universalis App](#) which contains not only the Prayer of the Church but also the Mass of the day and many other things. See also: <https://liturgy.life/2020/03/keeping-sunday-holy-when-we-cannot-gather-for-mass-liturgy-of-the-hours/>

**Recorded Homilies:** The homilies of Bishop Bill or Fr Andrew from the Cathedral Mass on Sundays will be recorded and made available online by lunch time on Sundays. These may help in individual or small group reflections on the readings of the day. These homilies can be accessed via [Spotify](#) or [iTunes](#).

**Mass Streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral:** As already mentioned, the Diocese and Cathedral is currently investigating the possibility of livestreaming the Sunday Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral celebrated by the Bishop or the Vicar General. Further information will be made available via the Diocesan website, which will also host the livestream if it becomes available.

The resources from [LiturgyHelp](#) can be of great assistance at this time in two significant ways:

This is the time to use LiturgyHelp to its fullest capacity. Make sure you are using your fifty part-username and logins for all your liturgical and pastoral ministers. Those who have access are encouraged to continue to reach out to members of the community during this time. For example, parish secretaries or Children's Liturgy ministers could download the resources under 'children' on the Sunday menu, and then send them to the families of children who would normally participate in Children's Liturgy, or to those who were enrolled in the sacramental journey.

Everyone in the diocese – individuals and families – can access a range of resources being made available through a special login. Parishioners should go to [liturgyhelp.com/aus/mn/generalaccess](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/mn/generalaccess), and enter their name and email address. This is for all people in communities connected to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and will be available from Midday on Friday 20 March.

The resources available on the special login access version of LiturgyHelp will grow over time and initially include:

Access to the daily readings

Access to the daily Missal texts

Sunday Prayer Services (Liturgy of the Word and weekly prayer sheets)

Sunday and Special Feasts Scripture Commentary

Sunday and Special Feasts Homily and Reflection

Sunday Universal Prayer

General prayer – traditional, prayers to our Lady and litanies.

Sunday Prayer of the Church (Divine Office) from 29 March (morning and evening prayer)

There will be the possibility for us to augment this section over time if that were needed.

### A Moment To Reflect

This moment of crisis is for all people, especially people of faith, an opportunity. What is God revealing to us in this unusual moment of hunger for Eucharist? We believe in the centrality of the word of God to our lives as disciples and as a community of the faithful. This is an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the word and to deepen the way we abide in the Word. Who might we become over this time if we do turn to the Word of God as the primary source of our sustenance? We have largely ignored the treasure of the Prayer of the Church – primarily Morning and Evening Prayer. Who might we become if we prayed this prayer and became more familiar with the Psalms and the human cries we hear there?

Let us seize this opportunity so that when this moment is over we might return to our celebration of eucharist with a deeper love for it and a renewed sense of what it means to participate fully and consciously and actively in the Paschal Mystery and life of our Triune God

### For reflection

[Article by Massimo Faggioli: Mass Myopia and Coronavirus](#)



### **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**

**Fr Greg Barker** - Parish Priest

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**Danielle Kingdom**

Admin Assistant

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### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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41 Lake Street, Forster

Ph: 6554 6504

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W: [www.forster.catholic.edu.au](http://www.forster.catholic.edu.au)

**Principal:** Brooke Stephens

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

Davis Street, Taree

P: 6552 3300

E: [Admin@tareesc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Admin@tareesc.catholic.edu.au)

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**Principal:** Peter Nicholls

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