



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

"Unity in Christ"

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

Sunday 10 May 2020,

Fifth Sunday of Easter- Year A



Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mothers' Day!!! Wouldn't it have been wonderful if the premier of NSW could have relaxed some of our restrictions in time for this significant day? At the very least in groups of two families can get together with their mums and grand-mums; that is both a blessing and a grace for us.

I realise that there will be people like me whose mum will be in another place to far to visit. Maybe you are the mum who may be spending time Zooming, Facetiming or Skyping with your family because you live here and they live somewhere else. Technologically challenged you might be simply making happily do with the telephone.

I had a funeral today of a young woman who at the age of 61 succumbed to her cancer. We will pray for her in the prayers of the faithful this weekend. It is very sad for her mum and her children this Mothers' Day. Maureen Doyle will be celebrated from our Church next week. Her family gathers now to prepare her funeral.

Maybe you are a mum celebrating in the same place as these women's significant family members are. Maybe you are the person whose mum has died. Prayerfully we support all of you this day.

I was looking at some of the examples of woman in the bible. We, on this day, really look to Mary as the model of motherhood, as we should. What would be good though as we acknowledge her as Saint and *sinless one* is also to note that in some moments of the journey she was a typical mum: caring certainly, wanting the best for her son absolutely, also worrying, questioning, making sure he was eating properly, and getting in the way of his work sometimes. *All the 'a typical' signs of motherhood.* So if she who is perfect could get it slightly *off key* it is certainly ok for us who are less perfect to get it somewhat 'wrong' and that has to be ok.

We give thanks for the mums and their presence in our lives and our church. We pray with gratitude for the example of faith and love they give. Should we need their forgiveness we pray for the strength we need to ask for it and should they need forgiving the charity we need to be forgiving.

We pray for mums estranged from their families. For mums who have lost loved ones. We pray for souls of those who have gone home to God and we pray for their families.

We remember those who are new mums and those who are expecting. We pray for mums who are tired and exhausted through sleepless nights and moments of worry. We pray for mums whose babies were unexpected gifts and for those mums struggling to look after their children.

Today though we herald all our mums! May God hold each one of them in the palm of his hand and may his face shine lovingly on them.

Happy Mothers' Day!!!

Yours in Christ,

Greg

Parish Priest





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Kerrie Cross, Lynn Hodder, Kenneth O'Donnell & Maureen Doyle

Anniversary: Noah Currey & Maureen Turner

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 Gogerly, Junior Soliano, Ann Moreira, Dawn Gander, Judy Shand, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Alan Winston, Adam Knixon, Angela McNamara, Lucilla Bacalla

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 Luminous 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.

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/

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.

TAX RECEIPT FOR END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your planned giving donations for the 2019/2020 financial year please send an email to

Forster-
tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au
The cut off date to request a tax receipt is 30 June 2020.

Liturgical Education News from Liturgy Brisbane

We invite you to explore the latest edition of LITed which looks ahead to what the Church may look like after Coronavirus, and reflects upon how we may have learned to see differently.

The current edition is now ready to view at:

[https://
litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/](https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/)

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/](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](https://liturgyhelp.com/aus/mn/pray).

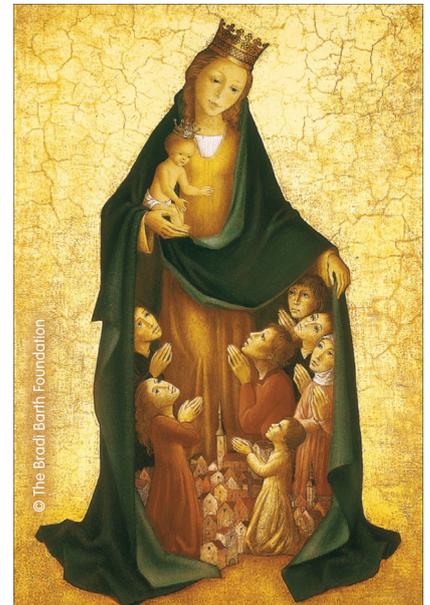
**The May edition of Aurora is
now available online:** [https://
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aurora_may_2020](https://issuu.com/diomn/docs/aurora_may_2020)



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Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

Are you wondering how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting the Church around the world? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/covid-19

to read messages from bishops, priests, brothers and religious sisters serving in some of the most remote and dangerous countries in the world.



Mary, Help of Christians. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Christian Meditation

I was happy to discover when I moved to Forster that Holy Name Church has a practising group of the World Community of Christian Meditation (WCCM); a group I had been meditating with for some years.

During our current lockdown situation, I have endeavoured to maintain this practice twice-daily. I've also been reading some books on developing this discipline and how it ties in with our prayer life.

If you've seen the meditation group advertised in the bulletin but didn't know much about it, here's a little bit from the WCCM website.

The roots of the WCCM lie in the desert tradition of early Christianity dating back to the 4th century. In 1975 John Main, an Irish Benedictine monk, started the first Christian Meditation Centre in London. Groups now meet in homes, parishes, schools, offices, hospitals, prisons and universities. There are groups for the homeless, for those in recovery from addiction and a special emphasis of the community is to share this gift of meditation with the poor and marginal around the world.

This period of isolation is a great time to commence meditation, as its platform is silence and stillness. Many styles of meditation claim diminished stress, lowered blood pressure and clarity of mind.

How to meditate? Sit down, be comfortable with your back straight. That's right, no need to sit on the floor cross-legged. Close your eyes lightly. Then interiorly, silently begin to recite a single word – a prayer word or mantra.* The essence of meditation is simplicity. Stay with the same word during the whole meditation. Let go of all thoughts and images. Don't fight your distractions: let them go by saying your word faithfully, gently and attentively. Meditate twice a day, morning and evening, for between 20 and 30 minutes. It may take time to develop this discipline and the support of a tradition and community is always helpful. I'm looking forward to the Tuesday morning Holy Name group resuming after Lockdown.

* The WCCM recommends the ancient prayer-word "Maranatha" - it is Aramaic for "Come Lord", but other words can be used, including the Rosary.

See and listen to lots more info on reasons, methods and benefits of meditation at <https://wccmaustralia.org.au/audio-video> with podcasts such as The Work of Silence; Song of Songs, and the Cycle of the Spiritual Life.

From Lynn Mills

Mother's day



Kids from St Joseph's in Gloucester getting ready for mothers' day



My Mother kept a garden,
a garden of the heart,
She planted all the good things
that gave my life it's start.
She turned me to the sunshine
and encouraged me to dream,
Fostering and nurturing
the seeds of self-esteem...
And when the winds and rain came,
she protected me enough-
But not too much because she knew
I'd need to stand up strong and tough.
Her constant good example
always taught me right from wrong-
Markers for my pathway
that will last a lifetime long.
I am my Mother's garden.
I am her legacy-
And I hope today she feels the love
reflected back from me



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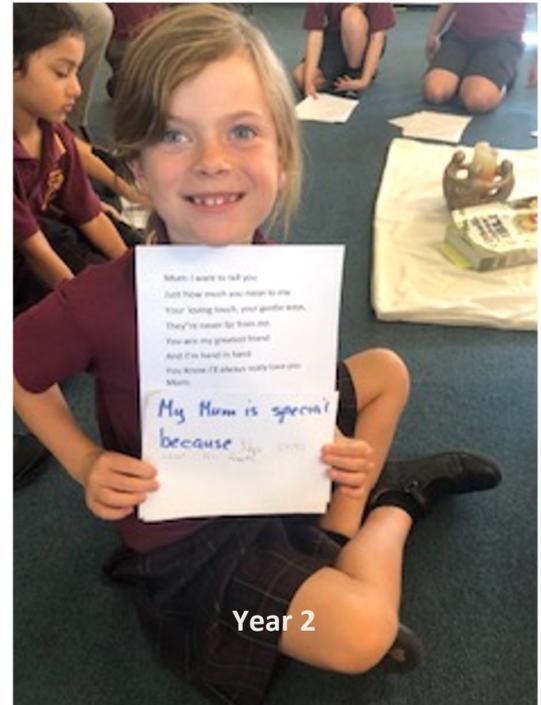
Mother's day



The Holy Name School children have been working hard on their Mother's Day gifts



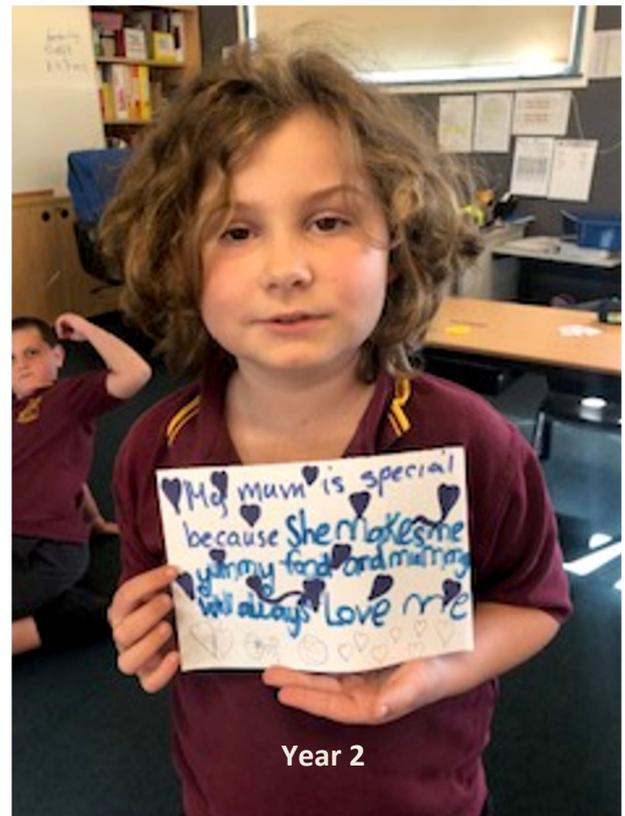
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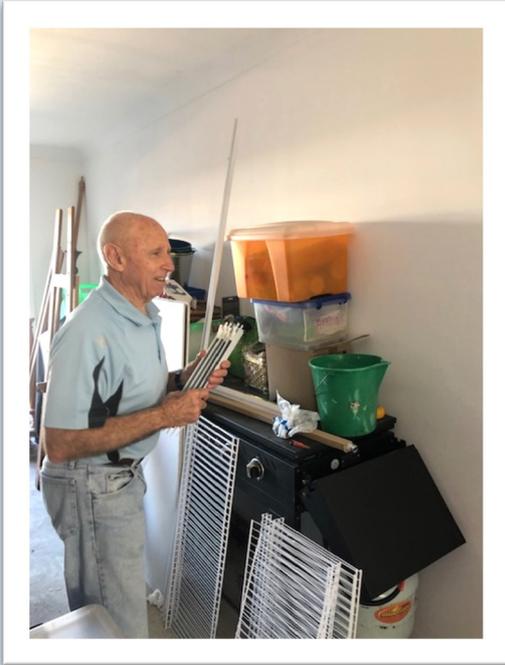


Year 6



Year 2

Our Parish Community



David putting shelves up in the parish store room

Anne, Gene, Gely and Ruth-
Cleaning the sacristy while
keeping distance.



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 9/10 MAY

First Reading

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,

so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.

Historical Context – It is for the best...

At the time of this gospel's writing, some 70 years after the events it describes, amazing things have taken place in the early Christian community. Rather than everything falling apart with the death of Jesus, the message of Jesus has spread further than he himself could ever have accomplished. It is the departure of Jesus from their midst and the sending of the Spirit that really prompts the disciples to act on what they had experienced while Jesus lived among them. The gospel writer has Jesus saying that he has to go away so that the disciples can reach their potential.

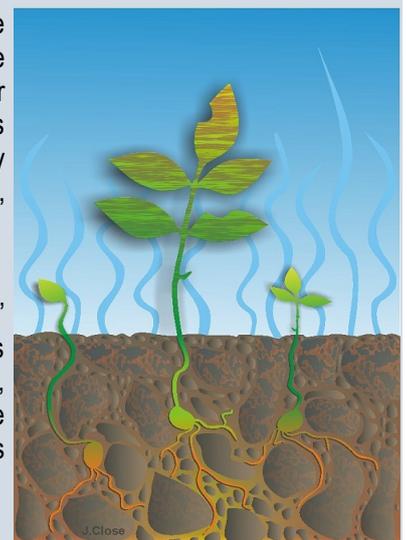
Scriptural context – The gospel of John

The gospel of John is very different from the other three 'synoptic' gospels. The other three have a very narrative style and can be seen together as different recounts of the same events. Whilst the gospel of John also has some beautifully narrated stories, it is better known as a more theologically reflective piece of writing. It assumes that the readers of this gospel are already familiar with one or more of the others, so it doesn't need to tell the story again. Rather, it presents a sweeping image of God, through Jesus, reaching out, in, through, and with love to the people.

Living the Gospel – The Way, the Truth and the Life

When Thomas asks, 'we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' The reader of the gospel has known this truth all along from the opening line of the gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A
Sunday 10 May 2020

- Priest:** Brothers and sisters, with faith in Christ, we turn to God with our prayers.
- Reader:** That the Holy Church will support all people living consecrated lives.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That Catholics around the world will experience the strength of their faith community when gathered worship is not possible.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That people who are isolated will be filled with the comfort of Christ the risen saviour. We pray especially for those experiencing isolation during the coronavirus restrictions.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That those living with the fear of disease will find a sense of calm and shelter in Christ. We especially pray for people who are sick from the coronavirus
(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 Christians everywhere will be free from worldly troubles to trust in God completely
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That those suffering mental turmoil or anguish will find freedom through Jesus Christ.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That our parish community may always pray through Christ as the way, the truth and the life.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That the sick will be comforted through the Holy Spirit, especially all those in our parish bulletin.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That those who have died will live with God in eternal life, especially Kerrie Cross, Lynn Hodder, Kenneth O'Donnell, Maureen Doyle, Noah Currey & Maureen Turner.
(pause) In your glory:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Priest:** God our Father, we trust in the stillness of your Word. Hear our prayers and help us to come to you through the truth and life of Christ your Son. 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, 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

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