



# 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 14 June 2020,

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – Year A

Dear Parish Family,

We are well under way now with the planning to open our Community Kitchen in partnership with the Catholic agencies of the parish including Catholiccare from the 1 July. Catholiccare are taking the lead and utilizing their expertise in this field. We also have of course our School Community in Holy Name Catholic Primary School and more recently offers of great support from the St Vincent De Paul Conferences. I get goosebumps when some of our mission and ministry works. I also get a bit excited when I think that we are actually one big family as Catholic members and agencies together.

I don't know whether I mentioned this before but during the COVID lockdown St Vincent de Paul have been able to utilize our meeting room to meet with their contacts as they support our wider community and the people who might just need a little helping hand up. Amazing to think that even during a time of lockdown we can still be there for those who need us. And you will remember I am sure that Catholiccare operate from the Parish Office a couple of times a week as well. One family working together for the good of all: awesome!!

I wanted to also acknowledge the work that has already been done in this parish. I realise the Care Group were doing this some 30 years ago and have set a wonderful platform for this work. Some may also remember our attempt in partnership with the Unity Church across the road and the Community Centre. Some of those wonderful volunteers have signed up again for this next development. It has all been really wonderful work and met a real need evident at the time. Those needs still exist and so once again we embark together.

I'm not sure that partnership is always the right word when we talk about our agencies and groups. I suppose we have coined the word in some ways in much the same way we talk about marriage and family: couples working in partnership to build, create, grow and nurture their family in an environment of love; recognising hopefully that it is reflective of the wider Christian Community and Jesus. As we talk about family we call them the first Christian community, together with billions of first Christian communities coming together to form the Church. When we belong to the same family it is hard to see ourselves needing to be in partnership but it is like a marriage, a working together to share the Love of Christ. Maybe more accurately we are siblings, brothers and sisters, with the Church as our parent.

When you think about your own family you would recognize the diversity of personality, and giftedness. You are strong in part because you are different even though you belong together. You may share similar facial and physical attributes as well as a sharing of values and maybe name. That's us too. No one member of the 'family' can carry the full weight of the family, no one member can do all the things that need to be done, or be the totality of the family—similar but not the same. Somehow together though that works, it's the ideal any way.

If you think about your family again you probably realise that the ideal isn't always achieved, nor is the unity of the family easily or always maintained. It takes a lot of effort and patience, a lot of forgiveness and self-giving or sacrificing, hard work and an awful lot of letting go as well as knowing when to hold on. And still it can fall apart. We hang in there don't we with the ones we love. That's the message of Jesus 'to love one another as he has loved us.'

Our family, the Church, is the same. What I get excited about in the above partnerships is that it really recognizes that our diversity and our differences really are our strengths for unity. No one part of our Church can be the sum total of the mission and ministry. We need each other to do what we are called to do.

Best wishes,

*Greg*

Parish Priest



## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Denis Ryan & Merv Jones

***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, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Adam Knixon, Angela McNamara, Lucilla Bacalla, Betty Clarke, Howard Pryde

***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.***

### **Process For Attending Sunday Mass**

***Please note that online live streaming of the 8.00am Mass will continue for the foreseeable future.***

The current instruction allows for 50 people plus those directly involved in the 'work' of the Mass to attend. As you know there are some restrictions included with the re-establishment of public Masses: communion on the hand and under only the species of Bread, no shaking hands, no holy water, designated seating, collection baskets available but not passed, social distancing for the communion line, sign in and sign out sheets available and mandatory, no singing, hand sanitiser and the cleaning of the church after each service: to facilitate a speedy and efficient cleaning process I am asking that you avoid kneeling.

If you are unwell, have flu like symptoms or have anything that would put your health at risk or the health of

others at risk you are asked to stay home.

### **The current Mass times are: 8.00am, 10.00am and Noon.**

If you would like to attend Mass at one of the times mentioned you are asked to register, preferably by email however you are able to contact us by phone: forster-tuncurry.pariah@mn.catholic.org.au or 6554 6401.

### **To Register:**

1. Submit your name and the names of each person who will attend with you, your physical address and their address should that be different to yours, and contact phone number for each household.
2. Nominate the Mass you wish to attend: either 8, 10, or noon or don't mind.
3. You can register on behalf of someone else providing that you have asked them. I know many don't have emails or access to the internet. Please feel free to pass the word around and talk with your friends about the process
4. If you have registered once you don't need to re-register each week, you will automatically be transferred over to the next weekends register list. Let us know when you will be away so that we can take you off the register for that weekend and also if you would like to change Mass times

### **Then we will:**

1. On the Friday before, we will endeavour to make sure every person who has registered to attend will know that they have a spot or not. Those who have email will receive email confirmation those without will receive a phone call.

**If you are sick** could you let us know as soon as possible so that we can take your name off the list and include someone else. If you turn up on the day with flu like symptoms

you can't come in.

**If you change your mind**, please let us know so that we may include someone else in the Mass. When you are ready we will still be here and Masses will still be celebrated. If you just don't show it will mean someone who could have gone will miss out.

If the Church is full should you just turn up, sadly for me I can't let you in under the current restrictions.

### **Arrival:**

1. Arrival at the Church for Mass. In registering and receiving confirmation will ensure your name on a list so that you can enter the Church for Mass. You simply need to add your arrival and departure time to the sign in list.
2. Sanitise your hands as you enter. You will of course be used now to doing this as it doesn't matter where you go it is the norm.
3. Look for the crosses and indicators on the seats where places have been allocated for seating. If you live in the same house you are allowed to sit together, if you travel with some one but don't live with them you are required like all of us to maintain our 1.5 metre distancing. I know it sounds bizarre but it is one way if we can respect the rule to keep the church open.

### **Departure from the Church:**

1. Please sign out.
2. You are asked not to linger after Mass but make your way home or out as your plan. The carpark and surrounds need to be cleared for the next Mass.
3. Remember social distancing is still in place and we are asked to maintain the 1.5 metre distancing..

*If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. I want to make it as easy as possible for you to come.*

## **Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle – Keeping in Touch**

We thought you might be interested in these links to different areas of the Diocesan website. There may be items and articles of interest to you, or you might find a new way of keeping up-to-date with what is happening or keeping in touch.

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

► <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/>

► <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/spirituality/>

► <http://mnnews.today/>

► <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/dio-update-e-newsletter/>

► [https://issuu.com/diomn/docs/aurora\\_may\\_2020](https://issuu.com/diomn/docs/aurora_may_2020)



## **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 call the parish office or send an email

Forster-  
tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au

***The cut off date to request a tax receipt is 30 June 2020.***

## **Columbarium & Memorial Garden**

Information about the Catholic Parish of Forster-Tuncurry's Columbarium can be found on our website along with the application forms for those interested in securing a place.

<http://forstertuncurrycatholic.org.au/columbarium/>

## **Relationships Matter**

Are you single, dating, engaged, in a committed relationship, preparing for your first child or married? If so, this free Zoom information session will **b e n e f i t y o u !** Robyn Donnelly, experienced facilitator and coordinator of Marriage & Relationship Education programs will be sharing research from the Gottman Institute to help strengthen your relationship. Join us online on 17 June at 7pm. Register at [bit.ly/3dd20j0](http://bit.ly/3dd20j0)

### **Share our story**

Each week Faith Matters will be exploring individuals and communities rich experience of their faith.

We invite you to share your faith story. Everyone has a story. No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it.

You could use the following questions as a guide.

- Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?
- Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?
- How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?
- In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters.

For more information or if you would like to be interviewed please contact [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au) or send your story to [shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **Making it real 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. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it.

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.

### **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.

**Thank you for the amazing work. The knitting looks awesome.  
Thank you to all those who contributed wool as well.  
All makes a difference!**





## READINGS 13/14 JUNE

### First Reading

Dt 8:2-3. 14-16

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

*(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

*Or (R.) Alleluia.*

1.O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

2.He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

3.He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Cor 10:16-17

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### Gospel

Jn 6:51-58

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

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



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## Sequence

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing  
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,  
In hymns and canticles divine;  
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song  
Worthy his praises to prolong,  
So far surpassing powers like thine.  
Today no theme of common praise  
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –  
The living, life-dispensing food –  
That food which at the sacred board  
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord  
His parting legacy bestowed.  
Then be the anthem clear and strong,  
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,  
The very music of the breast:  
For now shines forth the day sublime  
That brings remembrance of the time  
When Jesus first his table blessed.  
Within our new King's banquet-hall  
They meet to keep the festival  
That closed the ancient paschal rite:  
The old is by the new replaced;  
The substance hath the shadow chased;  
And rising day dispels the night.  
Christ willed what he himself had done  
Should be renewed while time should run,  
In memory of his parting hour:  
Thus, tutored in his school divine,  
We consecrate the bread and wine;  
And lo – a Host of saving power.  
This faith to Christian men is given –  
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:  
Into his blood the wine is turned:  
What though it baffles nature's powers  
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours  
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.  
Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,  
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,  
There lie the mysteries adored:  
The living body is our food;

Our drink the ever-precious blood;  
In each, one undivided Lord.  
Not he that eateth it divides  
The sacred food, which whole abides  
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;  
Be one, or be a thousand fed,  
They eat alike that living bread  
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.  
The good, the guilty share therein,  
With sure increase of grace or sin,  
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:  
Death to the guilty; to the good  
Immortal life. See how one food  
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.  
We break the Sacrament; but bold  
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;  
Deem not the whole doth more enfold  
Than in the fractured part resides:  
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;  
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;  
The hidden deep reality  
In all its fullness still abides.  
Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.  
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;  
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year A**  
**Sunday 14 Jun 2020**

**Priest:** Sisters and brothers, through the real food and drink of Christ, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

**Reader:** That the Holy Church may acclaim the true presence of Christ to all.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Reader:** That people considering vocations to the priesthood will be encouraged by the sacrifice of the Eucharist.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Reader:** That all who are making their first Eucharist will receive the Sacrament as a nourishing gift from Jesus Christ.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Reader:** That our parish community gathered at this table will always hunger for the ways of Christ as the true living bread.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Reader:** That the sick will find comfort in the bread of heaven and the wine of peace, especially all those in our parish bulletin.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Reader:** That those who have died will come to know eternal life with Christ, especially Denis Ryan & Merv Jones.  
*(pause)* In your glory:

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

**Priest:** Loving Father, through his great sacrifice, your Son gives us nourishment at this Eucharist. Hear our prayers and help us to receive Christ's body and blood as sustenance for serving others in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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



### 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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### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Principal: Brooke Stephens

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

Davis Street, Taree

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