



# 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 13 September 2020,**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A**

Dear Parish Family,

There is always a sadness when young people are injured. We can take comfort that the injury came whilst they were doing something they loved, even when sometimes it looked reckless or foolish: young men being young men maybe. We pray like mad that they recover to fullness of health, and in many ways we suffer right alongside them don't we. It feels maybe a bit like Mary standing at the foot of her Son's cross.

I'm thinking today of Joel Dark, recently injured playing League. He is an ex-student of St Clare's in Taree, so one of the family in some way. Many will know him as we know Lawson Rankin and Zac Longfield. All are young people who need our prayer at this time.

There are many others too who will be struggling along, some like Joel injured and physically broken but lets not forget those young people who will have injuries we cannot see.

And as importantly their families need our ongoing support as they suffer right alongside their children. The road to recovery is a long one and these young people show great resilience and perseverance as they battle each stage of the journey back to full health. The broken bones mend we hope, the anguish and the emotional scares too.

I was reading that Joel Dark's cousin is the Australian NRL Captain Boyd Cordner, a player who has also captained NSW State of Origin team, who is also a Taree boy and ex-student of St Clare's. I love hearing stories and reading articles of kids from the 'bush' who go on to do good things and who become role models for the generations coming behind them. I love hearing mostly of 'our' kids who graduate from our schools and go on to make good and productive contributions to society not only in the work they do but the parents they become.

Our schools have a value system that has potential to really change the world and whilst sometimes our kids 'buck' the system they can't help but be influenced by it. It gets in the bones whether they like it or not.

Footballers, particularly young male footballers are not always noted for lives filled with virtue. They are at a stage of life where the brains are not fully developed. It seems Boyd had a rougher than most start to life but has, according to articles and interviews overcome the tough beginning. Kudos to him and full marks for where he is at this stage of his life. That said there is something in that witness to follow your dreams and to overcome the hurdles that life throws our way without giving up.

In an article I read he gave claim to good people who hung in there in the struggles with him and didn't give up on him, particularly his Sydney 'Mum' but there were others who saw his potential.

I don't know Boyd or really know his story – I have seen him play however and barracked for the other side as I watched State of Origins – but I have worked with lots of young people over the years and one thing I think is key (not that I am an expert mind) they all needed someone who didn't give up even when it got tough and impossible. Tough love is important so being a loving walk over doesn't work either, not giving up doesn't mean being a doormat or not setting boundaries but the *not giving up* even when you are saying No or no more, is so important to them.

Not everyone will be a success story, that's always a hard lesson to learn particularly for parents and those that love them. Most will be though. Every kid I've known who came through the tough times looks back in gratitude to the one person or group who they knew they could trust to still love them, no matter what.

That's what Boyd's story sounds like to me. It's also the story of the Jesus who died for me.

Have a great week everyone and keep those prayers going for those young men Joel, Zac and Lawson: they still need our and their God's support.

Kind regards,

*Greg*  
Parish Priest



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:** Clare Turner  
**Anniversary:** John Fazio, Denis O'Brien

*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, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, Zac Gogerly, Junior Soliano, Ann Moreira, Dawn Gander, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Angela McNamara, Lucilla Bacalla, Betty Clarke, Denis Wilson, Pietrina Ruspandini, Barry Morrow, Clare McKay, Kath Copas, Bill McElroy, Marie O'Neill

*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.**

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: Sat 5.00pm & Sun 8.00am, 10.00am and 12 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.parish@mn.catholic.org.au or 6554 6401.

**To Register:**

1. Submit your name and others who will attend with you, address and contact phone number.
2. Nominate the Mass you wish to attend.
3. You can register on behalf of someone else providing that you have asked them.
4. Your booking can be re-occurring so that you only need to register once.
5. For re-occurring bookings 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.
6. You will receive an email or text message on the Friday before the booking to confirm your attendance. **If there is only a landline available we will only call if you are not able to attend.**

**Arrival:**

1. Sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. One person needs to sign in on the registration sheet for yourself and those attending with you.
3. Look for the crosses and indicators on the seats where places have been allocated for seating. If you live in the same house or have travelled together you are allowed to sit together.
4. Avoid unnecessary movement around the church.

5. Remember social distancing is still in place and we are asked to maintain the 1.5 metre distancing.

**Departure:**

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.

**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.

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

**If you are coming from an area of high COVID-19 transmission** we ask that you consider viewing Mass through our live stream option instead of attending.

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

<b>Parish Timetable</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY MASS</b> 14 Sep—19 Sep TUE: 4.30pm WED: 9am FRI: 9.30am	
<b>Mon</b> 14 Aug	<b>9am</b> Counters—team 3
<b>Tues</b> 15 Sep	<b>9.30am</b> Christian Meditation
<b>Wed</b> 16 Sep	<b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Thurs</b> 17 Sep	<b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen

## FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

### HOLY LAND COLLECTION - SUN- SEPT 13th 2020

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

### 5c for Minie Vinnies

Holy Name Primary School's Mini Vinnies is looking to help those in need in our community with a 5cent fundraiser: collecting 5 cent pieces on a Friday. We all have a jar full of 5 cent pieces sitting on our bedside table where we wonder what we'll do with them or those pesky coins rolling around in our drawers or car consoles. A jar will be left at the door on Sunday if you would like to donate your 5cent pieces to a worthy cause!

### Mission Today

The latest edition of Mission Today, Catholic Mission's biannual newsletter, is available now, and shows the amazing impact of your generosity toward those in need around the world.

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/mission-today-winter-spring-2020>

**Video Marathon: September 14-18, 2020 -Five videos in five days**  
The Aim To Be Considered Before All Else: Full, Conscious, and Active Participation

Here is how this works:

- On Sept 14 go to <http://liturgy.life/marathon> to view the first video.
- Return the next day to view the second video.
- Do the same for each of the five days, September 14-18, 2020.
- The videos will be short—about 15 minutes each.
- Don't wait, because the videos will only be available for five days.

### DoMN Library website goes live!

The DoMN Library project marks a significant milestone this month with the launch of the new website and catalogue, which is now live on the **D i o c e s a n w e b s i t e**.

Online publications including La Croix and The Tablet connect DoMN Library members to the latest perspectives on compelling issues of importance to Catholics in Australia and around the world. Likewise, access to the extensive eBook Religion Collection provides titles ranging from introductory texts for undergraduate coursework to more complex and detailed works for advanced students and scholars in the Religion discipline. The eBooks included in the subscription cover diverse worldwide religions and explore popular areas of study such as the social, cultural, and historical impacts of religion.

For in-depth reading and research the Religion & Philosophy Collection database provides DoMN Library member with extensive coverage of such topics as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, epistemology, political philosophy, philosophy of language, moral philosophy and the history of philosophy. With more than 300 full text journals, the Religion & Philoso-

phy Collection is an essential tool for researchers and students of theology and philosophical studies.

While the DoMN Library catalogue can be searched anonymously, registration is necessary for access to member privileges such as: borrowing books, audio visual resources and kits, for access to the eBook collection, periodicals and magazines and for access to the databases. Registration is an extremely simple process via the registration link on the library homepage. Once registered, an email confirming logon details makes members set to benefit from the array of resources – both physical and electronic. All physical resources will be made available for collection at the library desk in the Diocesan Offices reception area at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, or by arrangement. All resources should be returned to the Diocesan Offices as well.

To help navigate the sites many features, handy "How to" videos, with step-by-step instruction to many frequently asked questions (FAQ's) are provided at the click of a mouse. There is also a Book Club which all are welcome to join.

**Link to DoMN Library:** <https://library.mn.catholic.org.au>

For all enquires or help please email [domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au) or phone 0409 033 449.

### Engaging your Catholic Faith

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College.

Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running 14 September to 31 October. <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>

# Perpetual Day of Remembrance

September 15 marks a day of recalling the harm caused by a history of child sexual abuse and failure to protect children within the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. We will celebrate in our Churches this Day of Remembrance on the weekend of Sunday 13th September 2020. Through its Healing and Support services the Diocese recognises and supports community or survivor advocacy groups to acknowledge the perpetual day of remembrance in their own way.

Additionally, as a people of faith we offer support to individuals and communities through our response of liturgy and prayer. Prayer resources will be made available through parishes, schools, agencies and groups. These resources are available in PDF format below and can be accessed through the Diocesan website or by contacting the Parish Office for:

- Individuals and Households
- Parish communities
- Schools and all church agencies, groups

Counselling support is available, contact Zimmerman Service's Healing and Support Team on 02 4979 1390.

*Picture: Japanese art form called Kintsugi: of not hiding what was broken but letting it help make more beautiful that which is precious.*



## Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past when our hearts were heavy.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 2:5)

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good and find sweet in the bitter.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:20)

Come, let us weep together when the light grew dark with the clouds, from the darkness and distress.

Let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 5:30)

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters, those who have walked in darkness.

Let them see the great Light of God and let us Shine the Light of Christ. (Is. 9:2)

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# Parish Community

## What are you doing to stay connected during the challenging days?

- ◆ Now that croquet is back again , I'm playing as much as I can. It has brought me back to life again , both mentally and physically, and the walking is really helping my bad leg.
- ◆ My wife passed away early last year, after 60 wonderful years of marriage. However, because of the support from you, Father Greg, my faith has carried me through. Also, because of my late wife's ( and my ), ongoing communication with our children, and grand – great grand children through all the years, they have reciprocated with almost daily support for me, even though they all live so far away. So, I am blessed because of my Catholic faith. I am a lucky man.
- ◆ In a small group we have lots of laughs playing board games/ relaxing with a picnic lunch by the lake/small group activities at U3A.

## Not Everything is Cancelled



- ⇒ Sun is not cancelled
- ⇒ Spring is not cancelled
- ⇒ Love is not cancelled
- ⇒ Reading is not cancelled
- ⇒ Music is not cancelled
- ⇒ Kindness is not cancelled
- ⇒ Coffee is not cancelled
- ⇒ Conversations are not cancelled
- ⇒ Relationships are not cancelled
- ⇒ Devotion is not cancelled
- ⇒ **HOPE IS NOT CANCELLED!**



Isolation is our safest option



## READINGS 12/13 SEPTEMBER

### First Reading

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)*

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.'" He said, 'Prophesy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord.'" I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army. Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead." So prophesy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks.'" The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (R.)
2. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)
3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)

4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

### Second Reading

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7 – 9)*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Minister: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. 'He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home. The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**  
**Sunday 13 Sep 2020**  
**Universal Prayer**

**Priest:** Sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs and those of the world.

**Reader:** For the gift of wisdom and humility.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For the gift of truth and integrity.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For the gift of love and compassion.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For the gift of courage and forgiveness.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For the gift of acceptance and freedom.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For those who have been affected by abuse.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For those who are sick, especially all those in our parish bulletin.  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Reader:** For those who have died, especially Clare Turner, John Fazio & Denis O'Brien  
*(pause) God of mercy :*

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

**Priest:** God of the living and the dead, in Jesus you raise us up to shine your light in the dark places of our world. Hear these prayers and help us to always remember how much we are loved. We ask this through your Son, Jesus 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 TEAM

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**Danielle Kingdom**  
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### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Serving meals to the community from the parish hall  
**Wed & Thurs 12pm-1pm**

### 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

#### 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

1st Thursday 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



### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm  
Sun. 8.00am, 10.00am & 12.00pm

### RECONCILIATION

By appointment only

### YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month, will resume once restrictions have eased.

### AGED CARE MASSES

(Subject to change)

Glaica House:

**2nd Thurs 10.30am**

Estia Forster: **3rd Tues**

**10.30am**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Principal: Brooke Stephens

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