



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 1 November 2020,

All Saints' Day - Year A

Dear Parish Family,

At Betty Clarke's burial a couple of weeks back I made mention of the RAAF planes flying over and the lovely fly past they were giving her. I had to stop speaking for a few heart beats due to their noise. I love the sound. Betty on the other hand 'hated' the noise and the planes flying overhead. I learnt that after of course. Still it was a poignant moment.

The sound does always take me back to my own military service and I always think of the men and women that I personally served with. A bit like the sound of the siren on the ambulance as it goes past it makes me pause for a moment or two to pray for those involved and in the case of the ambulance affected. Any siren really says that something is happening to someone for good or not so good. Maybe you pause too for a moment of pray. It's something I have done for years and I hope in some way it helps someone, the patient, the first responder, the family at the other end.

The prayer I pray for those in the skies and in the armed services generally is about their safety, their service, and their families. It is like many things I guess in life we can take so much of what we have for granted, faith included. I am grateful I live in Australia. I am saddened by the things that are happening overseas. Prayer is such a comfort, and I am grateful I can pray.

As we near Remembrance Day (11th of the 11th) my thoughts naturally turn to those who lost their lives in time of war and to the families that continue to grieve their passing. My thoughts too turn to the many ways we can maintain peace in our time.

I was sent this small article recently and I was moved to share it with you. It came from Jonathan Knight, but I am not sure that he is the original author.

I am wondering what we might do to mark this day in our parish community. I know we will stand silently at 11am on the 11th, maybe that is enough? If you do have photos and stories of your serving relatives, pictures of them that we might share as we remember I would love to see them. A photo says a thousand words they say but it is also a great way to hold someone's life in prayer.



On November 7th, 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme.

None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why.

The bodies were taken by field ambulance to GHQ at St-Pol-Sur-Ter Noise. Once there, the bodies were draped with the union flag.

Sentries were posted and Brigadier-General Wyatt and a Colonel Gell selected one body at random. The other three were reburied.

A French Honour Guard was selected and stood by the coffin overnight of the chosen soldier.

On the morning of the 8th November, a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court arrived and the Unknown Warrior was placed inside.

On top was placed a crusaders sword and a shield on which was inscribed:

"A British Warrior who fell in the GREAT WAR 1914-1918 for King and Country".

On the 9th of November, the Unknown Warrior was taken by horse-drawn carriage through Guards of Honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside.

There, he was saluted by Marechal Foch and loaded onto HMS Verdun bound for Dover. The coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths, surrounded by the French Honour Guard.

Upon arrival at Dover, the Unknown Warrior was met with a nineteen gun salute - something that was normally only reserved for Field Marshals.

A special train had been arranged and he was then conveyed to Victoria Station, London.

He remained there overnight, and, on the morning of the 11th of November, he was finally taken to Westminster Abbey.



David Railton

The idea of the unknown warrior was thought of by a Padre called David Railton who had served on the front line during the Great War the union flag he had used as an altar cloth whilst at the front, was the one that had been draped over the coffin.

It was his intention that all of the relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the Unknown Warrior could very well be their lost husband, father, brother or son...

THIS is the reason we wear poppies.

We do not glorify war.

We remember - with humility - the great and the ultimate sacrifices that were made, not just in this war, but in every war and conflict where our service personnel have fought - to ensure the liberty and freedoms that we now take for granted.

Every year, on the 11th of November, we remember the Unknown Warrior.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. **Jonathan Knight**
October 24, 2018.

Kind regards,

Greg

Parish Priest





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Pietrina Ruspandini

Anniversary:

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, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, Zac Gogerly, Junior Soliano, Ann Moreira, Dawn Gander, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Angela McNamara, Lucilla Bacalla, Denis Wilson, Barry Morrow, Clare McKay, Kath Copas, Bill McElroy, Monica Alkaili, David Ball, Michael Siddle, Ellen Stewart, Rod Milligan, Camille Betar

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.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
 2 Nov—7 Nov
 TUE: 4.30pm
 WED: 9.00am
 FRI: 9.30am

Mon 2 Nov	9am Counters— team 4 10am All Souls Day Mass <i>(by registration)</i> 12pm All Souls Day Mass <i>(by registration)</i>
Tues 3 Nov	9.30am Christian Meditation 3.30pm Holy Hour
Wed 4 Nov	12pm Community Kitchen
Thurs 5 Nov	12pm Community Kitchen

FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

Columban Art Calendars on sale for \$8

What's happening locally...

ALL SOULS DAY

This Monday 2 November. There will be two opportunities to attend Mass on All Souls day this year. You must register!!! Due to COVID-19, Numbers are limited, it will be first in! I apologise in advance that this may impact negatively on some without computer access: **if you know someone in this situation ring them.**

Mass times: 10.00am & Noon.

We will pray for those who have died throughout November. Names will be displayed in the Church to help in your private prayer during the day.

Names to be submitted by Friday 3.00pm to the Office to ensure they will be on the list for Monday's Masses. If you have a photo you would like displayed on the wall of the Church, please drop them in to the office asap. Photos and names can be added as we journey through November.

November Masses

November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through Aid to the Church in Need which arranges 1.5 Million Masses each year supporting ten percent of the world's priests. Mass offering flyers are located on the tables next to church doors or alternatively, visit www.aidtochurch.org or call 1800 101 201



MARY MACKILLOP *today*

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

What's happening in the Diocese...

Dates for the Diocesan Synod:

Second session of Synod – Discernment is on 22nd May 2021

Third session of Synod – Implementation is on 21st November 2021

Christian Formation Course 2021

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Bishop Bill writes:

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives.

If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

The Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle presents a range of free presentations and courses this November.

- Nicholas King SJ presents: Bringing The Gospel to Life-Wed., 4 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm
- Communion of Saints: presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks. Commencing Nov 5 to 19. 6.30pm-8pm
- Relationships Matter: presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed., 11 Nov. 7-8.30pm
- Nicholas King presents: Mark-The Strangest Gospel Wed., 18 Nov .6.30pm-8pm
- Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma. Wed., 25 Nov.6.30pm-8pm

To register either scan the QR code or go to Adult Faith Formation page on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>



Share Your Photos...

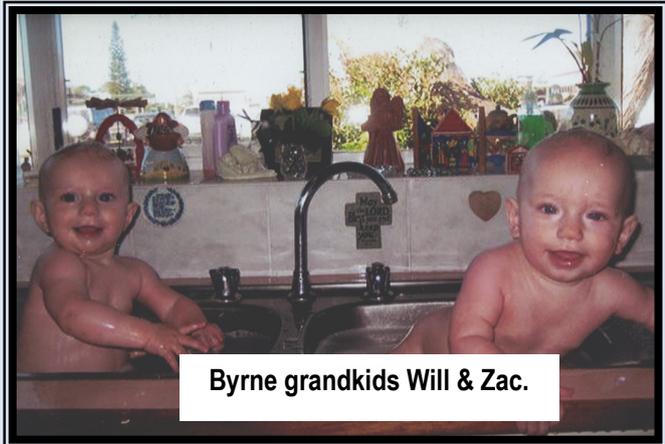
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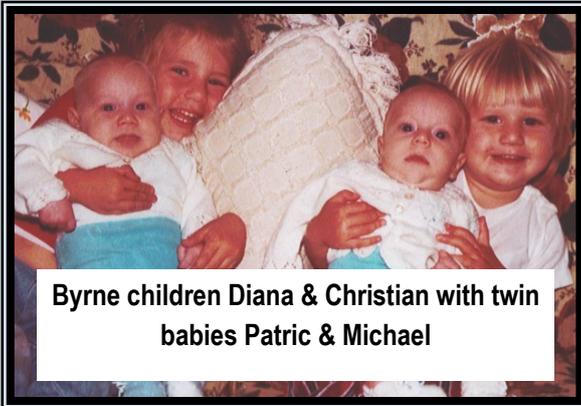
The Loring grand twins



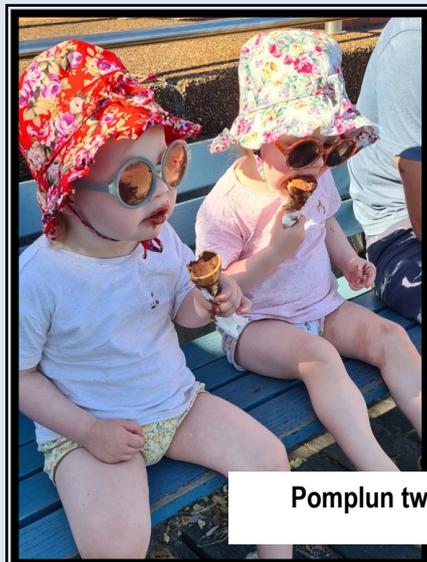
Greg Byrne & twin brother Peter.



Byrne grandkids Will & Zac.



Byrne children Diana & Christian with twin babies Patric & Michael

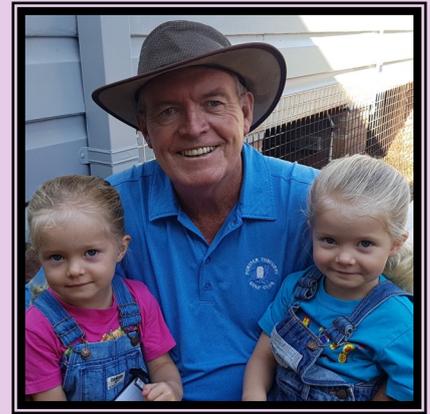


Pomplun twins Amaya & Lilijana

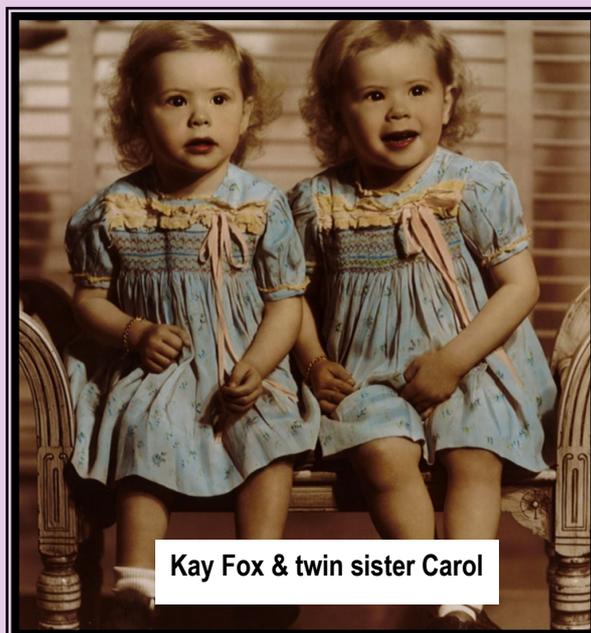


Share Your Photos...

This week we are celebrating twins in the parish



Photograph 1; Annie Evans and Helen as babies. Photograph 2; Annie and Helen all grown up. Photograph 3; Eleanor and Isobel 3 years old with Pop . Photograph 4; Twins with Twins -Isobel and Eleanor with Emily (Mum and Twin brother Michael, Uncle). Photograph 5; Annie with her twins-Michael and Emily



Kay Fox & twin sister Carol





First Reading

Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Jn 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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All Saints Sunday 01 Nov 2020

Priest: Brothers and sisters, gathered as God's Church in this generation let us bring our prayer to God for our needs and the needs of the world.

Reader: For a humble and merciful Church.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Reader: For those who work for peace and justice among nations.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Reader: For those who are poor in body or spirit.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Reader: For this community, made holy in Christ.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Reader: For the sick, especially all those in our parish bulletin.
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Reader: For those who have died and those who mourn, especially Pietrina Ruspandini
(pause) With the saints we pray:

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

Priest: God of all time, you have given us the saints, modelled on Christ, as examples of the Christian life. Hear these prayers and help us to bear witness to your gospel with courage and conviction. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen**

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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

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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



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