



# 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 4 October 2020,**

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

Dear Parish Family,

As you read this my annual retreat will have drawn to a close. Surprisingly the 'new' way of doing it has worked for me and I think many of my brothers and sisters. I say sisters as all the Parish Leaders, both Cleric and Lay were invited to participate and many of the Lay Leaders did. Whilst interacting via a computer screen is not necessarily the method of choice it has allowed us to share, pray and be fed for the year ahead. But you can't obviously beat face to face, and I wouldn't want to get too used to doing everything over the internet.

Fr John Armstrong, our retreat Director entered bravely into this new arena. John is the National Chaplain to Cur-sillo and the Spiritual Director at Good Shepherd Seminary in Sydney. Leading a spiritual conversation over this technological platform had its challenges for him I am sure, but he did it well.

What I also liked in this new space was an ability in our processes to accommodate the challenges that come our way sometimes uninvited but without necessarily cancelling everything when it becomes difficult; a thinking outside of the box or 'the way we have always done it'. That's not easy for many of us in the Clergy. COVID has challenged all of us in ways we couldn't have foreseen at Christmas last year.

John asked one day for us to reflect on 'what our diary says of us?' Is it full to the exclusion of those in need, who seek an encounter with faith or simply seek to share the journey? I would hate to think that my diary was so full it excluded anyone who might have need of my support. I was pleased to see that I have a number of coffee dates and meals in there; the *coffee ministry* is so lifegiving. What I hope you the members of the Parish and beyond see is that I am only as 'busy' as your needs make me and that I am able to respond generously even if it is not necessarily immediately: that's my hope. Oh and sometimes I do take a day to myself.

The diary was a challenge personally to be honest and not necessarily a comfortable space. I really liked a couple of other places though that John took us. We stood at the foot of the Cross with Mary one day as she watched her Son die. A place of deep suffering and grief for the mother. If you get a few minutes sometime this weekend go and re-read that moment in John's Gospel. Listen to the conversations that are held there or as importantly the ones that aren't and who speaks and to whom; hear the intent in the words. We know Mary as a sign of love and hope, quietly and bravely, standing in the face of the evil that saw her innocent Son nailed to a cross. We also know her lovingly supported by the beloved disciple.

John reflected that the best presentation of Mary in a movie came at the hands of the directorship of Mel Gibson in the 'Passion of Christ'. Now this movie is bloody as Mel seeks to be authentic to the story of Christ nailed to the Cross, so it is not for the 'faint of heart'. In the movie Mary is portrayed as deeply troubled by the Crucifixion but not crumbled by the chaos and evil around her: she is portrayed as strong not weak or meek. And he clearly identifies her response as forgiving. I think it would be easy to overlook Mary's influence in the post resurrection community but that would be to our detriment.

We will also see Mary a little later gather the disciples and with them prepare for the new birth which will be our Church and the Christian communities of faith. She is clearly an icon of hope.

We were asked to reflect on those moments when we are 'signs of hope', bravely and quietly, for others during their pain and suffering. We can never deny Jesus presence in the suffering; we can't deny the reality of the Cross but we also bring it as a sign of new life. New life which brings joy to a fallen world.

What Mary does is respond with faith, hope and love; we are called to do the same. She must have wondered at the foot of the Cross or in the room with the disciples what would happen next? What else might be asked of her and of them? How often do I ask that question? Maybe you do the same?

When we think and pray about the Cross we are challenged to ask aren't we 'how can I respond, as Mary did, with Faith, Hope and Love? I suppose simply put 'how are you, how am I, 'Hope' in the face of chaos and evil, pain and suffering, despair and hopelessness? As we see in the Gospels and through the Acts it is not always easy to be hope. It is worth though pondering, how and where we bring the Jesus who suffers with us, or Mary the icon of hope and the witness of faith. It was a good retreat for me personally. I am grateful for the time.

Take care,  
*Greg*  
Parish Priest



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Valerie Alma Darcy, Petronella Tissen, Kathleen Keegan, Sean D'Arcy & Albert Noonan

*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, Monica Alkaili, David Ball, Michael Siddle, Ellen Stewart

*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 main-

tain 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.*

Daylight savings commences  
Sunday 4 October

Parish Timetable	
WEEKDAY MASS 5 Oct—10 Oct TUE: 4.30pm WED: 9.00am FRI: 9.30am	
Mon 5 Oct	9am Counters— team 6
Tues 6 Oct	9.30am Christian Meditation
Wed 7 Oct	12pm Community Kitchen
Thurs 8 Oct	12pm Community Kitchen

## FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

## Columban Art Calendars on sale for \$8

### New Date for Holy Land Collection

Because the proposed date for the 2020 Holy Lands Collection conflicted with the newly proclaimed Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday, the decision was taken to find a new date for this year's collection. The new date proposed is **Sunday 25 October 2020** which is the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Most of the previously distributed resources will still be usable, though there may be a need to change any that contain a reference to the readings of the day. Your support of the collection is appreciated.

### 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/>

**Cleaning Position Vacant:** Hygiene Heroes Cleaning Services are looking for people to clean holiday rentals, bond cleans, offices and domestic houses. Contact Carla on 0484 870 883 or [hygieneheroescleaningservices@gmail.com](mailto:hygieneheroescleaningservices@gmail.com)

## 2020 ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL 17th-18th October 2020

The annual Church Appeal for Catholic Mission will be held across the Diocese on **World Mission Sunday, 18th October 2020**. We focus on Catholic Mission's ongoing life-changing work with the Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province.

The Arrupe Centre, established by Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that "...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere....we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness".

Donations can be made by either of the following methods:

Church: place Appeal envelope in 2nd collection box, on Appeal weekend or following weekend.

Free Post: complete your donation details & return in reply paid Appeal envelope.

Mobile phone: texting GIVE to 0488 854 436 (include your parish name in the notes)

Online:

at [www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia)

Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support of the work of Catholic Mission.

### 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/>



### 'What am I supposed to be doing with my life?'

This is a question that most people must contend with from time to time.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers a variety of ministry services to the local community and many rewarding career opportunities for those who feel called to work in this field. The Pastoral Placement Program offers a yearlong encounter in these ministerial occupations. Pastoral Ministries are calling for applications for the 2021 intake of participants for this unique program.

For more information please go to the Pastoral Placement Website @<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

Email: [formed@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:formed@mn.catholic.org.au)  
Phone: 4979 1193

To apply: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/> applications close Friday 15 November 2020.

## Parish Pastoral Council News

Over the last couple of months, the Parish Pastoral Council have resumed meeting. COVID-19 has restricted all gatherings of our Parish in one way or another.

Part of the Agenda for the recent PPC meetings has looked at our Leadership structures in keeping with the outcomes and recommendations of the Royal Commission and input into Church life by Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL).

CPSL is an independent company created and funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to ensure that we meet the standards now required of us post Royal Commission and that we should have had in place.

Recently your PPC met with Fr Matthew Muller, Diocesan Chancellor and Mrs Teresa Brierly, head of Pastoral Ministries to further ways that we can be more compliant and faithful to the teachings of Christ and to reform our Parish Leadership to be more effective.

### So, two things from our meeting on Thursday:

A conversation is to be progressed within the PPC and with you the Parish on restructuring our Parish leadership more in keeping with how other parishes within the Deanery and Diocese are currently operating and to be more in keeping with a more open and transparent governance platform.

As you know I am the Priest Supervisor for the parishes of Gloucester, Krambach and the Myall Coast Parish. You may not know that the role of Pastor (Parish Priest) as defined in Canon Law and which each parish must have can be, and in those parishes mentioned is, divided into various parts to fulfil the obligations of Church Law.

E.g. In Gloucester I am Priest Supervisor, Fr Terry Horne is the Sacramental Priest and Paul Sheridan is the Parish Leader.

In Krambach I am the Priest Supervisor, Fr Terry Horne is the Sacramental Priest and Liz Rees, Helen Legg and Deacon Vince Ryan together are the Parish Leaders.

In Myall Coast I am Priest Supervisor, Fr Phil Doyle is the Sacramental Priest and a team is currently being formed to be Parish Leader.

We are investigating this model for our Parish here in Forster Tuncurry. We have begun a process centred on drawing a Leadership team centred on the Diocesan Stewardship Planning Framework and under the Five foundations found there. See below.

## Diocesan Stewardship Planning Framework

What shapes our planning framework?



The Five Foundations (Acts 2: 42-47)

### Identity and Community

- fosters Christian community, hospitality, welcome and respect... - an identity grounded in "communio"

### Worship and Prayer

- gathers people for prayer, sacrament and liturgical celebration... is Eucharistic in life and worship

### Formation and Education

- facilitates spiritual growth and promotes empowerment through education and formation

### Mission and Outreach

- engages people in the transformation of society-outreach through mercy and justice-to build the kingdom of God

### Leadership and Structure

- fosters effective Christian leadership, communication, organisational and maintenance structures

*(continued)* With this in mind the PPC is looking for suitable people within our Parish Community who would be interested in being part of this model and who would have the skills to help build the framework we need here. **Please contact me (Fr Greg, 0417321209) so that we can go through what you might be asked to do.**

The second part of our conversation on Thursday centred on our Child Safeguarding and the external audit that will occur sometime in the third quarter of next year. We have been asked to find a **Promotor of Safeguarding** to be trained in what a safe parish looks like and then to promote safety here. In the first instance this will possibly be a Volunteer role for our Parish.

The Person in this space could well be employed across the Deanery if I can achieve a partnership or more correctly a 'hub' with the other Parish communities in our region. This role would assist the local parish communities in ensuring child and vulnerable person safety. Much of the work is already being done quietly and intuitively but we need to ensure our compliance more overtly. **Let me know (Fr Greg 0417321209) if you are interested in working and supporting in this essential field of ministry.**

Kind regards,

Fr Greg

## HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

### INTRODUCTORY COURSE

#### WHAT IS CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION?

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a program of professional development designed to prepare for pastoral care or chaplaincy ministry. It provides opportunities for you to:

- Grow in knowledge and understanding of the pastoral role
- Develop skills that will enable you to become a more effective pastoral carer
- Deepen your awareness of each person's needs, hopes and resources
- Become more aware of your values, attitudes and assumptions

#### WHO CAN APPLY?

- Pastoral carers/chaplains
- Parish workers
- Those wishing to discern their suitability to be a pastoral carer
- Those seeking more effective ways to care for people
- Those wishing to do voluntary work in pastoral care and chaplaincy

#### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM COVER

- Topics covered include:
- The scope of pastoral care
- Listening skills
- Empathy
- Self-awareness
- Grief and loss
- Attitudes to illness, disability and ageing
- Contextual and communal awareness
- Spirituality

#### WHAT ARE THE DATES

Monday's

Oct 19 & 26

Nov 2, 9, 16 & 23

from 9.00 – 4.00 each day, in the St. Stephen's parish Hall.

Fr. Roger Zohrab and Elizabeth Lennan will be facilitating.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact the Parish Office Phone: 02 6554 6401 Email: [forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)



## First Reading

Is 5:1-7

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.

He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.

In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.

He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,

I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?

I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.

I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,

and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

*(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

2. Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

## Second Reading

Phil 4:6-9

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

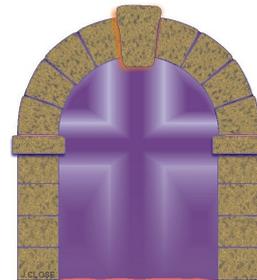
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.



## Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel must be read in conjunction with the first reading (Isaiah 5:1-7) and the responsorial psalm, because the message of these passages is implicit in the parable told by Jesus. As soon as Jesus began to describe the vineyard – fenced around, a winepress dug and tower built – his audience would have immediately known that he was reflecting the Isaiah description of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. Isaiah's condemnation of Israel in that passage is so strong that one can almost imagine Jesus' audience cringing in anticipation of where this story was leading.

The imagery Jesus used would have been so familiar to his audience that it was almost mundane, and yet Jesus, as usual, gives the image a twist. He describes a vineyard owner whose tenant farmers rebel, beat and murder his servants. Any one of these acts was punishable by death and the audience may well have expected the story to end there. And yet the landowner sends further messengers – hopeful of a change of heart from the tenants and allowing them the opportunity to do what is right. After these messengers are also murdered, the landowner sends his own son to collect the harvest from the tenants.

Jesus, of course, is drawing on the familiar image of Israel as the vineyard of the Lord. God, the landowner, has entrusted this beautifully prepared land to the people of Israel and yet they have taken ownership for themselves and forgotten their Lord. Messengers, in the form of prophets, have been sent to call the people back to God but they were ignored and even murdered. Now, the Son has been sent to the people and received much the same response. When Jesus asks his audience of chief priests and elders what the landowner should do, they are acutely aware that he is asking them how God should deal with them.

### Scriptural context – Fulfilling prophecy

Matthew's whole recount of this parable is dependent upon the reader/listener's familiarity with earlier writings within the Old Testament. We are fortunate that the designers of the lectionary have included the relevant passages as the first reading and psalm for this Sunday's readings. The original audience would have drawn on their own familiarity with the texts and recognised Jesus' words as echoing those of Isaiah and the psalmist. Matthew's gospel was particularly keen to cast Jesus in the image of fulfilling the prophecies of the Jewish tradition. Throughout Matthew's gospel we see the author placing the words of prophecy in Jesus' mouth or using the narration to confirm that Jesus performed actions to fulfil the words of the prophets.

### Have you thought? The benevolent landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

### Living the Gospel – Different View: Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews. © Greg Sunter

## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 04 Oct 2020

**Priest:** Sisters and brothers, in thanksgiving and prayer, let us bring our intentions before God.

**Reader:** That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will lead the church with wisdom and courage.  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That leaders and governments bring peace to all citizens, through fair laws and just decisions.  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That like the Lord's vineyard, all land and harvests will bring forth plenty.  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our parish community will generously give our time to those in need.  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick will be healed through the light of Christ, especially all those in our parish bulletin.  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who have died will live forever in the Kingdom of God, especially Valerie Alma Darcy, Petronella Tissen, Kathleen Keegan, Sean D'Arcy & Albert Noonan  
*(pause) In your mercy :*  
**All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** Loving God, your Son was the stone rejected by the builders. Hear our prayers and help us to acclaim Christ with thanksgiving and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**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

(RCIA) Parish Office 6554 6304

### CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 6539 5900 for services provided in Forster



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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**  
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