



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 15 November 2020,

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to acknowledge how resilient you all have been during these challenging times. It is more than just hanging in or just waiting for it to be better: resilience has a getting on with it attached to it and you have certainly managed to get on with it. There is also an element of recognising that while things are not easy right now tomorrow will be better. Resilience recognises that plans must be put in place, help sourced, resources managed, difficulties acknowledged, goals identified and a moving forward. Well done to you all.

I see in our parish all of those things and can see where they have been evident from a parish side as well as in each individual person. Really it is not a surprise. You have been practicing resilience all your lives.

Some of you have come from overseas and faced the reality of a new culture, a new place and many new people with different ways and language; leaving extended family in your country of origin and beginning again. None of that can have been easy and yet here you are living life.

Some of you have come from other parts of Australia, doing what we sometimes call the big 'sea change'. It too is not easy relocating making new friends in what is essentially the same culture but in a different way. Finding people who make room for newcomers is not easy and can be a time of great loneliness for the one yet to find work or who decides to work in the home. Lots of tears can be shed in that process and yet you stay to build the new life you came for.

Some of you have changed jobs, lost jobs, retired, cut hours or had hours cut: some by choice and some by circumstances beyond your control. Difficult days for many who go through it. Plans must be made around finding a new job or in the case of retirement new ways of being occupied and valued. If you have changed jobs at any time you will know first-hand the feelings of not knowing what to do, feeling foolish over simple tasks and being completely at sea. None of which is easy to process or work through. And yet you have.

Loss of loved ones is the hardest part of our lives and such a challenge to get through and be resilient in. I think at those times this poem from 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' and written by W.H. Auden somehow says it all:

*'Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.'*

*'Let aeroplanes circle moaning overhead
Scribbling on the sky the message "He is Dead".
Put crepe bows round the white necks of the public doves,
Let the traffic policemen wear black cotton gloves.'*

'He was my North, my South, my East and West,

*My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that love would last forever: I was wrong.*

*The stars are not wanted now; put out every one,
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun,
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the wood;
For nothing now can ever come to any good'. 'Stop All the Clocks' W.H. Auden*

Some how whilst we feel the sadness at our core we still get up, get dressed and keep celebrating our own lives and the testament of our good people in how we hang in and keep going.

I shouldn't be surprised at your and our resilience, signs of it are literally everywhere.

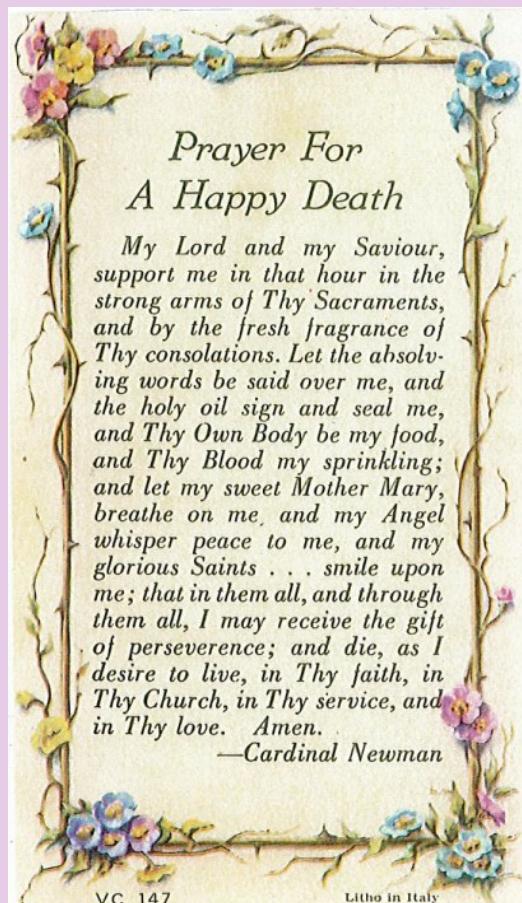
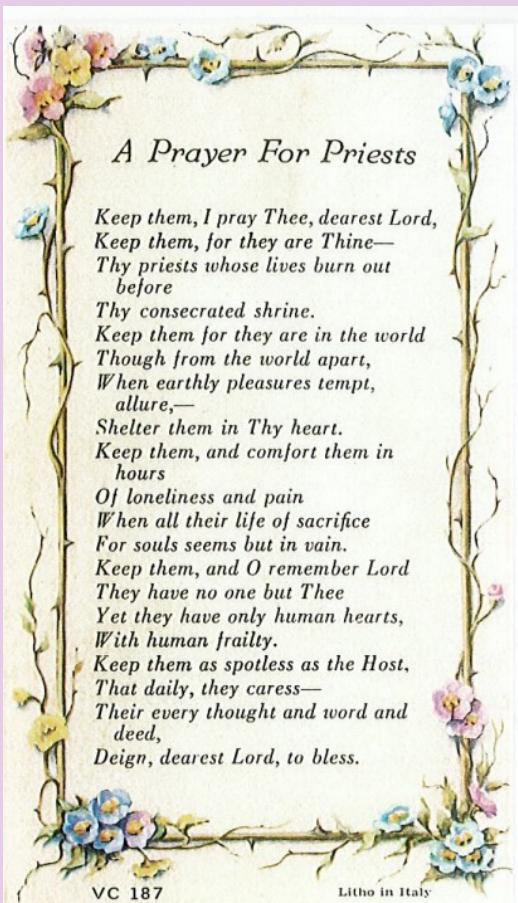
Together we work to find the way forward. We have to be overt about it for those coming behind us. Our kids need to know that no matter how hard the road, the choices that are made willingly or otherwise, the sun comes up tomorrow and with the love of many good people and our faith we get through whatever challenge life throws our way.

I loved 'Four Weddings and a Funeral'. My mother wanted to walk out of the cinema after the first five minutes due to the more than colourful language; it does get better but its not for kids. My other movie 'Death at a Funeral' has some really funny moments and like many English comedies resounds with the Australian humour psyche but again not for kids.

Kind regards,

Greg

Parish Priest





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

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

16 Nov—21 Nov

TUE: 4.30pm

WED: 9.00am

FRI: 9.30am

Mon 16 Nov	9am Counters— Team 6
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Tues 17 Nov	9.30am Christian Meditation 3.30pm Holy Hour
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Wed 18 Nov	12pm Community Kitchen
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Thurs 19 Nov	8am Gardening Group 12pm Community Kitchen
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FACE MASKS FOR SALE

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

Columban Art Calendars on sale for \$8

Adore Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2020 books from the Catholic Diocese of Woollongong are now on sale for \$3.50 each

What's happening locally...

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Help us help those in need this Christmas. The little you give will go a long way to spread Hope and Joy to those who need it most.

We are hoping to provide the following items which we will pack in Coles or Woolies Christmas bags: You can help by donating \$50 which is the cost of a complete hamper seen in the picture below, or simply donate any of the items listed.

Cereal; long life milk ✓ Tins of ham (Plumrose) ✓ Fruit mince pies; small puddings (Aunt Betty's) ✓ Fruit juice; tins of stewed fruit ✓ Crackers; Jatz; Shapes ✓ Tins of baby potatoes; beetroot ✓ Tins of corn; four bean mix; peas; tomatoes ✓ Tea bags; small jars coffee; hot chocolate ✓ Sugar ✓ Jam; jars of cranberry or apple sauce ✓ Coles or Woolies Christmas bags.

For more information, please contact Sue Abdoo at the Taree Community Kitchen on 6539 5900 or sabdoo@catholiccare.org.au



BAPTISMS

This weekend we witness the baptism of **Georgie Kirkland**

May the gift of baptism she receives strengthen her for her journey of life and faith she will share with us. Please remember the Kirkland family in your prayers.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The St Vincent De Paul Holy Name Conference will be launching their Christmas Appeal and Giving Tree on the weekend of Sunday the 14th November. Many are in need in our local community and this is such a wonderful way for us to be supportive and share our God given graces with others. I know that you will continue to pray for the work of the St Vincent de Paul society as you support this wonderful initiative in our local community.



Aid to the Church in Need

Masses for the Holy Souls

During the month of November Aid to the Church in Need is encouraging the faithful to arrange Masses on behalf of loved ones and for the souls that have nobody to pray for them.

Find out more: www.aidtochurch.org/november

Gifts of Faith

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffaith



Position Vacant: Peer Worker– Lifeline

- Are you passionate about community?
- Would you like to make a real difference in your work?
- Do you want to work "in community, for community and with community"?

Lifeline is seeking a Peer Worker for an 18 month contract, part time 8 hours per fortnight. Lifeline are partnering with the Hunter New England and Central Coast (HNECC) Primary Health Network (PHN) and communities in 10 regions within HNECC to support people who have experienced challenges through the 2019/20 bushfire season.

Skills and experience:

- Previous experience with mental health
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to deal with difficult and challenging situations
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to display empathy, tact, discretion and integrity
- Desirable—experience working in the Not-for-profit sector

For more information about the position contact: Steve Prohm coordinator@lifelinemidcoast.org.au

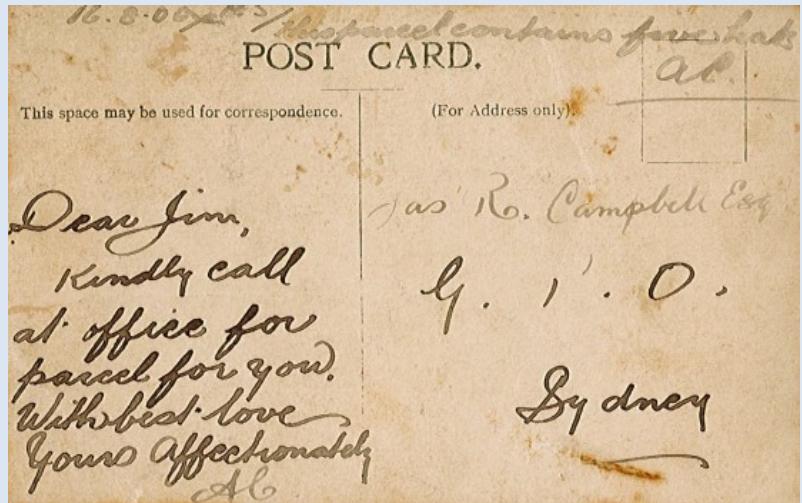
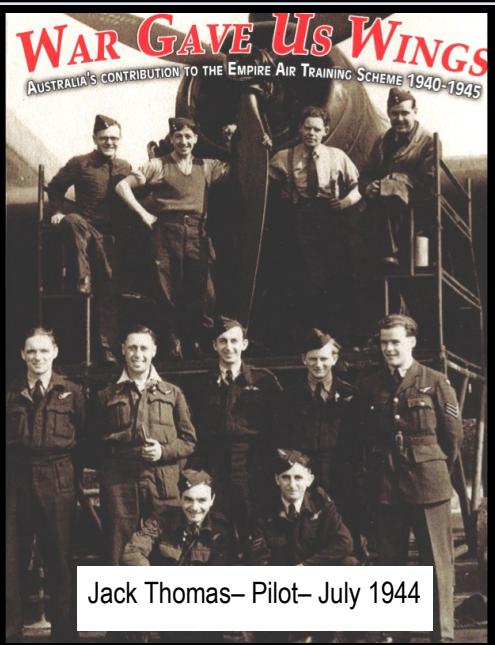
To apply, please forward a covering letter along with your resume to LDrecruitment@lifeline.org.au stating the position you would like to apply for in the subject line.

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to view the events calendar, see photos and read stories about what is happening locally.

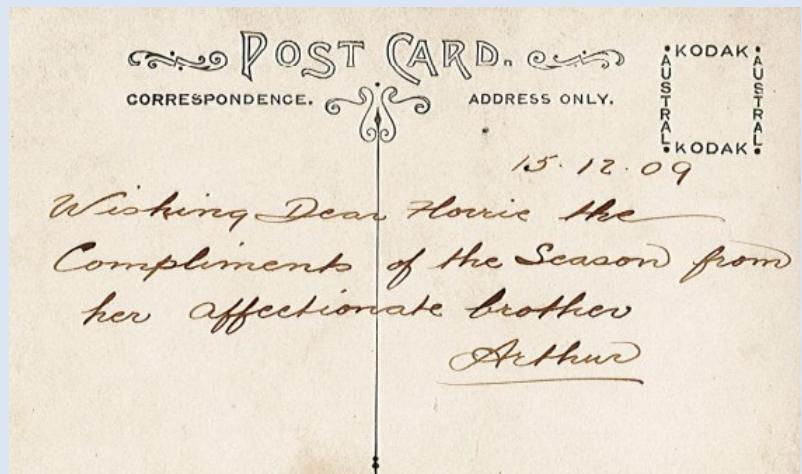


Share Your Photos

We remember and pray for our veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces

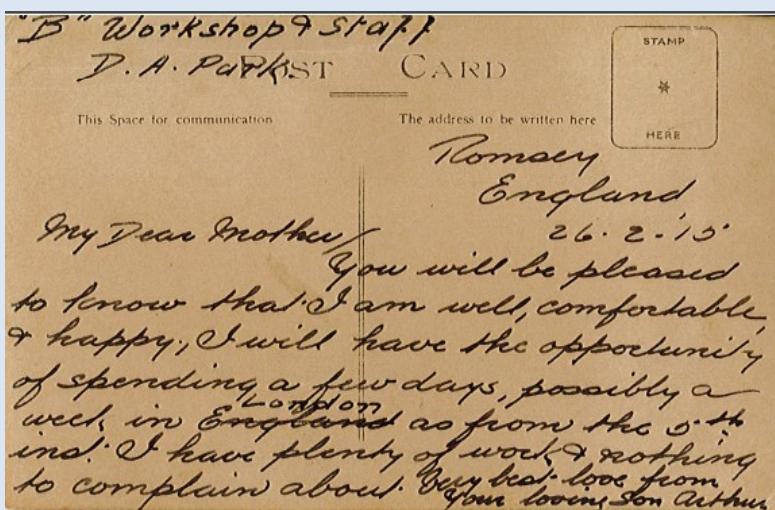
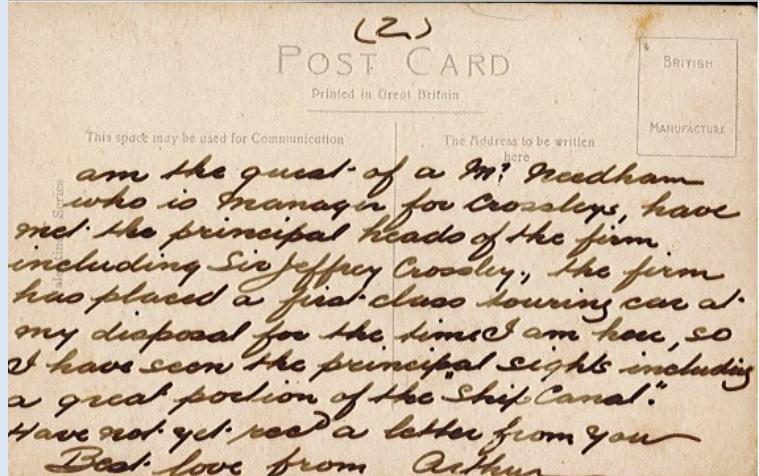


Cpt A.J Campbell



Letters & cards from
Cpt A.J Campbell,
more of the collection is displayed in the church.







READINGS 14/15 NOVEMBER

First Reading

Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*
1.O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2.Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
3.Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about
'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the
Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are
saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly hap-
pens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and
there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to
overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the
day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not
go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and
sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14-15. 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy
of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and en-
trusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another
two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.
Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and
went through his accounts with them. The man who had received
the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you
entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."
His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you
have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with
greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday 15 Nov 2020

Priest:	Dear friends, with faith in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before God.	All:	(pause) <i>In your mercy:</i> Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader:	That by expressing Christ's love for all, the Holy Church will be faithful to God's teaching. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>	Reader:	That our parish community will watch for the com- ing of Christ by staying awake and ready. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.	All:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader:	That leaders of nations will be alert to opportuni- ties for the promotion of peace. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>	Reader:	That the sick and housebound will be blessed and find comfort and healing through Christ, es- pecially all those in our parish bulletin. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.	All:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader:	That local organisations who work with the disad- vantaged will be supported by generous volun- teers. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>	Reader:	That all who have died will be embraced by the love of God in his heavenly kingdom. (pause) <i>In your mercy:</i>
All:	Lord, hear our prayer.	All:	Lord, hear our prayer.
Reader:	That all married people will remain in love and faithfulness to each other.	Priest:	Loving God, as our creator you entrust us with gifts. Hear our prayers and help us to be faithful in sharing our gifts with others as we wait to enter the joy of your kingdom. 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 TEAM

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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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