



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 8 November 2020,

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Dear Parish Family,

I guess you have been watching the unfolding of events in America of recent days. It is a bit like watching a train wreck and not knowing what to do! I will be interested to see which way it finally settles as I am sure which ever camp wins it will have an effect world-wide. I was listening to a political commentator talking about the 'reflection of the Man' of the presidential candidates as they face either a win or a loss: how they lose will be as important as how they win.

How on earth has America ever elected a President under their electoral system is beyond my comprehension really, so too the concept of having to fight to have all the votes counted or not counted! And the street protests! We pray, don't we, that common sense whatever that is these days or at the very least peace, **prevails!**

My nephew has been elected as the President of his Schools Vinnies for next year. It is a big deal, *his proud uncle thinks*. He attends a boys' school in Melbourne that is k – 12 with over 2000 students and I am pleased to say whilst they don't always get it right they have a proud history of caring for the less fortunate and those who do need that help up. Alex has been volunteering in a junior tutoring program for another school for some time now out of the ministry of his own school. It is such good work all round really. If he was going to be president of anything that is the one, I would have wanted but *as I know it is not all about me* LOL

This week I was appointed as Dean of our Deanery. The appointment hasn't come with a fixed term and I hope that is a good thing. Our Deanery includes Nelson Bay and Raymond Terrace to the South, Myall Coast Parish, Gloucester and Krumbach Parishes, with to the North the Parish of Taree and Wingham. We are not huge in numbers, but a bit spread out in distance. Modern technology is a wonderful thing!

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee continue to meet and work in service of the Community. I am together with their support progressing our Promotor of Safeguarding position and team. On Saturday it will also be a topic for the Deanery Meeting and our region. We have had a couple of parish members come forward to volunteer as promoters of safeguarding, I have another conversation to be had with them and another person suggested to me as a possible team member. This is an important ministry and there is room for others on the team.

Important to note that whilst some elements of society have been catalysts in this space it can't be the reason, we work to be a Safe Community. I am and we have to be, serious about what we do to ensure the safety of our more vulnerable members and the vulnerable people we support and serve more widely in the community.

We are also progressing our conversation exploring different options for Parish Leadership and what that will be into the future. I am always interested in building a much more sustainable Parish community and we are again using the five foundations of Stewardship although we are reshaping what might happen for us underneath. The foundations are: Identity and Community, Worship and Prayer, Formation and Education, Mission and Outreach, Leadership and Structure. If you feel called to being part of one or other of these leadership opportunities, please make contact with me to discuss this important initiative further.

The Parish Finance Council asked me to thank you for your ongoing support of the finances of the Parish. **We are doing as well as we are because of your ongoing generosity.** I personally appreciate that you think so much about our Parish to want to support what we do and how we do it. Thank you on behalf the PFC and me your Parish Priest!

I am going to change the sign near the donation baskets from Presbytery to Clergy. I hope you remember that the money you donate there supports equitably the working priests of the Diocese. It doesn't go into the Finances of the Diocese but to a separate fund managed by a committee of the working Parish Priests who make sure that each priest in the Diocese is paid the same stipend.

And the two 'tap and go' machines send your donation directly to the Parish Account. You will have noticed one is five dollars and the other ten dollars.

One last thing to tell you today: in January, January 12th specifically, I am going into hospital to have a hip replacement. It feels weird to think that I am having it done but it is necessary. The product that will be used will 'outlive' me whatever that means! I am currently looking for a priest to come and live in for the time I will need to be off. Please pray for its success.

Kind regards,

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Pietrina Ruspandini

Anniversary: Marie Lyons

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 9 Nov—14 Nov TUE: 4.30pm WED: 9.00am FRI: 9.30am	
Mon 9 Nov	9am Counters— team 5
Tues 10 Nov	9.30am Christian Meditation 3.30pm Holy Hour
Wed 11 Nov	12pm Community Kitchen
Thurs 12 Nov	12pm Community Kitchen

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...

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Diocesan Commitment to Safeguarding and Parish Commitment: Please check out our commitment to safeguarding statements on the wall of the Church as you gather this weekend. You will remember we worked on our Parish Statement through a series of emails as we got our language right and culturally applicable to our Parish Community.



BAPTISMS

This weekend we witness the baptism of *Monty Clifton*

May the gift of baptism he receives strengthen him for his journey of life and faith he will share with us. Please remember the Clifton family in your prayers.



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/giftsoffait

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

'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
Phone: 4979 1193

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

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/>



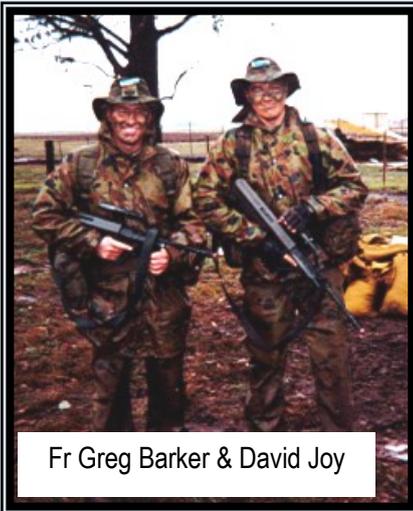
Share Your Photos

Stewart David Connor
(Mal Webber's grandson)

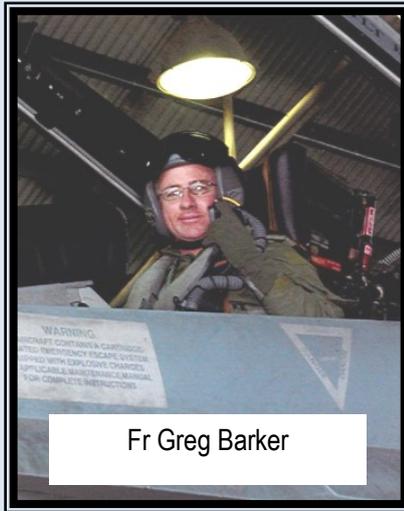


Ray Startin, Valerie & Ruth riding to Cocumback School (a one teacher school) on Queenie. Horses were kept in a paddock and caught for the ride home to Easington- Dyers Crossing- a ride of seven miles each way.

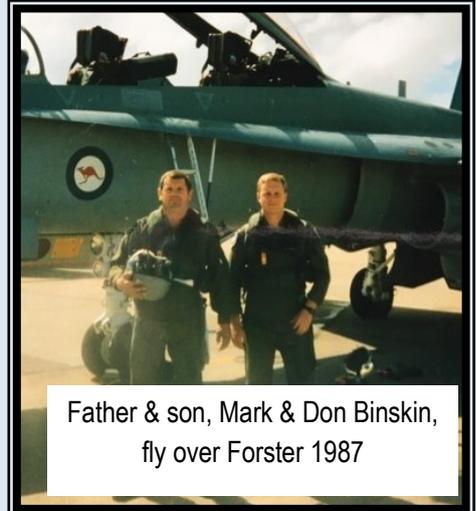
We remember and pray for our veterans and serving members of the Armed Forces



Fr Greg Barker & David Joy



Fr Greg Barker



Father & son, Mark & Don Binskin,
fly over Forster 1987



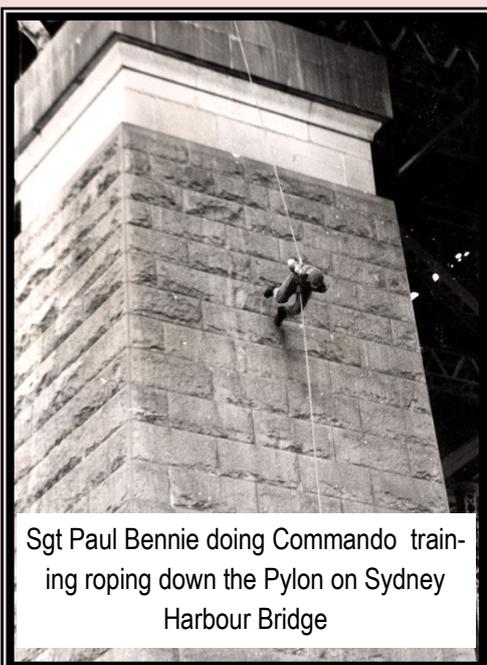
Chief Air Marshall Mark
Binskin, then a Hornet flight



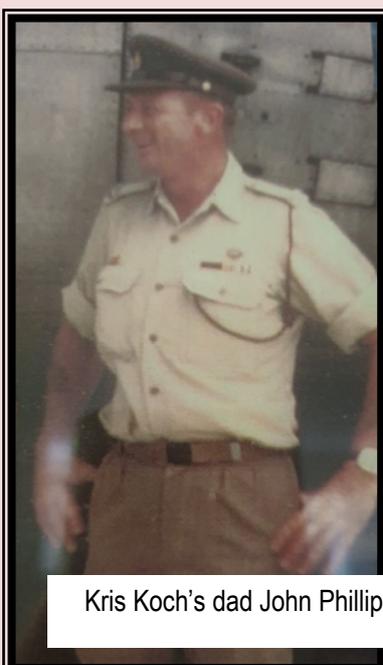
Marea Binskin's husband Don Binskin,
Corporal, Army Water Transport.



Marea Binskin's son Damian Eady -
Army-ex Afghanistan/Iraq



Sgt Paul Bennie doing Commando training roping down the Pylon on Sydney Harbour Bridge



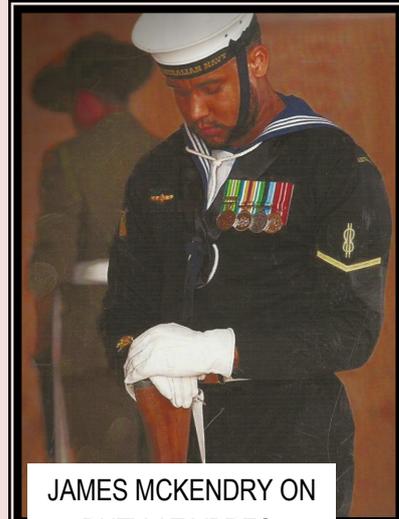
Kris Koch's dad John Phillip Hudson and serving family member



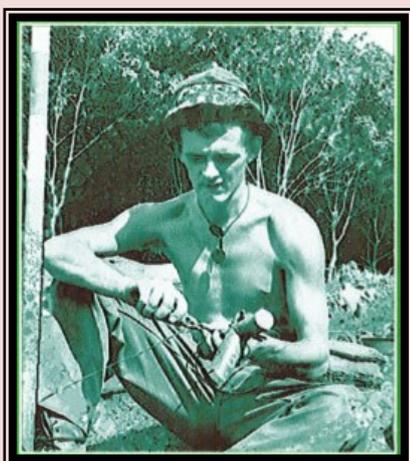
Margaretha at the grave of the Unknown Soldier at VILLERS BRETTONEUX last year



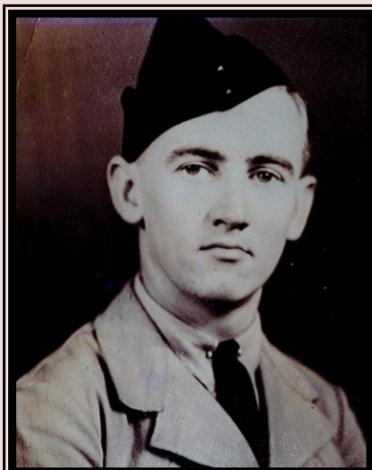
Grandson of John and Margaretha McKendry Returning from 6 months duty in the Middle East.



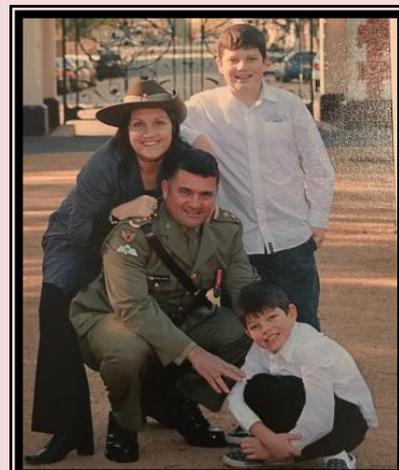
JAMES MCKENDRY ON DUTY AT YPRES-POLLYGON WOODS 100th ANN



Peter James Craig—Mortar Platoon



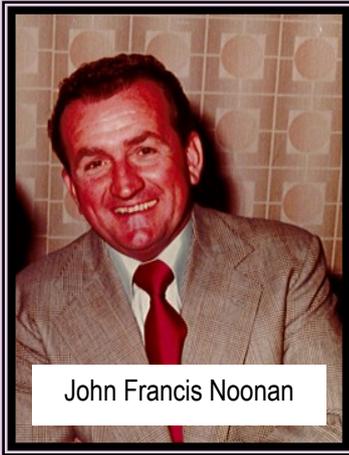
Ray Pearson



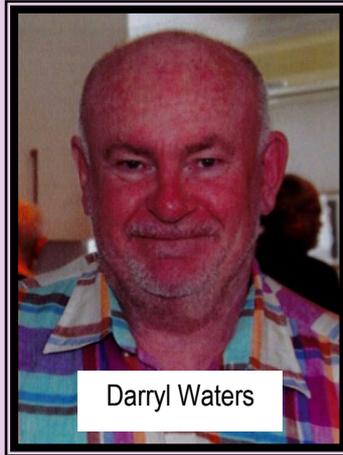
Adrian Dolahenty & family in Parramatta Park



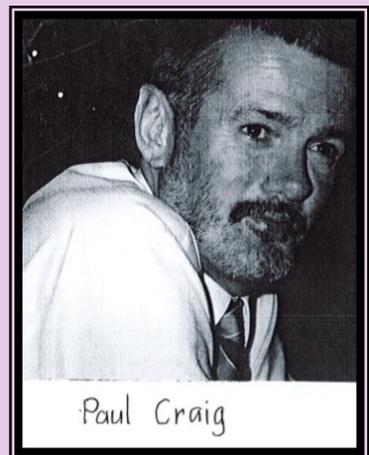
November Holy Souls



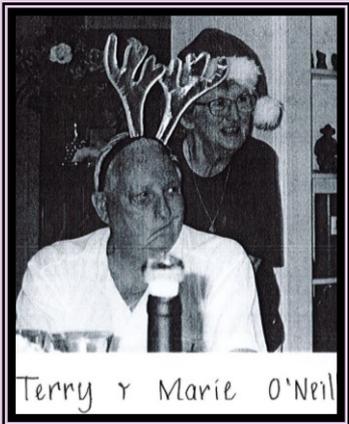
John Francis Noonan



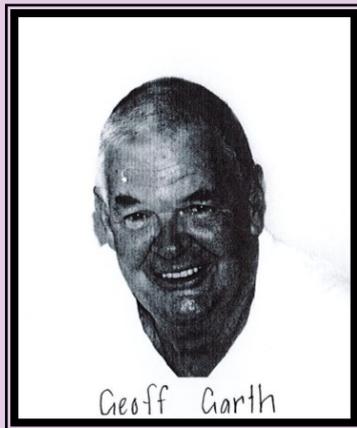
Darryl Waters



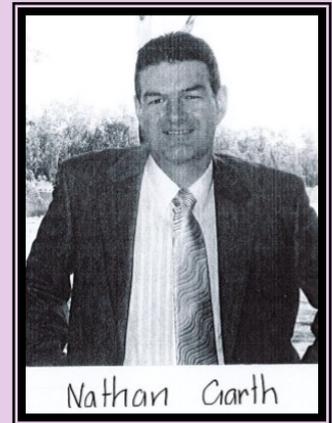
Paul Craig



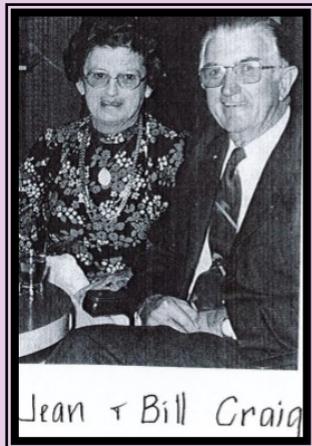
Terry & Marie O'Neil



Geoff Garth



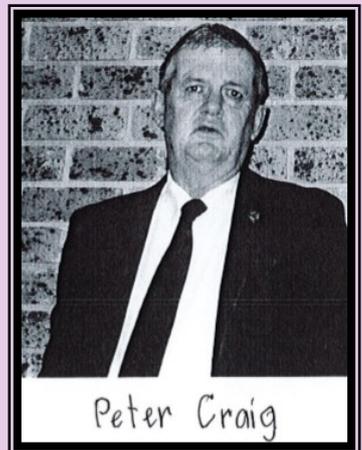
Nathan Garth



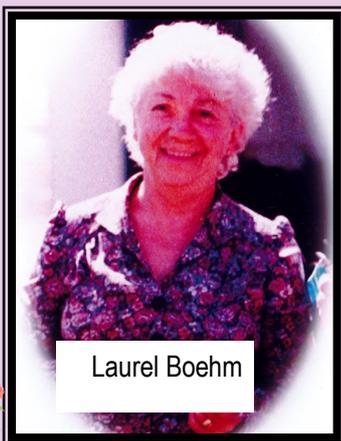
Jean & Bill Craig



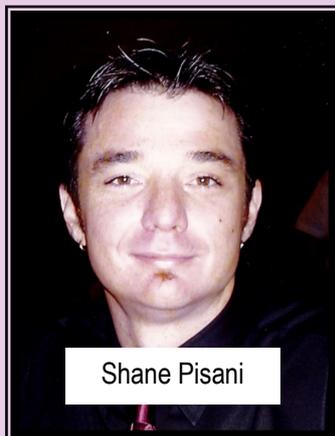
Patricia Geary



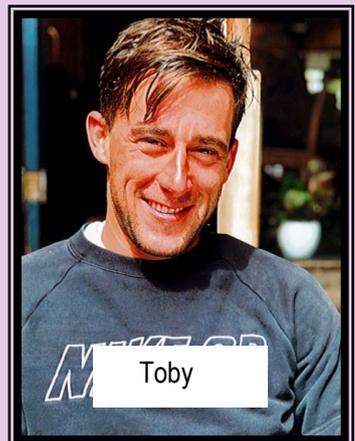
Peter Craig



Laurel Boehm



Shane Pisani



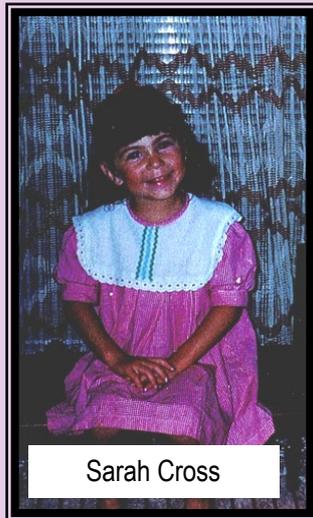
Toby





Mary Therese Micua

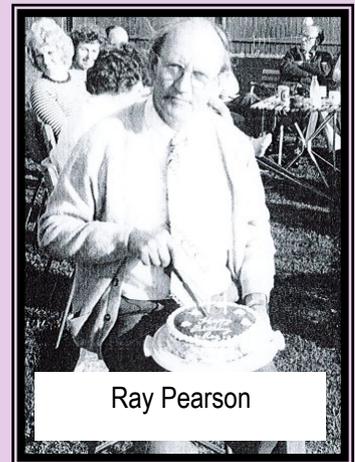
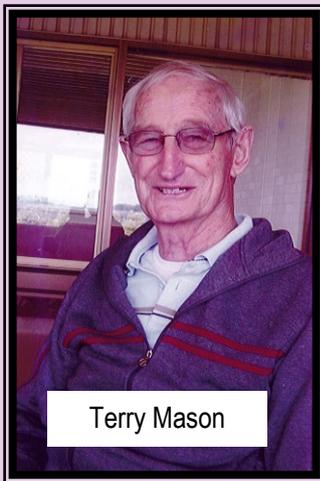
Lydia Fazio



Kelly Hander

Sarah Cross

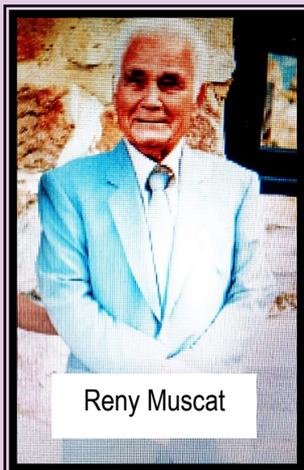
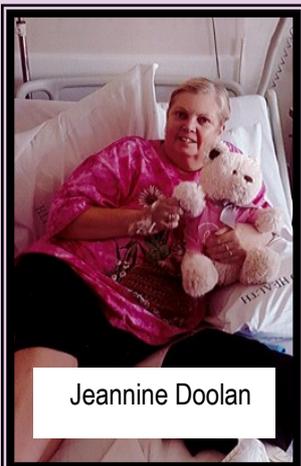
Monica Mason



Terry Mason

Christina Brown

Ray Pearson



Jeannine Doolan

Reny Muscat

Rose Muscat





First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1.O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you

like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2.So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3.So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4.On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring

them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

© Fr Michael Tate

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Sunday 08 Nov 2020

- Priest:** Brothers and sisters, let us lift up our hands in prayer and bring our needs to God who is our help and our strength.
- Reader:** That the Church will remain faithful and be prepared for when the Bridegroom comes.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That leaders of nations will be alert to opportunities for the promotion of peace.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That people who are coming to the end of their lives will see Christ face to face.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That married couples will grow in love, wisdom and perseverance.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That we in this community will always have oil in our lamps and be ready to meet Christ among us.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For the sick, especially all those in our parish bulletin.
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That those who have died in Christ will be with the Lord for ever, especially Marie Lyons
(pause) In your wisdom :
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Priest:** O God, your wisdom comes to all who desire her. Hear our prayer and help us to heed her word that warns us to stay awake and be prepared for Christ's coming. We make our prayer in Jesus' name .
- 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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Emergency Contact 0417 321 209

Danielle Kingdom
Admin Assistant
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Office Hours:

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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

Holy Name Catholic School K-6

41 Lake Street, Forster

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