



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 14 FEBRUARY 2021,

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Happy Valentine's Day, Parish Family!

I have always enjoyed paddling on the waters of Burgess Beach. Its rock formations are spectacular and the solitude it offers is simply refreshing. Ever since I moved to Forster, I frequented the water's edges in Burgess. The last time I was there was a little over a week ago. That evening, there were only four people occupying the whole stretch of the beach – a lady who was taking photos on the left side, two young ladies on the right most and myself at the middle section.

I was splashing about and wading in the shallow water; I was throwing my back on the approaching waves when I noticed that the two young ladies made their way out of the beach. They threw a smile at me and I smiled back. They were passing by the place where I kept my stuff. I continued throwing myself at the incoming waves. Then, I had enough. So, I moved towards where I hid my shirt, keys and mobile phone. I did not see my shirt. I tried looking for it in the nearby rocks. My shirt was pinched!

It was one of my favourite shirts. It was a ten year old shirt. I liked it because it did not require ironing. I am just thankful that whoever took it did not grab the keys and the mobile phone underneath my shirt. It was also the last time I was at Burgess Beach. We do not usually return to the place where we lost something for fear that it might happen again. Or, at least, we do not go back to where we lost something because we do not want to be reminded of our folly.

So, what are the things that we treasure in our lives? And, who are the people we hold dear in our hearts? Of these things and of these people, are we ready to lose and to give up any of them?

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. We are encouraged to fast and to abstain – not for fasting and abstinence sake – but for us to be able to intentionally focus on God. The Season invites us to free ourselves from our inordinate attachments so that we can be free to focus all our minds, our hearts, our souls to God. As Ignatius of Loyola reminded those who were going through the Spiritual Exercises, "it is necessary to make ourselves indifferent to all created things as much as we are able ... so that we ultimately desire and choose only what is most conducive for us to the end for which God created us," that is, to praise, love and serve our God.

Laudable it is that we can give up meat on the Fridays of Lent and just have a full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But, can we give up more than what is expected of us? Would we give up the things we deem precious and the people we hold dear so that we can intentionally focus on God? Are we prepared to let go of the anxiety hounding us because we are worried about their safety and security? Are we prepared to give up being overwhelmed by our inordinate need to possess and to have them in our lives? Would you, at least, spend another hour with your God in private prayer devoid of the need to think of those you hold precious in your hearts?

I am not trying to sound like the Grim Reaper. Actually, there is nothing grim about the Season of Lent. It ought to be marked by joy, that same joy that is attached to your heart when you are making a fresh start in life. Ash Wednesday is just the start, to borrow the words of the Benedictine Monk David Rast, "for sharpening our spiritual focus."

May the coming Season of Lent pinch the back of our ears or the excess fat in our waistline to remind us of our need for the most important Person in our lives: God. May you and your loved ones have a blessed and meaningful week ahead of you.

Fr Anthony



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Faye Thomas & Sr Therese Lawler

Anniversary: Roy Ida, Andrew Kirton & Rolando Cepe

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, Ray Vidler, Rachal, Robert Greig, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, Zac Gogery, Ann Moreira, Dawn Gander, Win Preston, Ken Vote, Anna Lee, Robyn Thomas, Angela McNamara, Lucilla Bacalla, Denis Wilson, Clare McKay, Kath Copas, Bill McElroy, David Ball, Michael Siddle, Ellen Stewart, Rod Milligan, Camille Betar, Joseph Barnett, Veronica Bucki, Michelle Perera Byrne, Ruth Morrow, Marceline Loiseau, Janet Bezdek

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 then receive an email to confirm your attendance.

Arrival:

We strongly encourage everyone to use the QR code linked to the Service NSW app to check in and out of the church. If you require assistance with this check in process please contact the office and we will help.

1. Sanitise your hands as you enter the church.
2. **Scan the QR code and check in or sign in using the registration sheet.**
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:

1. **Check out in the Service NSW app.**
2. 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.

Parish Timetable	
WEEKDAY MASS 15 Feb—20 Feb TUE: 4.30PM WED: 9.30am & 6pm FRI: 9.30am	
Mon 15 Feb	9am Counters— Team 7
Tue 16 Feb	9.30am Christian Meditation 3.30pm Holy Hour
Wed 17 Feb	9.30 Ash Wednesday Mass— Register attendance 11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen 6pm Ash Wednesday Mass— Register attendance
Thu 18 Feb	12pm Community Kitchen

FACE MASKS FOR SALE IN CHURCH

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

What's happening locally...

COMFORT

Lenten Program 2021

"Comfort" contains short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) which is perfect for group or individual devotional reading. **Copies are available for \$7 from the table at the side of church.**

"Comfort" is accompanied by a Triple CD Resource that includes six beautiful responsorial psalms and audio narrations of the readings and Scripture reflections. **If you wish to obtain a copy of the CD Resource please bring a USB into the Parish Office to be copied onto.**

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be held on **5th March 2021 at 10am at St Alban's Anglican Church.** Everyone is welcome to attend this event. Please contact St Alban's to register 5543 7683

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

Our Parish Safeguarding Promoters are continuing to inform parishioners of ongoing efforts to provide information and awareness on safeguarding issues within our community. To this end, attention is drawn to our Parish website www.forstertuncurrycatholic.org.au This website provides parishioners and wider community members with safeguarding information.

On the Homepage, using the heading 'Parish Information' produces a dropdown wherein 'Culture on Safety' can be accessed. The Parish Commitment to Safeguarding statement is there as well as a number of video links that can be viewed to increase knowledge of this topic including:

- What is a child-safe institution?
- Why safeguards?
- What does a child safe parish look like?
- The conversations we have to have.

Community Kitchen

Food donations are always welcomed for the Forster-Tuncurry Community Kitchen pantry. These food items are used to create food hampers for people in need. Long life food items can be placed in the bins at the side of the church. For volunteer opportunities contact Sue Abdoo 02 6539 5900

DANCING WITH PAUL MCQUEEN STARTS FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

OUR CLUB NAME IS

KICK IT UP AND MYALL COAST LINE DANCERS

TIME: 9.00 am - 11.00am

DAY: FRIDAY MORNINGS

PLACE: CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

ADDRESS: CNR MACINTOSH AND LAKES STREET FORSTER NSW 2428

PAUL'S MOBILE: 0438 639 150

EMAIL: paulwilliammcqueen@gmail.com

ALL LEVELS OF TEACHING:

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER, BEGINNER, EASY INTERMEDIATE, INTERMEDIATE (PLEASE NOTE: LEVEL VARIES FROM WEEK TO WEEK DEPENDING ON ATTENDANCE)

LINE DANCING:

- GREAT EXERCISE FROM LOW IMPACT TO MORE ENERGETIC
- ONE OF THE BEST WAY TO STIMULATE THE BRAIN
- GREAT BENEFITS AS AN AEROBIC WORKOUT
- GREAT FOR MAINTAINING A HEALTHY HEART
- MEET LIKE MINDED PEOPLE IN A SAFE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT
- HELPS YOU MAINTAIN BALANCE WHILE MOVING
- LISTENING TO FABULOUS MUSIC AND HELPS IN FINDING THE BEAT
- YOU DANCE IN LINES WHICH ARE COVID19 DISTANCE APART
- OVERALL, LINE DANCING IS GOOD FOR YOU AND GREAT FOR MENTAL WELLNESS

ALL AGES WELCOME

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday Masses on the 17/2/21 will be held at 9.30am and 6pm. Please register your attendance with the Parish Office.



Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff.

Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to lent.caritas.org.au.

Oceania Webinar: Faithful Stewards of God's Grace

This Webinar will focus on the document 'Faithful Stewards for God's Grace' which affirms and celebrates the role of the laity in our Church. Faithful Stewards for God's Grace was released in 2018 and approved by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to "affirm a common vocation for all the baptised faithful". It was prepared by the Australian Catholic Council for Lay Pastoral Ministry (ACCLPM).

Date: Tuesday 16 February 2021

Time: 11am-12.15pm

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarfeb16>

You will receive a confirmation email upon registration and further information closer to the event

Climate Action conference: Future Directions!

Hear from incredible guest speakers, stories of hope and stories of winning. Discuss the difference we as a faith group can make. Connect with others who care about this issue and workshop what our contribution to change will be!

Date: Saturday 20 March 2021

Time: 9am-5pm

Register <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/climate-action-conference-future-directions-tickets-135449295489>



READINGS 13/14 FEBRUARY

First Reading

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,

in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'

And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 14 Feb 2021

Priest: Brothers and sisters, with grace let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That the Holy Church will be a light for all as a community of peace and salvation.

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Reader: That all preparing for their First Reconciliation will discover Christ's healing through confession and repentance.

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Reader: That scientists and health workers will assist in the eradication of epidemic disease and illness.

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Reader: That our parish community will support young people considering vocations to religious life.

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Reader: That the sick will find joy and salvation in Christ's healing, especially all those in our parish bulletin

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Reader: That those who have died, especially Faye Thomas, Sr Therese Lawler, Roy Ida, Andrew Kirton & Rolando Cepe, will rejoice forever in the Kingdom of God.

(pause) In your mercy:

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

Priest: Loving Father, you renew us with healing grace. Hear our prayers and guide us in our Christian lives as we seek true faith and devotion to you. 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

Holy Name Catholic School K-6

41 Lake Street, Forster

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E: admin@forster.catholic.edu.au

W: www.forster.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Brooke Stephens

St Clare's High School 7-12

Davis Street, Taree

P: 6552 3300

E: Admin@tareesc.catholic.edu.au

W: www.tareesc.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Peter Nicholls

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