



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 28 FEBRUARY 2021,

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

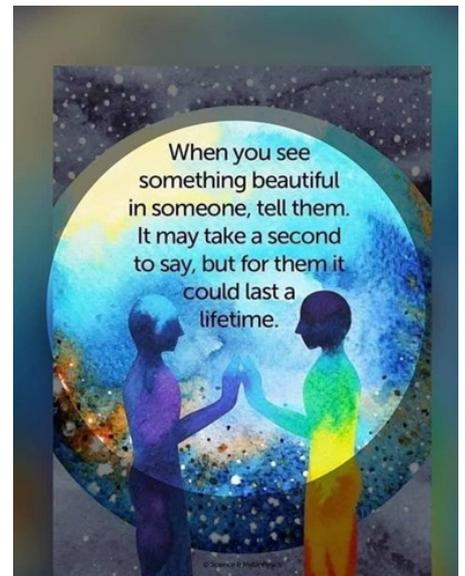
I'm back!!

I thank Fr Anthony for the generosity that saw him accept an invitation from Bishop Bill to fill in for me whilst I had my hip replaced. Not easy to spend so long away from home and from your own projects and passions. I am grateful to him and I know that you have enjoyed his presence in our community. On your behalf I wish him God's Grace as he returns to Singleton.

It has been good for me to have the time and space to heal properly. Tempting to rush back so happy to have had the time to do the exercises I was given to do and to walk, to read the books that have sat on my bedside table for months and to watch the movies that many of you recommended; as importantly take the time to let my body heal.

I stumbled across a song that I have listened to over and over by Tim McGraw called 'Live Like You Were Dying'. Listen to it if you get a chance but basically a Doctor makes this response on hearing that he has the big 'C'; I have put in italics and bold the bit I loved most!

He said,
"I went skydiving,
I went Rocky Mountain climbing,
I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fu Manchu,
And I loved deeper
And I spoke sweeter
And I gave forgiveness I'd been denying"
And he said
"Someday I hope you get the chance
To live like you were dying"



Saw my surgeon this past week and he has been incredibly happy with my progress. The scar is neat and tidy with the right shade of pink. I am still somewhat restricted in some of the things I can do; I am getting there. My next appointment is in four months' time and after that I will be back to running marathons.

There has been review of copyright restrictions and a few things we are now or again not permitted to do. We will not be able to have music at Masses where we do not have live music playing. Danielle and I are looking into our licences and will likely need to purchase a podcast licence for music at the Mass we Zoom providing we can attract a musician to play.

Singing is still restricted. Without a mask, singers must be 5 metres from the person standing in front of them. We are still maintaining 1.5 metres of social distancing. You are always welcome to wear a mask in Mass, but it is not mandated and we are still using the Service NSW app to sign in like every other 'venue' around Forster Tuncurry and beyond. The new norms. It is hard to remember what life was like before isn't it. I know that there have been challenges but amazing how well in actual fact we have coped with these dramatic changes.

Kind regards,

Greg

Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Hugh Burnett, Junior Soliano & Ron Campbell

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, Ray Startin, Michelle Roet, Patricia Winston, Bill Hartmann, Belinda Castle

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.pariah@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	
1 Mar—5 Mar	
TUE: 4.30pm	
WED: 9.00am	
FRI: 9.30am	
Sun 28 Feb	9.30am Franciscan meeting
Mon 1 Mar	9am Counters— Team 9
Tue 2 Mar	9.30 Christian Meditation
	3.30pm Holy Hour
Wed 3 Mar	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 4 Mar	12pm Community Kitchen

FACE MASKS FOR SALE IN CHURCH

\$10 ea or 3 for \$25.

What's happening locally...

Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey:

Diocesan Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program during Lent

From Lent until Pentecost the people of the diocese are invited to engage in the process of contemplative dialogue, to discern more fully the framework for considering 'Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey' in our diocese.

The purpose of the diocesan reflections during Lent (17 February – 31 March) is to enable all members of the diocesan community to respond to the papers developed by the Synod Working Party. Synod delegates will be facilitating the Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program throughout Lent in Parishes, schools and online. **Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join one of our groups.**

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.**

Reflection Day with Bishop Bill Tuesday April 20

Sessions:

Reflection 2:30-4pm

Mass 5pm-5:30

Reflection 6pm-8pm

Venue:

Forster- Parish Hall and Church

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>

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



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The Office of Safeguarding has been established by the Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle to support the parishes of our diocese:

- in complying with statutory obligations, diocesan Safeguarding Commitment Statement and policies, procedures and protocols relevant to safeguarding;
- with delivery of mandatory Safeguarding training to all parish personnel (for clergy, religious, paid and unpaid workers);
- with the provision of an intake service that analyses concerns for children and vulnerable adults, provides advice and support to parish personnel, ensures statutory reporting obligations are met and ensures appropriate follow up to complaints, when warranted;
- by conducting investigations of parish personnel who are alleged to have abused a child or vulnerable adult, or breached their professional standards.

What's happening in the Diocese...

LGBTIQ Catholic Forum Pre-Synod Consultation

Building the Kingdom of God Together
Sunday 21 March 2021 1.00pm – 4.00pm (AEDT)

Toohy Room; 841 Hunter Street
Newcastle West NSW

RSVP and pre-reading

from: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au





READINGS 27/28 FEBRUARY

First Reading

Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord

is the death of his faithful. (R.)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

Sunday 28 Feb 2021

Priest: Dear Friends, The Church of Maitland-Newcastle is centred on Christ, the cornerstone, and seeks always to live as a community of people who educate and form. Gathered here in union with Christ, God's Beloved Son, let us pray for our needs and those of the whole human family.

Reader: We are called to be a community of 'intentional disciples' who know the Lord well and warmly.
For the wisdom and courage to always seek to follow him out of love and make him known and loved by others, we pray...

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

Reader: We are sustained by the word of Scripture and nourished by Eucharist.
For open and welcoming hearts that enable our liturgical celebrations to embody the unity and love which Jesus prayed for at the last supper when he gave himself in the humble service of washing feet, we pray...

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

Reader: The Lord's counter-cultural Beatitudes; to turn one's cheek; to love enemies; to forgive seventy times seven; to welcome sinners; to wash feet; to embrace crosses; to die in order to live yielded their true wisdom and formed new hearts and lifestyles.
For the wisdom and courage to see things in a different way and immerse ourselves in Jesus, we pray...

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

Reader: Evangelisation is a work of attraction. It draws people to Jesus the way he did — by compelling personal integrity, a caring manner, and a vision of wholeness matching the longings of the heart.
For the strength and courage to be joyful and grateful disciples, bringing others to Jesus in the embrace of his community, we pray...

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

Reader: We have united with Jesus and all who are one with him through Baptism.
For the strength and courage to always live our faith through communal and personal service to one another and our society, we pray...

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

Reader: For the sick, especially all those in our parish bulletin, we pray...

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

Reader: For those who have died, especially Hugh Burnett, Junior Soliano & Ron Campbell, we pray...

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

Priest: God of all goodness, guard and guide our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



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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