



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 23 MAY 2021,

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

Dear Parish Family,

Those on our email list will already know that my end date has been set for the 28th May 2021. Coming way to quickly! How does anyone pack and work, move and say farewell all at the same time!!!!

I know that you will welcome Fr Peter Street your new Parish Priest with great warmth, with much food and with some great and awesome hospitality. (*Just quietly I am leaving twice the priest I was when I came: I say that on many levels!*) Peter loves a good night out and a little glass of vino occasionally.

Peter is very pleased to have been chosen to come to Forster Tuncurry and is excited to begin this next phase of his and your journey together. I'll leave him to tell you, his story but don't forget to tell him yours.

I will be sad when the 28th finally comes. I have enjoyed the journey very much that we have shared together. The many friendships I have made here will I know change but like life they won't end. As I have said to many, many people I am literally only a few kilometres down the road.

Danielle Kingdom in the Parish Office has been a God send to this Parish and to me. We have had some great staff along the way but without Danielle a lot of what we did in the last few years wouldn't have worked out so easily. Peter knows how good she is and what a great gift (*asset*) to the Parish her presence and work is! I know you agree.

I am so grateful to all of you for all that we have achieved together.

The Solar Panels will be the icing on the cake for me when you finally get them! I really love what we did with the Forster Church precinct. It was courageous on your part to take the leap of faith with me, to trust in my leadership and to sell *almost* everything; to trust in this site as the site for the future. The Forster Tuncurry Finance Committee were just awesome in drawing all of this together for all of us. I asked a lot and a lot you gave!

I am really thinking seriously about where my ashes will go when my time comes. I have always wanted to be cremated and now my mum has decided to do the same. My mum through a spanner in my original idea of going back to the family hometown of Wynyard in Tasmania (*why would I want to do that she said*) so I am beginning a discussion with her around the possibility of both of us resting in the Columbarium here. I know the community would always pray for us and it is such a lovely area right near the Altar! With some good friends and with great views!!! 😊 I have loved living here. The Columbarium has become an amazing option for me!

I am so proud (*in this context not a sin*) of our Community kitchen and the wonderful band of volunteers who work in that space! They are so committed and caring. There is always room for more helpers of course: this work never sadly ends. It is such a rewarding ministry personally for those involved. I missed for a long time the opportunity to go out on the food vans feeding the homeless and hungry of Hobart when I moved here – I always received more than I gave, always.

And thank you to the work of our Catholic schools: Holy Name with Brooke and St Clare's with Peter. I am so delighted to have been able to work so closely with those so committed to education. I was much more involved at Holy Name just simply in the logistics. I can really say what an awesome team those teachers and support staff are. We did some great work together and such a strong link between Holy Name the Parish and Holy Name the School exists. They are right into the Community Kitchen and support it so enthusiastically amongst other things!

As my time draws to an end and I hand the reigns of Parish Priestdom to another I wish you much happiness, success and blessings for the future. In the words of this much-loved blessing and prayer:

"May joy and peace surround you,
may contentment latch your door,
and happiness be with you now
and bless you evermore!
May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand".

God bless you all – please pray for me as I pray for you.

Greg
Parish Priest



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Emile Fernandez

Anniversary: Joan Savage, Alan Winston & John Connell

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, Barry Bolton, Rachal, Robert Greig, Lawson Rankin, Josephine Camilleri, 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, Rod Milligan, Camille Betar, Michelle Perera Byrne, Ruth Morrow, Janet Bezdek, Ray Startin, Michelle Roet, Patricia Winston, Bill Hartmann, Joe Barnett, David Stewart, Pip West, Charmaine Hennequin, Terry McBride, Frankie Burns

*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.*

Weekend Mass Times:

Sat 5.00pm & Sun 8.00am, 10.00am and 12 noon.

Registration through the Parish Office is required to attend Mass while church restrictions are still in place.

Scan the QR code to check in or sign in using the registration sheet.

Email forster-tuncurry.pariah@mn.catholic.org.au to receive the **8.00am Mass livestream link.**

Readers Roster 29/30 May 2021

Sat 5pm Simy Joseph
Tony Stevens
Maureen Stevens

Sun 8am Afra Van Boxel
Geraldine Mullin
Suzie Monks

Sun 10am Aaron Fox
Monique Johnson
Lorraine Thomas

Sun 12 noon Juliet Hinchliffe
Neville Cheetham
Claudette Cheetham

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
24 MAY—29 MAY
TUE: 4.30pm
WED: 9.00am
FRI: No Mass

Mon 24 MAY 9am Counters— Team 4

Tue 25 MAY 9.30am Christian Meditation
12pm Community Kitchen
3.30pm Holy Hour

Wed 26 MAY 11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12pm Community Kitchen

Thu 27 MAY 8am Gardening Group
12pm Community Kitchen

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages. When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body. No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,

From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,

Come with treasures which endure;

Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,

Thou, the soul's delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;

Pleasant coolness in the heat;

Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,

Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,

Nothing pure in man will stay;

All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;

On our dryness pour thy dew;

Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;

Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore

Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;

Give us life with thee on high;

Give us joys that never end.

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit. In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**Pentecost Sunday Year B
Sunday 23 May 2021**

Priest: Sisters and brothers, renewed by the promise of the Spirit, let us ask God to hear our prayers for those in need.

Reader: That the Church will hear and proclaim in every language Christ's message of hope to all peoples.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who seek peace will more actively promote unity and reconciliation.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who hunger for spiritual meaning will have their hearts opened by the Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit will live out their baptismal commitment of love and service.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That Christians will work to become one in the body of Christ.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who serve this community in liturgical ministry will be renewed and strengthened.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be comforted by Christ's peace, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the dead will inherit the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus, especially Emile Fernandez, Joan Savage, Alan Winston & John Connell

(pause) In the Spirit we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of glory, you have fashioned the world with your creative Spirit. Hear our prayers, and continue to pour forth your abundant gifts as we conclude this festival of the resurrection. We make our prayer in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.



This weekend we wish Fr Greg a heartfelt farewell. This will be his last weekend celebrating Mass with us here at Forster-Tuncurry. We thank him for all he has done for our Parish during his time here. He has been a much loved friend, a strong leader and a cherished member of our Parish family. We wish him all the best in his new role as Parish Priest at Warner's Bay. We know he will be a blessing to their community, as he has been to ours.

First Holy Communion

The following children will be completing their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers:

- Samantha Castillo
- Charlie Gibson
- Layla Hickson
- Nathaniel Siddle



Parish Name Tags

The new Parish name tags have arrived for those who requested one and can be collected from the table at the side of Church. Name tags cost \$10 each. If you missed out on this order but would like to request a name tag please leave your name with the Parish Office for the next order.

The Franciscan Friars are grateful for the generous donations they received from our Parish. **A total of \$2,033 was donated by Parishioners of Holy Name Church to the Holy Land Commissariat this year.**

Planned Giving Tax Receipt

If you would like to receive a tax receipt for your planned giving donations for the 2020/21 financial year, please contact the Parish Office or write your name on the clipboard in the Church.

The cut off date to request a tax receipt is 30 June 2021.

Dear Parish Family, An update on Philip and Tresna Witherif. Tresna apologises for not being able to make contact with everyone before she and Philip made the move to Queensland. They appreciate greatly the care and support they have been given through what has been a difficult time in their lives. Due to some health issues Philip has needed extra medical support and Tresna has needed the closer support of their family. Brisbane is the best option for them. If you would like to send them a card in the first instances you might pop it into the Parish Office and we will forward it on. You know how overwhelming moving home can be and there is so much to be done. Tresna and Philip are thankful for their time in this parish, the friends they have made and the love they have shared with all of us. I know we too are thankful for the gifts particularly musically they offered over many years to so many in our parish and the wider community. I am grateful for the beautiful way Tresna washed my vestments and the hospitality of her table. *Greg*

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding**, continue to promote a culture of safeguarding within the Parish by visiting the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards*.

STANDARD 5 addresses:

► ensuring that people working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safeguarding values in practice.

This has resulted in the following actions within our Forster-Tuncurry Parish:

► Relevant personnel working with children in our Parish have current Working With Children Checks (WWCC) or equivalent background checks.

► Personnel receive appropriate induction and are aware of their child safeguarding responsibilities, including reporting responsibilities.

► Annual performance reviews for personnel include reminders of their safeguarding responsibilities relevant to their role.

► The Parish Pastoral Council being informed of the Office of Safeguarding document, 'Reporting Concerns for Children's Safety'.

► The Parish Promoters of Safeguarding work towards completing the Parish Risk Management Register.

Parishioners are reminded of their responsibility to share any concerns they have relating to the safety of children and vulnerable adults and help identify any potential risks to their safety.

What's happening locally...

Candlelight Vigil For Domestic Violence Victims

- Guest speakers
- Candle lighting ceremony
- A minute's silence

Come together and light a candle for all the victims who have lost their lives this year to domestic and family violence.

Friday May 28th, 4—5.30pm

The Bullring (Forster Ocean Baths)



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
Tue, 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

Tim Prescott 6555 8517

Gardening Group

3rd Thursday of the month, 8am
Church grounds.
David Olliffe 0424 369 485

Family and Friends Group

Meets monthly, contact Carol and Terry Pearson on 0408768729.

Singing Practice

Ken Heffernan 6554 6401
(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, 6.00pm
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 9.30am



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm.
Sun. 8.00am, 10.00am & 12.00pm
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RECONCILIATION

By appointment only

YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month, will resume once restrictions have eased.

AGED CARE MASSES

(Subject to change)

GLAICA: **2nd Tues 10.30am**
Estia Forster: **3rd Tues 10.00am**



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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