



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 30 MAY 2021,

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR B

Hello.

A fortnight or so ago, the Bishop asked me to take up the position of Parish Priest of Forster Tuncurry. It was my joy to accept that invitation and it is the privilege of my Priestly life to serve God in this role. For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be a priest. As I grew older I realized that God was calling me to this way of living out my Baptismal vocation. So I did what I thought was the right and sensible thing; I ran away from it, and went and became a nurse. After a few wonderful years of living and working in Sydney, I knew that if I was to be as faithful to God as He was to me, I had to go and test my vocation. Bishop Michael Malone accepted me as a student for the priesthood for the Diocese. I was ordained a Deacon and then a Priest by Bishop William Wright in 2014. I have served as an Assistant Priest in the Chisholm Pastoral Region and at Singleton and Branxton parishes, as well as Moderator of the City Pastoral Region, prior to being appointed here. As I said, I am delighted to be here.

I come from a small family. I have one older brother, Michael; he lives interstate with his wife, Jenn, and their two children, Patrick and Emily. My parents are still in the family home where I grew up near Kurri Kurri.

I look forward to getting to know you all, as together we spread the good news of the Gospel in this beautiful part of the world.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.



Forster-Tuncurry Community Kitchen

(left to right) Greg, Helen, Peter & Des cooking up a storm in the community kitchen. Our volunteers do a wonderful job bringing hot meals to the community.

The kitchen is now open on Tue, Wed & Thu from 12-1pm. Located at 33 Lake Street, Forster. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and enjoy a hot meal, cuppa and a chat. 😊

If you are interested in volunteering, contact: mrobinson@catholiccare.org.au or call 6554 6401.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Janet Bezdek & Bob Cashman

Anniversary: Raymond Chaffen

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, 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.parish@mn.catholic.org.au to receive the **8.00am Mass livestream link.**

Readers Roster 5/6 June 2021

Sat 5pm Cushla Drake
Marie Keep
Monica Hunt

Sun 8am Cecile Malone
Suzie Monks
Lorraine Clark

Sun 10am Monique Johnson
Max Dunn
Elizabeth Sciacca

Sun 12 noon Owen Carroll
Juliet Hinchliffe
Phil Wilkins

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
31 MAY—5 JUN
TUE: 4.30pm
WED: 9.00am
FRI: No Mass

Mon 31 MAY Parish Office Closed
9am Counters

Tue 1 JUN 9.30am Christian Meditation
12pm Community Kitchen
3.30pm Holy Hour

Wed 2 JUN 11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
12pm Community Kitchen

Thu 3 JUN 12pm Community Kitchen

First Reading

Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.

He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Rom 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



**The Most Holy Trinity Year B
Sunday 30 May 2021**

Priest: Sisters and brothers, united in our baptism through the Holy Trinity, let us bring our intentions before God.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will continue to lead the Church in worship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That leaders who impact society will be moved by the Holy Spirit to bring about justice and peace.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That all struggling with their faith will be granted hope and may return to the Church as children of God.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may be true believers in the unity and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be comforted through the Spirit of truth, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That, through the Holy Trinity, those who have died will find their home with the Lord, especially Janet Bezdek, Bob Cashman & Raymond Chaffen

(pause) In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, through the Holy Trinity we are baptised in your name. Hear our prayers and help us to honour the gifts you give us through the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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What's happening locally...

The Parish Office will be closed

Monday 31/5/21.

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.

This weekend we wish Fr Peter Street a very warm welcome as our new Parish Priest.



"OPEN THE DOOR"

You are invited to participate in a 6-week prayer and reflection group based on Joyce Rupp's "Open the Door".

For more information please contact Monique on 0419 212 350 or Grace on 0415 409 637

Desert Wisdom for Daily Living

Join our online retreat this winter, exploring and praying within the perennial wisdom tradition. Through the lens of the wisdom teachings of Jesus and the wisdom he embodied, the teachings of the Desert mothers and fathers of the fourth century and other early and late wisdom teachers, we experience how these teachings can enlighten and strengthen our prayer practice and inspire and deepen our commitment to and practice of the wisdom way of living - today. *With Sr Magdalen osb.*

Retreat begins: 6 June 2021

RETREAT PROGRAM FEE: AUD \$200

Pensioners – half price (email us to register). **For registration and more information go to:** <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au> - Retreats - Desert Wisdom Online Retreat

Planned Giving Envelopes 2021/22

New sets of planned giving envelopes are available for collection in the Church. Please be aware that you may not have the same PG#. **We also have spare sets of planned giving envelopes available for collection from the Parish Office for anyone who would like to be set up for planned giving.** More information about planned giving options can be viewed on our website: <https://forstertuncurrycatholic.org.au/planned-giving/>



Newcastle Unity in Diversity World Food and Music Festival | 19 June

To mark the beginning of Refugee Week, The Newcastle Unity in Diversity Festival will be held at the Newcastle Foreshore **11am – 3pm on Saturday 19th June.** There will be a wonderful array of multi-cultural food stalls, cultural performances and activities.

You are very welcome to attend and enjoy the festivities.

With thanks to STARTTS, The City of Newcastle and The University of Newcastle for sponsoring the event. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/520718478555143>

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 6 addresses:

► Effective complaints management.

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

► Establishment of procedures which address reporting of concerns and complaints to relevant authorities.

► Regular reminders to all parishioners of their responsibility to report any concerns they have relating to the safety of children and vulnerable adults and to help identify any potential risks to their safety.

► Our Parish Safeguarding Promoters, together with the Holy Name Primary School Safeguarding Promoter, continue to work, in an on-going process, towards the completion of our Parish Risk Management Register so as to identify and minimise dangers to children and vulnerable others.

► Our Parish Pastoral Council being informed of the Diocesan Office of Safeguarding document, 'Reporting Concerns for Children's Safety', as this fulfills the requirement that, to ensure that mandatory reporting obligations are known, the parish leadership group is aware of policies, procedures and practices which outline roles, responsibilities and approaches for dealing with complaints.



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
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**



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