



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

"Unity in Christ"

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SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021,

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

One of the most exciting, and indeed busy times in a parish each year is the time of preparing the children of the Parish to receive the Sacraments. That time is upon us now. This year it will be busier than normal as we have in effect a double year because of Covid-19 forcing the program to stop last year. The Children who need to make their First Confession will soon do so. Then the children will be Confirmed by Bishop Bill Wright on the 29th of June. Please pray for these children and their families during this time. I pray that this be a time of Grace for our Parish.

Bishop Bill will return to this beautiful Parish of Forster Tuncurry on the afternoon of the 3rd of July. He will bless and officially open the Columbarium and following an afternoon tea with members of the Parish he will install me as Parish Priest at the 5pm Vigil Mass. As many parishioners as we are able to have at both of these events are welcome; we do however, need to consider Covid -19 restrictions throughout. Please see future editions of the Bridgeside Bulletin for further details.

One of the things that I am excited about in this Parish is the enthusiasm for solar panel project. My understanding is that the total cost is close to \$20000.00. The Parish decided under Fr. Greg, that if half that amount (at least), was raised we would proceed. I am happy to say that we are indeed very close to that amount. I thank from the bottom of my heart those who have already contributed. Thank you. I encourage all members of our Parish to be as generous as they are able to be at this difficult time. Given the fact that I am new here, and that I am now part of this community, I have also pledged a donation of \$1000.00. One of the reasons it is a good thing to do this is that it shows that we, a community of God's faithful are prepared to do all that we can to look after His creation. Another reason, important though secondary; is that our power bills are quite large and this project will ameliorate this as an issue for us moving forward. A further reason I feel the need to proceed is that it shows us leading by example. If we act, others might as well.

Over the next 12 to 18 months we as a Parish need to formulate a Parish Pastoral Plan. This is a plan that sets goals for the parish over the short, medium, and long term. This plan will help us live our mission; what is our mission? Well I will leave you each to find the answer, (hint, Matthew: 28.19-20). This is the role of the Church; this is why She exists, why Jesus created the Church. My question to you all as members of the Parish is simply this, "what can we as a Parish and indeed you as a Baptized member of God's faithful do to implement this mission"? I would ask each and every person to take this question to prayer. We gather in the Holy Name Church at Forster, how can we spread His most Holy Name? Please email me your answer, leave a note at the office or on the collection plates and these will be presented to a gathering of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils as we begin this process.

As I write this I am sitting at my desk contemplating the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. This great feast occurs today (Friday). Please know that as I continue to settle into my role as Parish Priest I hold all and each of you in prayer and ask the blessing and love of Christ's most Sacred Heart upon you. I do this through the intercession of His most loving Mother. I humbly ask that you do the same for me.

With love.

Fr. Peter.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Peter Rayment & Mary Hickey

Anniversary:

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, Connie Cachia

*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.*

Readers Roster 19/20 June 2021

Sat 5pm	Tony Stevens Maureen Stevens Kit Hornibrook
Sun 8am	Maria Armitage Genevieve Williamson Sarah Praschinger
Sun 10am	Anne King Aaron Fox Anne Hartman
Sun 12 noon	Phil Wilkins Owen Carroll Juliet Hinchliffe

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 19 & 20 JUN

First Reading Jb 38:1. 8-11 The Lord constrains the sea.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1 (R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:14-17 We are new creations in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16 Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:35-41 Jesus stills the sea.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
14 JUN—19 JUN
TUE: 4.30pm
WED: 9.00am
FRI: 9.30am

Mon 14 MAY	Parish Office Closed 9am Counters 6
Tue 15 JUN	9.30am Christian Meditation 10.30am Sacristan Meeting 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
Wed 16 JUN	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 17 JUN	12pm Community Kitchen

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.**

First Reading

Ez 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree

and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,

to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:6-10

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

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
Sunday 13 Jun 2021**

Priest: Sisters and brothers, let us bring our prayers before God, the source of all grace and goodness.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Francis, will cultivate the Church on earth through the redemption of all creation.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That world leaders focus on environmental and climate challenges in order to care for the world's resources and foster harmony in God's kingdom.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who work on the land will remember the Lord's environment in their tending, and be blessed with flourishing growth and produce.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will live in obedience and reverence to the Church as the source of all goodness and grace.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will be raised in health and spirit, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will find eternal love in heaven, especially Peter Rayment & Mary Hickey.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, we live to increase your kingdom. Hear our prayers and help us to grow our faith community through flourishing branches and welcoming spirits. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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What's happening locally...

"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

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.

**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/>

Wedding Anniversaries

If you wish to receive a Papal Blessing for your wedding anniversary, please contact the Parish Office with your marriage details and we will organise one for you.

Fr Peter will also organise marriage vows renewal for anyone who makes a request.



**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 multicultural 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>

MN Youth

MN Youth is a new initiative that aims to offer primary aged children a vibrant and engaging space to meet one afternoon each week where they can learn and explore the concept of 'faith' through friendship, fun and food! If you feel called to explore what contemporary children's ministry might look like,

we invite you to attend an information session.

Information Sessions will be on:

- Thursday 10 June 5:00-6:00pm via Zoom
- Thursday 17 June 5:00-6:00pm at the Function Room: MacKillop Catholic Parish Pastoral Centre, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown

Click on the link to RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mn-youth-information-sessions-tickets-156817739079>

For more information contact: Natasha Brotherton: 0407 589 935

**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 8 deals with ensuring that:

- ▶ physical and online environments are safe;
- ▶ safeguards are in place to minimise the opportunity for children to be harmed.

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

- ▶ schools educating parents, carers and their children on how to keep safe online and how to manage screen time (eg. through educational webinars which are online events hosted by an organisation and broadcast to a select group of individuals through their computers via the Internet). **A webinar on Cyber Safety Technology is scheduled for 17th June 2021. Registration for this free course is offered through Holy Name Primary School.**

- ▶ All parish outings and events (eg. excursions, trips, picnics and sacramental programs) are managed in accordance with existing Work, Health and Safety Policy and Procedures. Risk assessments are conducted prior to each event and documentation retained.

- ▶ Third party users of parish facilities complete a Diocesan Facility Use Agreement.

- ▶ Our Parish Safeguarding Protectors, together with the Holy Name Primary School Safeguarding Officer, continuing to work towards the completion of our Parish Risk Management Register in order to identify and minimize dangers to children and vulnerable others.



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 02 6554 6401

CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 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 02 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 02 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

9.00am Saturday (Resumes in July)

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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