



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 20 JUNE 2021,

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

It was with sadness and a shock that I received the phone call last Saturday afternoon informing me of the death of Father Lex Levey. Fr. Levey had been a priest for almost 60 years and was a wonderful man and an excellent priest. He had devoted his life to the service of God and His Holy Church. One of the ministries that Fr Levey fulfilled was that of Army Chaplain. This took him on a tour of duty to the Vietnam War. He was a hospital chaplain and had been Dean of the Pro-Cathedral in Maitland at the time of the Late Bishop Toohey's death and the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Toohey's successor, the Late Bishop Leo Clarke. Fr Levey served as Parish Priest and as Assistant Priest in many parishes of our diocese. He was loving, kind, jovial, generous, and the face of Christ to all he encountered. His was a ministry of affirmation. The last time I saw him he wished me well on my appointment here to Foster Tuncurry. May he rest in peace.

The donations continue to come in for the Solar Panel project. I thank you for the inspirational generosity that so many of you are displaying toward this project. As you may have noticed, this week the carpet in the Church was steam cleaned. It certainly looks and indeed smells much fresher. I thank Darren from MNC Carpets for the time and effort that he went to in doing this job in such a professional way.

In readiness for the Feast of the Sacred Heart last Friday, I put a large picture of the Sacred Heart on the Sanctuary, I decided to leave it in place for the week after the feast. The Picture is in my stewardship, it was passed onto me by the Sisters of Mercy at Singleton. Instead of keeping the picture in storage, I will hang it in the area of our church near the Confessionals. I hope that as people enter and exit from the confessional after having received the Sacrament, all will be reminded of the love that flows from the Sacred Heart of Christ.

Below you will see a picture that means the world to me, it is Fr Levey laying hands on my head at my ordination. You will remember that I had a photo of Fr. Paul O'Neill laying hands on my head in the bulletin only a fortnight ago. These men have played a big part in my life and in my Priestly journey. I ask that you pray for each of them. I smile when I think of them. When I see a Mars Bar I smile because I think of Fr. Lex. When Fr was Dean of the Pro-Cathedral at Maitland, he asked the people to please consider putting more money on the collection plate. He pointed out to the people of God that if the amount of money put on the plate was added up and divided by the number who attend Mass it would not equate to a Mars Bar a week from each person. The next Sunday, much to Fr. Lex's joy, there were 58 Mars Bars placed on the collection plate. More than 50 years later, Fr. Lex still roared with laughter when he would tell that story. That was how he lived his Faith in Jesus, with joy. That is how we are called to live life. May we spread the joy that the Holy Name of Jesus brings to all we encounter.



With Love.

Fr. Peter.

Fr Lex Levey and Fr Peter Street



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Suzanne Marcel

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 26/27 June 2021

Sat 5pm	Lou Hope Monica Hunt Cushla Drake
Sun 8am	Lorraine Clark Barbara Dolahenty Geraldine Mullin
Sun 10am	Kris Koch Lois McPherson Greg Byrne
Sun 12 noon	Claudette Cheetham Neville Cheetham Frank Hayman

NEXT WEEKS READINGS 26 & 27 JUN

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24
Death is not of God's doing.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 (R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading 2: Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15
Abound in works of charity.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Tm 1:10 Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death; and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 5:21-43 Jesus heals a woman of her haemorrhage and restores Jairus' daughter to life.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS

21 JUN—26 JUN

TUE: 4.30pm

WED: 9.00am

FRI: 9.30am

Mon 21 MAY	9am Counters 7
Tue 22 JUN	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.15pm Sacramental Program: Reconciliation-Church 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
Wed 23 JUN	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 24 JUN	12pm Community Kitchen

First Reading

Jb 38:1. 8-11

A reading from the book of Job
From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:
Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.
1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R.)
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Cor 5:14-17

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

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

First Holy Communion

Please keep the children who will be completing their First Holy Communion in your prayers:

Bonnie Dempsey, may God's love and blessings be with you always.



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time B Sunday 20 Jun 2021

Priest: Brothers and sisters, with faith in God's mercy let us call upon the Lord.

Reader: That the Holy Church will be a fortress of security in restless times.
(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That hostile nations and races at war will set their differences aside according to Christ who makes all things new.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live in dangerous and fearful conditions will know the comfort of Christ.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may set aside our daily busyness and recall the calmness of God's presence.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will find healing and comfort in the Lord, especially all those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live forever in God's perfect love, especially Suzanne Marcel.

(pause) In your goodness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, you calm the sea and command all of creation. Hear our prayers and help us to overcome our trials and storms as we long for a peaceful resting with you. 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/>

Refugee Week - Sunday 20 to Saturday 26 June 2021

Theme: Unity –The way forward

The Refugee Week theme has a number of important functions:

► It **raises awareness** of the issues affecting refugees. The theme aims to highlight aspects of the refugee experience and help the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee.

► It helps to make Refugee Week a **national celebration**. The theme provides a focal point for events across Australia, uniting separate activities into a single nationwide celebration.

► It promotes **harmony and togetherness**. The theme unites individuals, communities and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

► It **broadens the impact** of Refugee Week. The theme provides a common, cohesive message which can be promoted across the country, helping to maximise the effectiveness of awareness-raising activities.

Great Lakes Rural Australians for Refugees Book Sale - Saturday 26 June 2021

To celebrate Refugee Week in the local community GLRAR is holding a Book Sale on **Saturday 26 June from 8 am to 2 pm** at Community of Christ, 4 Manning Street, Tuncurry, opposite Tuncurry Markets to raise awareness and provide funds to support refugees and asylum seekers.

Contact the Parish Office if you wish to donate books for the sale.

A medal has been found in the Church and we would like to reunite it with the owner. The medal has inscribed 'Virtute Non Verbis, St Rita's College'. Please contact the Parish Office if you know who it belongs to.

Alpha Online

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will be offering a 10-week online course for anyone who would like to explore questions about life, faith, and Christianity through the Alpha program. Alpha is a relaxed online program which will be delivered one evening each week for ten weeks. Alpha online offers anyone interested in exploring the meaning of life and where God fits into this context. The Maitland-Newcastle Diocese invite you to come along and connect with Alpha. A group of like-minded people who would like to find out if there is more to life than that never-ending checklist.

Start Date: Thursday 15 July 2021

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

RSVP through Eventbrite Alpha by 8 July so you can be sent the Zoom link!

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 9 was reviewed on Sunday, 25th April, the 4th Sunday of Easter, as it is closely linked to **STANDARD 1**. These standards require that:

► Implemented safeguarding systems are regularly reviewed and improved.

So now, only **STANDARD 10** remains.

This standard relates to:

► How all policies and procedures support child safety.

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

► Our Parish website continues to be regularly updated;

► Policies and procedures are being made available on the parish website with links to safeguarding issues that provide advice and information to those who require it;

► The Parish appointed *Officers of Safeguarding* monitor adherence to policies and procedures relevant to safeguarding and suggest improvements where applicable;

► The Diocesan *Officers of Safeguarding* are in contact with local schools to ensure schools are modelling compliance with policies and procedures and that schools seek continuing improvement to systems to keep children safe.

REMEMBER, safeguarding is the responsibility of **EVERYONE**.



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



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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

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

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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