



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 27 JUNE 2021,

Solemnity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

With the tight turnaround from my arrival at the beginning of this month until Confirmation on the 29th of June, I thought it better that, if the Bishop was agreeable, we would postpone the reception of the Sacrament for a few weeks. The Bishop has graciously agreed to this, this means that the children of the parish will receive this Sacrament on the evening of the 20th of July. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as they journey toward this beautiful Sacrament.

The necessity to move this has highlighted a need in the Parish. There is one faithful and committed person who runs the Sacrament program each year. More volunteers would be an asset to the parish and would help lighten the load for this one person. I ask everyone to pray about this need and to see if perhaps God is calling you to ministry. Of course, there will be formation for everyone who volunteers. A lot of people have asked me since I have arrived "what are we going to do about the lack of young people at mass"? This is the perfect opportunity to do something about it. This is the chance to influence a young person about the practice of their faith by showing them how much a relationship with Jesus and with our Holy Mother the Church means to you. By influencing a young person you have the opportunity to then influence their entire family. Just imagine what fruits the Holy Spirit can work through you!

Speaking of formation, and ministry I would like to invite any and all people who would like to read at Mass to let me know. I will be conducting a formation program for all people involved in this ministry at the end of July. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase our skill set and knowledge needed to fulfill this ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity to commence this ministry or indeed to step out of it if one were to so discern. I have been impressed by the enthusiasm of all involved, it is important to learn from each other so that we can continue to improve in the way we minister to each other through reading the Word of God.

As many people would be aware, the decision was made prior to my arrival to paint the roof of the Church and fix any issues with the roof that need to be fixed. This will commence around the end of July. After this has been done the solar panels will be able to be installed. Donations for the solar panel project continue to come in. I remain ever thankful to all who have donated. If anyone feels able to donate please do so. Donations towards the painting of the roof are of course also welcome.

A couple of weeks ago I asked for suggestions to take to the Pastoral Council that could be used for the start of a parish pastoral plan. I have had at this stage, one suggestion. I look forward to receiving more.

As I write this on Friday morning I am awaiting the NSW Government Covid numbers. It would seem that the Sydney cluster is growing. In the words of the premier we "are in the scariest time since the pandemic began". I ask all people to pray for the end of the pandemic. I ask each and all to consider having the vaccine. Having the vaccine is an act of Christian love and charity. It is worth noting that both His Holiness the Pope, and Her Majesty the Queen have been vaccinated. I have had my first shot and am waiting for my second. I hope and pray that all people will consider having the vaccine so that life can return to normal.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Geoffrey Swaine, Josephine Camilleri & Philip Witheriff

Anniversary: Francesca Fazio, Shane Pisani & Jim Hunt

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, 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 Brown, 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 3/4 July 2021

Sat 5pm	Marie Keep Simy Joseph Tony Stevens
Sun 8am	Geraldine Mullin Norm Chapman Cecile Malone
Sun 10am	Elizabeth Sciacca TBC Kyla Loring
Sun 12 noon	Frank Hayman Neville Cheetham Claudette Cheetham

NEXT WEEKS READINGS 3/4 JUL

First Reading: Ez 2:2-5 Ezekiel is sent to the Israelites.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122. R. v.2 (R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading 2: 2 Cor 12:7-10 God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 4:18 Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 6:1-6 No prophet gains honour in his native place.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
28 JUN—3 JUL
TUE: 4.30pm
WED: 9.00am
FRI: 9.30am
Sat: 9.30am

Sun 27 JUN	9.30am Franciscans Meeting
Mon 28 JUN	9am Counters 8
Tue 29 JUN	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
Wed 30 JUN	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 1 JUL	12pm Community Kitchen

Confessions will commence on Saturday 3rd July at 9am followed by 9.30am Mass.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (24: 1, 3-4, 8-12, 19-22)

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself.

'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,

and I covered the earth like mist.

I had my tent in the heights,

and my throne in a pillar of cloud.

Then the creator of all things instructed me,

and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.

He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,

make Israel your inheritance."

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,

and for eternity I shall remain

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,

and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest,

and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people

in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.

Approach me, you who desire me,

and take your fill of my fruits,

for memories of me are sweeter than honey,

inheriting me is sweeter than the honeycomb.

They who eat me will hunger for more,

they who drink me will thirst for more.

Whoever listens to me will never have to blush,

whoever acts as I dictate will never sin.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

I Sam 2: 1, 4- 8

R. My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.

My heart exults in the Lord,

I find my strength in my God;

my mouth laughs at my enemies

as I rejoice in your saving help. R.

The bows of the mighty are broken,

but the weak are clothed with strength.

Those with plenty must labour for bread,

but the hungry need work no more.

The childless wife has children now

but the fruitful wife bears no more. R.

It is the Lord who gives life and death,

he brings men to the grave and back;

it is the Lord who gives poverty and riches.

He brings men low and raises them on high. R.

He lifts up the lowly from the dust,

from the dung heap he raises the poor

to set him in the company of princes,

to give him a glorious throne. R.

Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-14)

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short

distance away, no more than a Sabbath

walk; and when they reached the city they

went to the upper room where they were

staying; there were Peter and John, James

and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew

and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus

and Simon the Zealot, and Jude, son of

James. All these joined in continuous

prayer, together with some women, including

Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his

brothers.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is the Virgin Mary, Who kept the

word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (19: 25- 27)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother

and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of

Cleopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his

mother and the disciple he loved standing

near her, Jesus said to his mother,

'Woman, this is your son'. Then to the

disciple he said, 'This is your mother.' And

from that moment the disciple made a

place for her in his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus

Christ.



Solemnity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sunday 27 Jun 2021

Presider: We invoke the intercession of Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help, as we bring our prayers to the Living God.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis and our Bishop William, that guided by Our Lady of Perpetual Help, they may lead the Church on Her earthly Pilgrimage towards our Loving Father.

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the Church of Maitland-Newcastle: That devotion to our Patroness, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will inspire that fidelity to the Gospel which brings joy and peace to all.

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the people who live in this Hunter-Manning region: That like Mary we may Guide all people to Her Son.

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who struggle with any infirmity – of body or spirit, family disruption, employment difficulties, domestic violence or the after affects of abuse: That through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help all may experience healing

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for an end to the pandemic all those affected by this pandemic may be turn to God through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our sick, those on our bulletin and those who we hold in the silent prayers of our hearts, may they know the healing love of God and the intercession of our Heavenly Patroness.

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the deceased members of our community: especially Geoffrey Swaine, Josephine Camilleri, and Philip Witheriff, who have died recently; and Francesca Fazio, Shane Pisani & Jim Hunt whose anniversaries occur around this time, that they may rest in eternal peace

(pause) We Pray :

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: All powerful God our Father, aided by the prayer of our Lady of Perpetual Help, may we come to know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; Who lives and reigns for ever

All: Amen.

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Bishop William Wright will install Fr Peter Street as Parish Priest of the Catholic Parish of Forster-Tuncurry at the **5pm Mass on Saturday 3rd July**. Please register with the parish office to attend this Mass.

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!



Aid to the Church in Need

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction of churches in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. To help build a church today visit www.aidtochurch.org/construction

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2021

SYD: 29 SEPT - 2 OCTOBER

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences.

Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests, and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for authentic faith in Jesus.

Experience four days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship.

Register at:

<https://igniteconference.com.au/register>

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective.

The theme for the award is Inclusivity, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200.

Entrants may submit more than one piece of writing, to a maximum of three (3) pieces, in the following writing styles:

Reflection – creative writing or first person reflective writing

Opinion – first person personal opinion

Profile – profile of a person based on an interview and research

News feature – issues-based article written in journalistic style

For further information about the award, to download the guidelines and entry form, go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil>.

Entries close at midnight on Sunday August 22, 2021.

Please leave voicemail messages for Danielle only when contacting the Parish Office until we work out some technical issues with the phone system. Thank you.

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*.

To this end, and considering the approach of the Winter School Vacation, today's information is an eSafety.gov.au advice sheet which can be found on the Parish website <https://forstertuncurrycatholic.org.au/childrens-resources/>. It features 5 tips on how to keep your family safe online and is pertinent to Standard 8, Safe Physical and Online Environments.



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

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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**



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