



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

“Unity in Christ”

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SUNDAY 18 JULY 2021,

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Funnily enough Jesus, in today's Gospel gives us a perfect example for the divine life. He exhorts the apostles that they "must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while". I found this rather fortuitous as I have been thinking the last couple of weeks about a parish retreat. This retreat could be here in the parish or we could go away as a group. There would be input about the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church by a professionally qualified retreat leader, trained by the Church for this purpose. There would be time for prayer, there would be devotions and Mass. As well there would be times for shared meals and fraternity. It is something that of course, would have to wait until the pandemic passes. The first step in organising this is to choose a theme for it; this might be for example "how do we do mission in this time and place"? Indeed it could be something else, I am open to suggestions about a theme and indeed a venue.

You will note that on the table with the bulletins this week there are envelopes for Mass offerings. These are there for those who wish to use them. Please fill in the details and place your donation in the envelope, these can be handed into the office, placed on the collection plates or given to me personally. Please know, that when it comes to Mass intentions I always lean of the side of caution, this means that unless expressly told that I am free to announce the intention, I keep it as a private intention. These envelopes will be available for parishioners and visitors. Closer to the month of November there will be Mass offering envelopes for November memorial Masses.

I have moved the food donation bins from inside the Church to outside the office. I did this for a couple of reasons, firstly they looked untidy in the place where God dwells and where we gather to celebrate the Sacrifice of Holy Mass. Secondly someone had put some rubbish in one of them and it started to smell. I have cleaned that bin. I ask all parishioners to remember that these receptacles are there. They are to help us provide food for our own Parish food bank. Donations of any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated. In the few weeks that I have been here, I have been able to give food items from our food bank to quite a few people in need.

I continue to be impressed by the willingness of the parishioners of this Parish to give to the solar panel project. This will happen after the roof renovation, which is due to begin at the end of this month. I encourage all and any who would like to donate to the roof renovation aspect of this project or to donate towards the installation of the solar panels to please do so.

On Tuesday night of this week 26 children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. His Lordship the Bishop was due to be with us to celebrate this milestone in the journey of our young ones. However, the Bishop remains unwell, and has delegated me to celebrate. Due to the number of children and the restrictions imposed on us by the state Government as a result of the pandemic, members of the parish will not be able to attend. However, I ask that you please pray for these children and their families. Pray also for the Bishop.

Ideas for the pastoral plan are starting to trickle in. One of the few that I have received need not wait. It had been pointed out to me that this parish used to have on a monthly basis, 24hrs of perpetual adoration. I am happy for this to recommence on the first Friday of each month. I will start this on the first Friday of September. It will run from after the 9.30am Mass on Friday until just before the 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning. For this to commence however, we need to have enough people prepared to be present with our Lord as He is exposed in the monstrance. Could those who are interested in this please leave their details with the office. There will need to be at least 3 people in the Church at all times. If there are enough people prepared to commit to this then I think this is an exciting thing, not only for our parish but for the wider community. I wonder if it would be possible to spread the word about this in the wider community and ask all people, to submit their prayer intentions so that our parishioners can pray for these intentions each month.

Given that we are in the second half of the year, we must start thinking of Christmas Masses. After discussion with the school principal, we will have an outdoor Vigil Mass at the School at about 5.30pm. There will be an indoor Vigil in Holy Name Church at 7.30pm. There will be a Midnight Mass, (before anybody asks it will begin at Midnight). On Christmas Morning there will be Mass at 8am and 10am. More details to follow as we get closer to Christmas.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.

Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
19 JUL—24 JUL
TUE: 4.30pm
WED: 9.00am
FRI: 9.30am
Sat: 9.30am

Mon 19 JUL	9am Counters Team 2
Tue 20 JUL	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
Wed 21 JUL	11am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 22 JUL	12pm Community Kitchen

Parish Notices

The Parish Office often has had enquiries from people who are in need of a lift to Mass due to health and other issues. If you would be happy to be called upon to assist someone in need of a lift please leave your name with the Parish Office.

Lost and Found: Any items that are left behind in the Church will be placed in the "Lost Property" box in the Parish Office. If the items haven't been collected in 3 months we will dispose of them.

Parish Social Outing: After a suggestion from a parishioner to have more social events within the Parish, Fr Peter would like to organise a day out at the Tuncurry Racetrack on the 10th of Sep for the Gold Cup. If you are interested in attending this event please leave your name with the Parish Office and we will send out further details for the outing in the coming weeks.

Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour: Fr Peter will commence Thursday Mass on the first Thurs in Aug 5/8/21 at 5.30pm. Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour will commence before Thurs Mass on 5/8/21 at 4.30pm.

Confession 9am Saturday and during Holy Hour.

What's happening locally...

Fr Greg's Farewell and Thanksgiving Liturgy

The Forster Tuncurry Parish community would like to thank Fr Greg for his service to all parishioners and celebrate and give thanks for the gifts and good works of Fr Greg.

Holy Name will be celebrating a Farewell and Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thursday 12 August at 1pm in the Mary Mackillop Hall for students and parents, teachers, and parishioners of the Forster Tuncurry Parish.

Following the Liturgy there will be an afternoon tea in the hall, please feel free to bring a plate to share. Please phone the school office to register (02) 6554 6504

READERS FORMATION

After 9.30am Mass on the 31st of July, all current readers and anybody who would like to take up this ministry are asked to attend a formation session. We will be using the powerful points program and a few other resources as well as having a practice.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

There will be a bible study group to start in August. Would those interested please contact office and leave details. I will be using the Ascension Press "Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible" Programme. We deepen our relationship with God by deepening our understanding of Sacred Scripture. Fr Peter.

This month help ACN build a pastoral centre in Burundi. The small nation of Burundi in Central-East Africa is one of the poorest and least developed countries in the world. Its recent history has repeatedly been plagued by political crises, massacres, bloody unrest and conflict in which hundreds of thousands of people have either died or been forced to flee their homes. The Sisters of Our Lady of Schoenstatt have been working in Burundi since 1962 and have become more involved in pastoral support and instruction in the faith. ACN has agreed to help the sisters build a pastoral centre where group meetings, retreats, workshops and other events can be held. **Could you help make this pastoral centre in Burundi a reality? Visit <https://aidtochurch.org>**

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The *Promoters of Safeguarding* continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish by visiting the ten National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and highlighting safeguarding issues within these standards. To this end, we continue to address the 'online' aspect of **Standard 8: Safe Physical and Online Environment.**

Whereas last week, reference was made to eSafety for 'Early Years', this week it is the 'Young People' of our Parish we seek to make aware of the support available through the Australian Government website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>. This site contains a list of issues with which our youth need to deal – issues which did not, and possibly still do not, exist for their parents and grand-parents.

Issues listed in this eSafety website include:

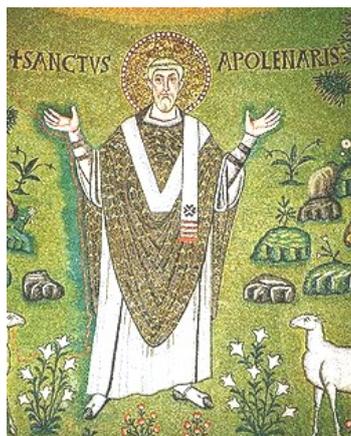
- Privacy and security
- Digital reputation
- Online abuse
- Cyberbullying
- Gaming
- Mental health
- Sending nudes (noodz)
- Time online
- Being out, trans or gender diverse online
- Unwanted contact
- Understanding consent

It is essential that our youth understand that they have a 'digital reputation' through their online profile. Once information has been posted, it may be hidden from information technology novices, but cannot be removed from the search ability of experts even if deleted or entered into a private chat room. Even a simple Google search of your name together with your school, sport or town of residence can obtain a résumé of your social media accounts – this is regularly done by prospective employers, university scholarship selectors and others.

We all need to be careful with the information or photographs posted online and, furthermore, we need to ask ourselves, "Do I really want these images or information available to others?"

Remember to stay safe and ask for help if you make a mistake.

Saints and Feasts



20TH JULY ST APOLLINARIS was believed to be born in Antioch, in the Roman province of Syria. Tradition has it that he was the first bishop of Ravenna and was appointed by St Peter himself, after which, he faced constant persecution by Roman authorities. He was eventually arrested, tortured and put to death by the sword, although there is no reliable written information about his life and martyrdom. Apollinaris is a patron saint against epilepsy and gout.

22ND JULY ST MARY MAGDALENE St Mary of Magdala was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the foot of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further to this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ's feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new Roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely.



23RD JULY ST BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS. Patron saint of Sweden, Bridget married a young prince and lived happily with him for 28 years, bearing him eight children. St. Catherine of Sweden was their daughter. After her husband died, Bridget founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, erecting at Vadstena a double monastery for monks and nuns. Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, she later went to Rome, where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. This Scandinavian mystic is famous for her Revelations concerning the sufferings of our Redeemer.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Recently Deceased: Ray Startin & Elaine Dawson

Anniversary: Anthony James Hughes, Robyn Favero & Edna Street

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, Kath Copas, Bill McElroy, David Ball, Michael Siddle, Camille Betar, Michelle Perera Byrne, Ruth Morrow, 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.*

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

- Fr:** Standing humbly before the Good Shepherd we ask Him to place our petitions before our loving Father.
- Reader:** For the Pope, as he continues to recover from surgery, may he be consoled by Jesus the Good Shepherd. We Pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For the Bishop, may he find the healing of Christ and take solace from our prayers. We Pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For our Diocese, may the Church of Matiland-Newcaslte raise up shepherds after the Heart of Jesus Christ. We pray
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For an end to Covid19 and all those affected by the pandemic, may they be enveloped in the healing love of our Saviour. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For the homeless, may they receive the help they need and may we recognise in them the dignity that each of us have. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For those suffering from mental illness, may they receive the grace of healing and the help that our society can give them. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For those who are addicted, may they, through our prayers and help be able to move past that which holds them in their addiction. We pray
- All:** Lord hear our prayers.
- Reader:** For Families, may they grow in the love of God. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For the Children of our Parish who will be confirmed on Tuesday, may they and their families be guided by the seven fold gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray
- All:** Lord hear our prayer
- Reader:** For the Sick, may they experience healing through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Reader:** For the Dead especially Ray Startin & Elaine Dawson who have died recently and for Anthony James Hughes, Robyn Favero & Edna Street whose anniversary occurs around this time, may they see you face to face. We pray.
- All:** Lord hear our prayer.
- Fr:** God our Father, you lead us and we listen to your voice. Hear our prayers and help us to trust with confidence that we are always in the care of our true Shepherd. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- All:** Amen.

Sunday 18 Jul 2021
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is
good.

First Reading

Jer 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the
flock of my pasture to be destroyed and
scattered – it is the Lord who speaks!
This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God
of Israel, says about the shepherds in
charge of my people: You have let my
flock be scattered and go wandering and
have not taken care of them. Right, I will
take care of you for your misdeeds – it is
the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of
my flock I myself will gather from all the
countries where I have dispersed them,
and will bring them back to their pastures:
they shall be fruitful and increase in num-
bers. I will raise up shepherds to look
after them and pasture them; no fear, no
terror for them any more; not one shall be
lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord
who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for
David,

who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the
land.

In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.

1.The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2.He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your
staff,

with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3.You have prepared a banquet for me in
the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4.Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Eph 2:13-18

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far
from us have been brought very close, by
the blood of Christ. For he is the peace
between us, and has made the two into
one and broken down the barrier which
used to keep them apart, actually de-
stroying in his own person the hostility
caused by the rules and decrees of the
Law. This was to create one single New
Man in himself out of the two of them and
by restoring peace through the cross, to
unite them both in a single Body and re-
concile them with God. In his own person
he killed the hostility. Later he came to
bring the good news of peace, peace to
you who were far away and peace to
those who were near at hand. Through
him, both of us have in the one Spirit our
way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 6:30-34

*A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him
all they had done and taught. Then he
said to them, 'You must come away to
some lonely place all by yourselves and
rest for a while'; for there were so many
coming and going that the apostles had
no time even to eat. So they went off in a

boat to a lonely place where they could
be by themselves. But people saw them
going, and many could guess where; and
from every town they all hurried to the
place on foot and reached it before them.
So as he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them because
they were like sheep without a shepherd,
and he set himself to teach them at some
length.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

or

Rv 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock,
says the Lord.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door to me,

I will enter his house and dine with him,
and he with me.

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Readings for Next Week 24/25 July

First Reading

2 Kgs 4:42-44 Elisha feeds a hundred
people with twenty loaves.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he
answers all our needs.

Second Reading

Eph 4:1-6 Live a life worthy of your
calling.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has
appeared among us; God has visited
his people. Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn 6:1-15 Jesus feeds five thousand.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. either:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.** or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.** or:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. either:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

P: Christ have mercy or: **P:** Christe, eleison.

R: Christ have mercy or: **R:** Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie follows, unless it has occurred in the Penitential Act. either:

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy. **R:** Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

or:

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

P: Christe, eleison.

R: Christe, eleison.

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria (when said)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray. At the end of the Collect, the people acclaim: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gospel:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his

kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren ... the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith. either:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. or:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Through him, and with him, ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles...

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

either:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your Life. or:

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Brendan Byrne SJ

The readings today focus upon Jesus as the compassionate shepherd-king, who gathers and instructs a scattered people.

The **First Reading**, from Jeremiah 23:1-16, is one of the classic texts that came to be read in a 'messianic' sense: that is, as pointing not merely to a coming ruler of David's line who would be an improvement upon those recently in power, but to a ruler who would be God's instrument in bringing about a far more radical renewal. Whether Jeremiah had such a hope in mind when he spoke of God's raising 'a righteous Branch for David' is not certain. The prophet was a severe castigator of the last kings of Judah before most of the people were taken into exile in Babylon. The name he gives to the coming virtuous ruler, 'The Lord is our righteousness', is a play upon the name of Zedekiah, the grandson of the last king, upon whom hopes for restoration of the dynasty were pinned during the exile. The prophet is writing a 'script' for a new ruler, should the dynasty be revived.

According to the pattern set by David, a shepherd boy whom the Lord chose to be king, Israelite kings were meant to be shepherds of their people. Recent rulers had grievously failed in this role and allowed 'the flock' to be destroyed and scattered (in the exile). The task of the coming righteous 'Branch of David' will be that of gathering the exiles and healing a severely wounded people. Christian reading of Old Testament passages such as these obviously understood them with respect to Jesus in a fully messianic sense. Hence the presentation of him as compassionate Shepherd King that we find in the gospels.

The **Gospel**, Mark 6:30-34, describes a kind of interlude between the sending out of the disciples on mission (6:7-11) and the first occasion upon which Jesus multiplies the loaves (6:35-44). The disciples have returned full of enthusiasm for the success of their healing and teaching activity. These are the early days in the ministry of Jesus when he is widely popular, with people flocking to him on all sides for healing and instruction. It is a popularity that will soon fall away – and turn, in the end, to hostility. Perhaps it is precisely because of his awareness that the disciples could be carried away by all the enthusiasm that Jesus attempts to take them away to be alone with himself for a while. Earlier (1:35), we were told of his going away after a full day of ministry to a lonely place to pray. He seems to want to school the disciples into the same rhythm of ministry alternating with times of recreation and communion with God. They cannot be bearers of healing and liberation without themselves constantly tapping the life-giving source of the capacity to do so.

But, as in that earlier instance (1:36-39), the attempt to find some rest and peace is not successful. While Jesus and the disciples seek to escape in a boat – always a symbol of the Church in Mark – the enthusiastic crowds follow on foot and are there waiting for Jesus as soon as he disembarks. So we are presented with the image of the Shepherd-Messiah who is overcome with compassion. (The Jerusalem Bible translation, 'he took pity on them' is too weak; the underlying Greek expression *splangchnistheis* has the sense of being moved with emotion to the depth of one's being – literally, to one's entrails.) We are invited to look out upon the people through the eyes of Jesus: to see them as sheep without a shepherd – scattered, therefore, and leaderless. We are to sense his desire for rest and recreation being overwhelmed by the stronger force of compassion and a desire to instil new purpose and understanding into the people through teaching. The Church's pastoral and teaching ministry is simply an extension of this pastoral compassion of Jesus. Like the disciples with Jesus in the boat, those who minister in his name learn here to look out through his eyes upon those to whom they are sent.

The extract from Ephesians, 2:13-18, making up the **Second Reading** continues Paul's meditation upon the 'mystery' of the incorporation of the nations of the world ('Gentiles') into the People of God. A striking symbol of the rigid separation between Jews and Gentiles existed in the shape of a stone barrier separating the outer court of the Temple from the inner court, from which all non-Jews, under pain of death, were barred. (A slab bearing an inscription to this effect was actually discovered by an archaeological excavation in the late 19th century.) Like the breach of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Paul thinks of Christ effecting a costly breaking down of this barrier to form in the Church the nucleus of a new humanity.

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POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS

"A. Gemelli" University Hospital Sunday, 11 July 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters, buongiorno!

I am glad to be able to keep the Sunday Angelus appointment, even here from "Gemelli" Polyclinic. I thank you all: I have felt your closeness and the support of your prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

The Gospel passage we read today in the Liturgy recounts that Jesus' disciples, sent by Him, "anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them" (Mk 6:13). This "oil" also makes us think of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, which gives comfort to spirit and body. But this "oil" is also listening, the closeness, the care, the tenderness of those who take care of the sick person: it is like a caress that makes you feel better, soothes your pain and cheers you up. All of us, everyone, sooner or later, we all need this "anointing" of closeness and tenderness, and we can all give it to someone else, with a visit, a phone call, a hand outstretched to someone who needs help.

Let us remember that, in the protocol of the final judgment – Matthew 25 – one of the things they will ask us will be about closeness to the sick.

In these days of being hospitalized, I have experienced once again how important good health care is, accessible to all, as it is in Italy and in other countries. Free health care, that assures good service, accessible to everyone. This precious benefit must not be lost. It needs to be kept! And for this everyone needs to be committed, because it helps everyone and requires everyone's contribution. In the Church it also happens at times that some healthcare institution, due to poor management, does not do well economically, and the first thought that comes to mind is to sell it. But the vocation, in the Church, is not to have money; it is to offer service, and service is always freely given. Do not forget this: to save free institutions.

I would like to express my appreciation and my encouragement to the doctors and all the healthcare workers and staff of this and of other hospitals. They work so hard! And let us pray for all the sick. Here there are some friends, sick children.... Why do children suffer? Why children suffer is a question that touches the heart. Accompany them with prayer and pray for all those who are sick, especially for those in the most difficult conditions: may no one be left alone, may everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness, tenderness and care. Let us ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, Health of the Sick.

After the Angelus:

Dear brothers and sisters,

In recent days my prayer has often been aimed at Haiti, following the assassination of its President and the wounding of his wife. I join in the heartfelt appeal of the country's Bishops to "lay down weapons, choose life, choose to live together fraternally in the interest of all and in the interest of Haiti". I am close to the beloved Haitian people; I hope that the spiral of violence will cease and the nation can resume the journey toward a future of peace and harmony.

Today is "Sea Sunday", dedicated in a particular way to seafarers and to those whose source of work and sustenance is the sea. I pray for them and exhort everyone to take care of the oceans and seas. Take care of the health of the seas: no plastic in the sea!

I remember and bless those who today in Poland are participating in the pilgrimage of Radio Maria Family to the Shrine of Czestochowa.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Benedict, Abbot and Patron of Europe. An embrace to our protector Saint! Let us offer our prayerful good wishes to the men and women Benedictines throughout the world. And best wishes to Europe, that it be united in its founding values.

And happy Sunday to everyone! Do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch! Arrivederci!

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LITANY TO THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Splendor of the Father, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Brightness of eternal Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of Glory, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Sun of Justice, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most amiable, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most admirable, have mercy on us.
Jesus, the mighty God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the world to come, have mercy on us.
Jesus, angel of great counsel, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most powerful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most patient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, most obedient, have mercy on us.
Jesus, meek and humble of heart, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lover of Chastity, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Lover, have mercy on us.
Jesus, God of Peace, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Author of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Model of Virtues, have mercy on us.
Jesus, zealous for souls, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Refuge, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Father of the Poor, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Treasure of the Faithful, have mercy on us.
Jesus, good Shepherd, have mercy on us.
Jesus, true Light, have mercy on us.
Jesus, eternal Wisdom, have mercy on us.
Jesus, infinite Goodness, have mercy on us.
Jesus, our Way and our Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, joy of the Angels, have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of the Patriarchs, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Master of the Apostles, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Light of Confessors, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Purity of Virgins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Crown of all Saints, have mercy on us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful, graciously spare us, O Jesus.
From all evil, deliver us, O Jesus.
From all sin, deliver us, O Jesus.
From Your wrath, deliver us, O Jesus.
From the snares of the devil, deliver us, O Jesus.
From the spirit of sinfulness, deliver us, O Jesus.
From everlasting death, deliver us, O Jesus.
From the neglect of Your inspirations, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through the mystery of Your Holy Incarnation, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Nativity, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Infancy, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your most divine Life, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Labors, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Agony and Passion, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your cross and Dereliction, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through your Sufferings, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Death and Burial, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Resurrection, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Ascension, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Joys, deliver us, O Jesus.
Through Your Glory, deliver us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, O Jesus.
Jesus, hear us, Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you'; mercifully attend to our supplications, and grant us the grace of Your most divine love, that we have loved You with all our hearts, and in all our words and actions, and never cease to praise You. Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name, for You never fail to govern those whom You establish in Your love. You, Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

An old and popular form of prayer in honor of the Name of Jesus. The author is not known. At the request of the Carmelites, Pope Sixtus V (1585-90) granted an indulgence of 300 days for its recitation. Though this was an implied recognition of the litany, requests made in 1640, 1642, and 1662, for formal approval were rejected. In 1862 Pius IX approved one of the formularies in use, and attached an indulgence of 300 days for the faithful of the dioceses whose bishops had made special application. Pope Leo XIII on Jan. 16, 1886 extended the privilege to the entire world.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray

For more information contact: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 4979 1370

or email tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. **Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. **Cost:** FREE **Registration:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au **Program:** Available from Saturday 31st July 2021

Finding God in Australia | Retreat

Presented by Father John Hill, this retreat will be held at St Clement's from Friday 6 to Saturday 8 August.

Bushfires, drought, the effects of Covid-19, church scandals - there are so many challenges to our faith in today's Australia. This retreat offers you the chance to come to a place of quiet, to take stock of your own life, to reflect about life here in Australia and to renew the foundations of faith for the future. In the retreat we will use the beauty and quiet of St Clement's to help us experience the presence of God, to pray and celebrate together and see how God is at work in our land and our lives.

Ensuite Room \$350, shared facilities \$300.

Please contact St Clement's to register: info@stclement.com.au or phone 02 6380 5222 Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

aMeN caMiNo 2022

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. For those interested in finding out about the 2022 aMeN caMiNo experiences, we will be holding an online Information Session on Saturday 28 August at 2pm. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-tickets-162230268099>

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.

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.

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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

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

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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

The above groups are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions, please enquire before attending.



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 and during Holy Hour

YOUTH MASS

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

AGED CARE MASSES

(Subject to change)

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