



# Bridgeside Bulletin



*The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry*

*"Unity in Christ"*

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SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021,

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

## **Lead Kindly Light:**

A Message of Bishop Bill Wright on his health and ministry.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

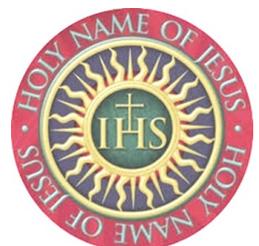
Recent times have involved many difficulties for people in our region and across New South Wales and beyond. In such times, it is the duty of a bishop to be present with his people, to encourage and support wherever he can, to provide some point of stability in a shook-up world. I am acutely conscious that for some months I have been incapable of providing that episcopal service.

At the end of June, I was an emergency admission to hospital, struggling to breathe. Despite very good care and treatment, the condition of my lungs has not improved and, we now know, is an illness from which I will not recover. Meanwhile, I am physically incapable of performing public ceremonies or of getting about without considerable assistance. I can no longer fulfil a bishop's role or duties.

Accordingly, I have written to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, submitting my resignation as bishop. What happens next is, of course, entirely up to the Holy See. In the meantime, I will effectively remain on sick leave and my place will be filled by the Vicar General and the excellent staff of the bishop's office, as has been the case these last months.

I should like to thank all of you who have sent me 'get well' wishes during my illness, and most especially those who have held me in prayer. The sensation of a peace and tranquility of spirit that come from beyond oneself has been very palpable in some of the challenging moments. May we continue to support each other in faith and love through all life's challenges.

Bishop Bill Wright  
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

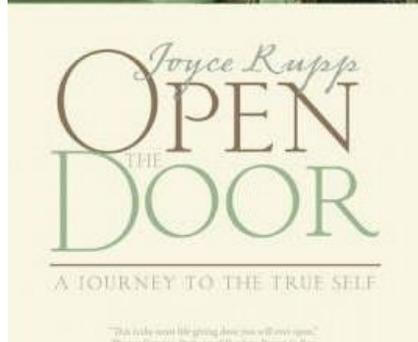


## Parish Timetable

**WEEKDAY MASS**  
**20 SEP—25 SEP**  
 TUE: 4.30pm  
 WED: 9.30am  
 THU: 4.30pm  
 FRI: 9.30am  
 SAT: 9.30am

<b>Mon</b> <b>20 SEP</b>	<b>9am</b> Counters– Team 1 <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Tue</b> <b>14 SEP</b>	<b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen <b>3.30pm</b> Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
<b>Wed</b> <b>15 SEP</b>	<b>11am</b> Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Thu</b> <b>16 SEP</b>	<b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen <b>3.30pm</b> Holy Hour, followed by Benediction

## What's happening locally...



### OPEN THE DOOR by Joyce Rupp

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining us in the study of 'Open The Door' by Joyce Rupp to give us a call. The book is about journeying to your true self – a very rich resource for opening the doors of our spiritual life! If this appeals to you in any way give it a go and join us. If you are interested please call any one of us: Monique : 0419 212 350, Teresa : 0407 557 127 or Grace 0415 409 637.

## Parish Notices

Dear Brothers and Sisters. As you have heard through various media platforms and can read on the front of this edition of the "Bridge side Bulletin", Bishop Bill is very unwell and has tendered his resignation to the Holy Father. At this time Bishop Bill Wright remains our Bishop. He is on sick leave, and will remain so. The Vicar General is fulfilling the everyday administration of the diocese until the future becomes clearer. Please pray for Bishop Bill and indeed for Fr Doohan. Pray for the Diocese at this time. Pray that a good and holy man filled with the Holy Spirit will be called by God to be our chief shepherd. Give thanks to God for the gift that Bishop Bill Wright has been to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

With love.

Fr. Peter.

**\*The Parish Office will be closed  
 Mon 20th Sep\***

### WEEKDAY MASS TIME CHANGES:

- Wed Mass has moved to 9.30am
- Thu Mass has moved to 4.30, with Holy Hour starting at 3.30pm followed by Benediction.

The next readers roster for the period of 18 Sep—24 Oct 2021 has been sent out by email. Copies are also available from the red folder in the church.

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The *Promoters of Safeguarding* continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, and to re-enforce the recent **National Child Protection Week** theme that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go', we, as members of a faith-based community which is enduring a stressful Covid environment, can help support positive relationships with children. Doing so provides a powerful force of protection against long term negative consequences of adversity.

If you can support any family with children, particularly during the forthcoming School Spring Vacation, your care can buffer the family from toxic stress by softening and moderating biological anxiety response. While health requirements allow, you can assist a family by suggesting a walk in a park, or along a beach, or a home visit to supervise youngsters while parents can have a break.

Minor, everyday stresses are a healthy part of a child's development, but major stressors can have long-term effect on brain development and even physical health. Severe adversity which continues over a long period of time can send the body's stress system into permanent high alert, flooding the vital organs and brain with stress hormones. This 'toxic stress' response can derail healthy development and has even been linked to adult health problems like heart disease and diabetes.

While dealing with children, you can empower them by teaching 5 steps in managing big emotions:

1. Remind them that it is never okay to hurt others.
2. Teach them to take 3 deep breaths or slowly count to 10 when upset.
3. Tell them to use words to say how 'I' feel and what 'I' wish would happen.
4. Remind them to ask for help to solve a problem.
5. And everyone needs to take time to calm down.

One of the most important investments we can make is to build critical relationships between children and caring adults. Enjoy our 'Free Time!'

## Saints and Feasts



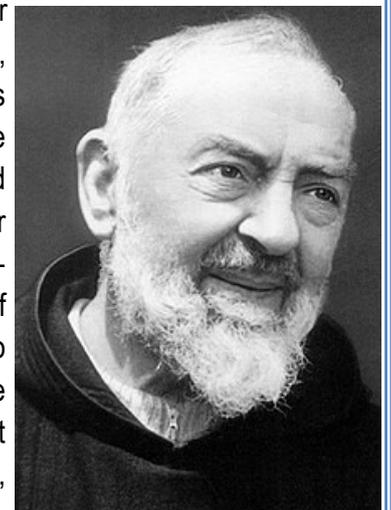
**19TH SEPTEMBER ST JANUARIUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR** was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to Volume 9, Issue 8 Page 15 visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon and lector. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquefies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius lived and died around 305 A.D.

**20TH SEPTEMBER ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON** Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and companions, martyrs. The evangelization of Korea began during the 17th century through a group of lay persons. A strong vital Christian community flourished there under lay leadership until missionaries arrived from the Paris Foreign Mission Society. During the terrible persecutions that occurred in the 19th century (in 1839, 1866, and 1867), one hundred and three members of the Christian community gave their lives as martyrs. Outstanding among these witnesses to the faith were the first Korean priest and pastor, Andrew Kim Taegon, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests, but for the most part lay people, men and women, married and unmarried, children, young people, and the elderly. All suffered greatly for the Faith and consecrated the rich beginnings of the Church of Korea with their blood as martyrs. Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Korea, canonized these martyrs on May 6, 1984, and inserted their feast into the Calendar of the Universal Church.



**21ST SEPTEMBER ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST** St Matthew was originally a tax collector for the Roman Government at Capernaum, before Jesus called him to become an apostle. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see him associating with someone like Matthew, but Jesus explained that he had come "not to call the just, but the sinners". In the Gospels of Mark and Luke, Matthew is called Levi, and so it is thought that he may have had both names. The first Gospel was believed to have been written by Matthew. His account of Christ's life was written for his fellow Jews; to convince them that their anticipated Messiah had indeed come in the person of Jesus.

**23RD SEPTEMBER ST PIUS of PIETRELCINA**, Priest - Francesco, named in honour of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887. From his childhood, it was evident that he was a special child of God. He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen and received the habit in 1902. Francesco was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 after seven years of study and became known as Padre Pio. On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of Church. Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day. Padre Pio used the confessional to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed. On June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II proclaimed Padre Pio, Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** Valerie Darcy & Flight Lieutenant Mark Cairns-Cowan

***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:***

Bishop William Wright, Max Dunn

***People will remain on the prayers for the sick for 4 weeks and will then be taken off automatically. You can resubmit names as needed.***

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**Fr:** Brothers and sisters, let us call out to God in prayer for the Lord listens to those who call his name.

**Reader:** That through humble service the Church will give witness to God's love.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the Spirit of peace will fill all nations with kindness and goodwill.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who suffer cruelty or torture for their beliefs will be rewarded for their endurance.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the sick will know that Christ walks with them in their suffering, including Bishop Bill Wright.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That children will always be made welcome in our community.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we will put aside ambition and evil desires and place our trust in the Lord.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That the dead will rest in the peace of Christ, including Valerie Darcy & Flight Lieutenant Mark Cairns-Cowan.  
In your mercy:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Fr:** Saving Father, your wisdom brings us peace and hope. Hear these prayers and help us to serve others that we may be great in your sight. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

**All: Amen.**

**Sunday 19 Sep 2021**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading**

*Wis 2:12, 17-20*

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6*

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

**Second Reading**

*Jas 3:16 – 4:3*

A reading from the letter of St James  
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done;

whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*See 2 Thes 2:14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Mk 9:30-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If

anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**Communion Antiphon**

*Ps 118:4-5*

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



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**Readings for Next Week 25/26 Sep**

**First Reading**

Nm 11:25-29 The Lord bestows his spirit on seventy elders.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9 (R.)* The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Second Reading**

Jas 5:1-6 Harsh words for those who exploit others.

**Gospel Acclamation**

See Jn 17:17 Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

If they are not against us, they are for us

# 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.

**Glorify 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

As far as the **Gospel** reading (Mark 9:30-37), is concerned we are now at that point of Mark's Gospel where the whole focus lies upon Jesus' attempt to educate his disciples about his coming fate in Jerusalem. They now know that he is the Messiah (8:29) but cling to the conventional understanding of the role: a ruler of David's line who would triumphantly restore the fortunes of Israel. They find it very difficult to set that understanding together with Jesus' insistence, heard again in today's Gospel that he is to be betrayed and put to death. They do not fully understand what he is saying and they are afraid to ask him.

Their fear is not lack of confidence to question Jesus but fear of what he might more plainly reveal. They half know what he is saying and, in an understandably human way, shrink from full knowledge of the unpalatable truth. They prefer to cling to the hopes and exciting prospect for themselves that being close associates of the Messiah as conventionally understood would entail.

This, presumably, has been the subject of their discussion on the road. They have been arguing about which of them would have the top roles and positions of honour in the coming messianic kingdom.

Nothing in fact could be more at odds with what Jesus has been attempting to communicate than such disputes about greatness. When, doubtless with some awareness, he questions them about the subject of their argument on the road, they guiltily remain silent; they know – or at least half-know – how inappropriate such talk is.

So Jesus decides to dramatise the instruction. Insisting that the one who would be first must be last and servant of all, he takes a child from the house and sets it in front of them all. Then putting his arms around the child, he makes an extraordinary statement of self-identification: 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me' (v 37).

To appreciate the full force of Jesus' action, we have to put aside the idealisation of childhood that arose in the nineteenth century. In the ancient world children were precious, no doubt, to their parents, but had no social status or value whatsoever; until adulthood they were nobodies. For someone outside the family to 'welcome' a child would be to turn prevailing values and social mores upside down; it would require putting aside all one's ideas of self-importance and adult status, and simply meeting the child as an equal, as 'child' to child. That, says Jesus, is what the disciples must practise – because in so doing they will be welcoming him and the Father who stands behind his entire life and mission, which is not one of dominance and being served but one of service, destined to culminate in the supreme 'service' of the cross (10:45).

Not only, then, does Jesus' gesture challenge the disciples' notion of messiahship. It goes to the heart of their – and our – understanding of God. Is God to be thought of as an extra-terrestrial supreme Ruler to whom nothing but fear and service is due? Or is the God revealed by Jesus a God whose primary gesture towards human beings is that of One who serves, One who comes among us in the guise of a child? Jesus' gesture of hugging the child in front of all shows more powerfully than any words could express the preciousness of each and every human life, no matter how small, how insignificant, in the sight of God. We are all – in our 'littleness' rather than our achievement – hugged by Jesus in this moment.

The challenge to worldly values and estimation that the disciples found so difficult confronts the Church in every age. After the early centuries of persecution the leaders of the Church emerged from the catacombs at the time of Constantine to take on many of the trappings and roles of Roman officials. We are now witnessing the end of that 'Constantinian Church', the Church where leaders are accorded honours and tributes more reflective of worldly power than the way of Jesus. The current sexual abuse crisis is hammering the last nail into the coffin of that church. The pain that goes along with this stripping of status and honour is close to that experienced by the disciples of Jesus as they struggled both to hear and to resist what he was saying. Like them, we are all on the way to Jerusalem with Jesus.

The **Second Reading**, James 3:16 – 4:3, appropriately enough approaches the same issue of power and ambition in the uncompromising language typical of this letter.

The **First Reading**, Wisdom 2:12, 17-20, anticipates the mockery and taunting Jesus will hear upon the cross.

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**APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF HIS HOLINESS FRANCIS  
TO BUDAPEST, ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONCLUDING  
HOLY MASS OF THE 52nd INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS, AND TO SLOVAKIA  
(12-15 SEPTEMBER 2021)**

**ANGELUS**

**Heroes' Square in Budapest Sunday, 12 September 2021**

Dear brothers and sisters,

The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving", and at the end of this celebration that concludes the Eucharistic Congress and my visit to Budapest, I want to thank you from my heart. I thank the great Hungarian Christian family, which I would like to embrace in its rites, its history, its brothers and sisters, both Catholic and those of other confessions: all journeying towards full unity. I cordially greet my Brother, Patriarch Bartholomew, who honours us with his presence. I particularly thank my beloved brother Bishops, the priests, the men and women religious and all of you, dear faithful! I greatly thank those who worked so hard for the Eucharistic Congress and today's celebration.

In renewing my gratitude to the civil and religious authorities who welcomed me, I want to say köszönöm [thank you]: thank you to you, the people of Hungary. The official song of the Congress has reminded you: "For a thousand years the cross was the column of your salvation. Now may the sign of Christ be for you also the promise of a better future". This is what I wish for you: that the cross be your bridge between the past and the future. Religious sentiment has been the lifeblood of this nation, so attached to its roots. Yet the cross, planted in the ground, not only invites us to be well-rooted, it also raises and extends its arms towards everyone. The cross urges us to

keep our roots firm, but without defensiveness; to draw from the wellsprings, opening ourselves to the thirst of the men and women of our time. My wish is that you be like that: grounded and open, rooted and considerate. Isten éltessen! [God bless you!] The "Mission Cross" is the symbol of this Congress: may it lead you to proclaim with your lives the liberating Gospel of God's boundless love for each person. Amid the present-day famine of love, men and women long for this nourishment.

Today in Warsaw, not far from here, two individuals who bore witness to the Gospel are being beatified: Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and Elizabeth Czacka, Foundress of the Franciscan Sisters Servants of the Cross. Both were familiar with the Cross first-hand. Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of Poland, who was arrested and imprisoned, was always a courageous Pastor according to the heart of Christ and a herald of freedom and human dignity. Sister Elizabeth, who as a young girl lost her sight, devoted her whole life to assisting the blind. May the example of these new Blesseds encourage us to transform darkness into light with the power of love.

Finally, on this day when we venerate the Most Holy Name of Mary, let us pray the Angelus. In ancient times, out of respect, Hungarians did not pronounce the name of Mary, but called her by the same honorific title used for the queen. May "the Blessed Queen, your ancient patron" accompany you and bless you! From this great city, my blessing goes out to everyone, in particular to children and young people, the elderly and the sick, the poor and the marginalized. With you and for you I say: Isten, áldd meg a magyart! [May God bless the Hungarian people!]

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## **Why We Do The Things We Do**

### **bite-size explanations of Catholic practices**

**Why a homily?** The homily is an essential part of the Sunday Mass. The homily, the Scripture readings, the Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the Faithful form a unity which we call the Liturgy of the Word. The goal of this part of the Mass is to proclaim God's word and to illuminate its meaning and its ramifications for our lives. The homily, therefore, is usually based on a theme arising from the readings or from the particular mystery of faith being celebrated that day.

**Why do we recite the Profession of Faith?** Why do people pledge allegiance to their national flag? Why do married couples renew their wedding vows? They do so as a public declaration of their commitment to a particular relationship and to ideals which guide their lives. Similarly for Catholics, the profession of faith ('We believe in one God...') is a declaration of commitment. Having listened to God's Word through the readings, we stand and declare our assent to the message proclaimed. Yes! We believe in God. Yes! We belong to this community that professes to live by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Why do we have a Prayer of the Faithful?** In these prayers (also called the General Intercessions) the congregation intercedes for all humanity. We pray that the Church will be a life-giving sign of salvation to the world. We pray for Church leaders and public authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, and for all people. In making these petitions we are conscious that the Church exists for others rather than for its own sake. United at the eucharistic table as the body of Christ, we are powerfully equipped to reach out as a loving and liberating force in the world.

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist:** Having been nourished through the scripture readings at the Liturgy of the Word, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. At this part of the Mass, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we begin the Eucharistic Prayer which is one of the most ancient prayers from our tradition. We ask the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. We also ask that, in receiving Jesus, the entire assembly will be transformed as the body of Christ. By re-enacting the eucharistic words and actions of Jesus we remember and live anew the great events of his death and resurrection.

***This is a prayer for those unable to be at Mass or unable to receive Holy Communion***

**Spiritual communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.

**How to Pray the Rosary**

1. Make the "Sign of the Cross" and pray the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray three "Hail Marys."
4. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery, then pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
8. After each decade pray the "Fatima Prayer" on the last page, requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima.
9. Announce the Second Mystery, then pray the "Our Father." Repeat 6, 7 and 8 and continue with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
10. Pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" after the five decades are completed and conclude with the "Sign of the Cross."



**The Angelus**

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.



**8am Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church Live Stream**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Sep 19, 2021 07:30 AM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Topic: 8am Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Please use the link below to join the webinar:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/69750977336>

**Passcode: Mass**

**9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart cathedral Live Stream**

Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE AND SURROUNDS...

### Caritas Australia - Matched Giving Week (17-23 September)

#### DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD!

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous Caritas Australia's supporters, all donations until Thursday, 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000.

Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/matched](http://www.caritas.org.au/matched) or call 1800 024 413.**

### Humanitarian crises Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](http://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

### Seasons of Creation Celebration

This year the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, is partnering with Seasons of Creation to help raise awareness of the urgent need to care for the earth and for one another.

Join us to hear guest speakers break open this year's Season of Creation theme, "A Home for All? Renewing the

Oikos of God".

Finalists from the film competition will be viewed and the winner will be announced. For more information on the film competition go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/upcoming-events/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/upcoming-events/)

**Time:** 2:00 P M

**Date:** Saturday, 25 September 2021

**More information:** <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-tickets-167271083313>

### Plenary Council Conversations

In preparation for the upcoming First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council our Diocesan Plenary Council members Bernadette Gibson, Fr Andrew Doohan VG, and Helen Belcher are seeking input from our diocesan community.

You are invited to join them for a series of conversations around the Plenary Council agenda and its associated questions, and guided by the Holy Spirit, so they can hear from as many people as possible. Plenary Conversations will be over a number of weeks each Thursday from 26/8 to 30/9 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.

Program for Plenary Council Conversations:

Online Registration is now open to register for all or one of the conversations: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/plenary-council-lead-up-conversations-tickets-168063956819>

**Thursday 26/8 – Conversion**

**Thursday 2/9 – Formation**

**Thursday 9/9 – Prayer**

**Thursday 16/9 – Structures**

**Thursday 23/9 – Governance**

**Thursday 30/9 – Institutions**

### Join our Diocesan Councils

Our Diocesan Councils need you! Becoming a Council volunteer is a wonderful opportunity to not only meet fellow members who share your interests, but also to make a difference in an area you're passionate about!

Pastoral Ministries are seeking expressions of interest for these Councils:

Diocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Catholic Ministry Council

Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Council  
Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People

Diocesan Council for Women

Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council

Diocesan Social Justice Council

Check out our Information Pack to find a Council that interests you! You can submit an Expression of Interest Form. <https://www.mnnews.today/>

### Australian Catholic Men's Gathering

On Saturday, 31st July, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering was launched online. Hundreds of men and men's groups have already signed up to be a part this inspirational event. The gathering aims to encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, church and the world.

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is a free event and all the pre-recorded events can be downloaded and watched individually, or as part of a small group.

The opportunities to gather at this time are complicated by the need to act safely during the pandemic. And yet, it is important to gather and connect.

Our Diocese will be hosting four online meetings to watch and discuss the four sessions of the Men's Gathering. These sessions will be an opportunity to engage with the material and with other men, while also being an opportunity to explore men's ministry in our diocese and our local communities.

These online meetings will kick off on the Wednesday after Fathers' Day and run for four weeks during September. Each session will run for an hour. (7.30-8.30pm – 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September).

If you would like to be a part of our Diocesan online gatherings, or if you would like to explore how you could run the sessions in your own local community, please email [brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au) to register your interest.

For more information, visit [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au).



### 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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Feedback, complaints or concerns can be communicated directly to the Parish Office, through our website (Contact Us) or if the concern is relating to the safety of a child, contact the Office of Safeguarding: 02 4979 1390 [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)

### 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 & Thurs 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 website is required

### 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)**

GLAICA: **2nd Tues 10.30am**  
Estia Forster: **3rd Tues 10.00am**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Principal: Brooke Stephens

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