



# Bridgeside Bulletin



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

*"Unity in Christ"*

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***We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this place***

**SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2021, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

With Covid19 still present in the community and the need to follow Government requirements to have Churches open only to fully vaccinated people, it is with sadness that our Church remains closed for the foreseeable future. When we are able to be open to everyone, we will. In the meantime we keep praying for those around the world who are affected by the pandemic.

I had the opportunity during the week to catch up with Bishop Bill. He is very unwell. He is thankful for our prayers, and asks that they continue.

Please also pray for the children of our community who will be, (Covid19 permitting) preparing soon to receive the Body of Christ for the first time. Please make these children and their families welcome when you see them at Mass.

The new Kindergarten class for Holy Name School for next year has begun their transition into "big school". Please pray for them and their families at this exciting time for their growth and development. It was wonderful to be part of the transition meeting during the week to start and build relationships with the families. I hope that throughout the coming year there will be a plethora of opportunities to welcome these families to our Sunday worship.

Please pray also for the year 12 students and their families as they make final preparations for the HSC.

I realize as I write this that we are half way through the month of October. That means a very important day is fast approaching and certain preparations need to be made so that this important occasion can be marked in the appropriate way. Yes, the first Tuesday in November is just around the corner. With that in mind, let us gather in the hall on the first Tuesday from 2pm for the Melbourne Cup. The Parish will provide bubbles and soft drink and tea and coffee. I ask all those who come to bring their own food and nibbles, of course to be consumed in a Covid safe way. We will have a few sweeps, watch the race on the "Very Big Screen" in the hall. We will also award a prize, not for the fanciest hat or fascinator; rather, for the best decorated mask!

As soon as we are able to open up following Covid 19, it is the intention of the Pastoral Council to provide an opportunity for people to gather post Mass. This will begin with a simple cup of tea after each of the weekend Masses. It is hoped that over time, this will grow as our relationships and friendships within the Parish grows. I hope that this will lead us to not only a deeper connection with each other but also with the parish, and though this, with God.

Due to the small numbers attending the 12 midday Mass each Sunday I have decided that once the 4m2 rule is removed by the government, I will discontinue this Mass. If during holiday times a 4th Mass is required I will institute a 5.30pm Mass on Sundays.

During the week, 2 letters arrived at the parish office, one addressed to me, the other to Danielle. These letters were asking if we were "coercing" members of the parish to receive the vaccine, and that if we were, then we were "involved in genocide and crimes against humanity"! People have every right to express an opinion, no matter the veracity or otherwise of it. Though the letter was signed, the signature could not be read and there was no return address; so, I am saddened at the anonymity of the letter. I am also, frankly, quite disgusted that someone would send one to the Parish Secretary. Therefore, if these letters turn up again, they will be thrown in the bin unread! As I say, people have a right to an opinion and to express it, but anonymous letters are not the way to do it. I am happy to receive letters and emails about this and indeed other issues. I am happy to engage in conversation, but, I will not be intimidated by anonymous letters. Nor will I countenance this being done to the parish secretary, who is a competent and efficient asset to our parish.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.



## Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS  
18 Oct—23 OCT  
No Masses at this stage

Mon 18 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 19 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Wed 20 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 21 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen

## Parish Notices

### All Souls Day

If you would like your loved one's remembered as part of the All Souls' Day Masses you can submit their names either by using the envelopes supplied in the Planned Giving Envelops or by submitting your loved one's name in writing to the Parish Office. Those who have died in the last twelve months, where we celebrated a funeral liturgy in our church, will be included by the office automatically.

## What's happening locally...

### CATHOLICARE COMMUNITY KITCHENS CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRIVE 2021

CatholicCare Hunter-Manning is hoping to distribute much-needed hampers through our Taree and Forster-Tuncurry Community Kitchens this year. We need your support! You can help by donating any of the food items listed below:

Tins of ham (Plumrose) • Fruit mince pies or small puddings (Aunt Betty's) • Fruit juice or tins of stewed fruit • Jams, jars of cranberry sauce or apple sauce • Coles or Woolworths Christmas bags • Cereal • Long life milk • Crackers such as Jatz or Shapes • Tins of baby potatoes or beetroot • Tins of corn, four bean mix, peas or tomatoes • Tea bags, small jars of coffee or hot chocolate • Sugar etc.

Alternatively, if you would like to donate money towards a hamper, please visit [www.catholiccare.org.au/donate](http://www.catholiccare.org.au/donate)

Help us help those in need  
this Christmas.



### Breakfast & Lunch Support Program

Tobwabba is about to launch a Children's Breakfast and Lunch Support Program in the next 2 weeks for children in the community who would otherwise not have a good meal available to them. You can help support this program by donating non-perishable school snacks, such as chips, biscuits, muesli bars, fruit juice poppers or anything else you think may be nice as a school snack for a child in primary school. Food donations can be dropped into the parish office.

**HEAL for Mental Health** is a mental health-focused lifestyle and activity program for adults aged 65 years and over. The program is free, government funded and runs weekly for 8 weeks. Groups involve exercise and workshop sessions to help equip individuals to make exercise and healthy lifestyle and mental health choices part of managing their wellbeing. HEAL is being delivered by Kinetic Medicine in their clinics in Taree, Wingham, Forster and across the Mid Coast. Head to [www.kineticmedicine.com.au/heal-program](http://www.kineticmedicine.com.au/heal-program) or call 02 6557 7479 for more information.

At the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel, we hear Jesus make a statement that is at the heart of all missionary endeavours: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." For missionaries like Sr Chalaad, this is the call that compels her and other Good Shepherd Sisters to operate programs like a kindergarten and a mother and children's home in Thailand. Through such endeavours, they reach out and bring life – the Catholic Mission mission statement – to some of the most vulnerable and needy people in the world. On the eve of the Church celebrating World Mission Sunday (October 24), let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to such missionaries and their gift of service. During this month, please consider your capacity to donate, to offer a major gift, or to leave an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. **To support Catholic Mission's annual World Mission Month appeal**, go to [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au) and type the name Kusa into the search bar

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

**When:** Oct 17, 2021 07:30

**Topic:** 8am Mass 17/10/21

**Please use the link below to join the webinar:**

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/66312245748>

**Passcode:** Mass

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish by enhancing knowledge and awareness of the risks of harm to children. In common with the misconceptions about Domestic Family Violence that was addressed last week, sexual abuse of children is more frequent than is commonly believed.

Statistics show that:-

- Children are mostly abused by someone they know – even relatives and family members.
- Child sexual abuse happens in all cultures and all types of families.
- Girls and boys of all ages are at risk.

Abusers go to great lengths to win the trust of children. They often target vulnerable children. A normal friendly relationship develops into a sexual one, with either the abuser persuading or coercing a child to cooperate. Then, abusers often use threats that something terrible happen in order to stop the child telling. Many abusers make children keep their abuse a secret – often using threats. Children need to know the difference between safe and unsafe secrets. Teach them that the only OK secrets are those which gives someone a pleasant surprise.

It is important to teach children that they can refuse to do anything with an adult or another child that they feel is wrong or makes them feel frightened or uneasy. You cannot, however, expect a child to say "No!" Encourage them to tell you whenever they are worried about what adults of other children want them to do. **ALWAYS LISTEN CAREFULLY** to a child's fears and concerns. Stop what you are doing and really pay attention.

Teach your children how to stay safe from sexual abuse just as you would talk to them about road, fire, water and internet safety. Even little children know the difference between touching that is OK or not OK. Explain to them that no-one has the right to touch them in places and ways that makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

Families can help keep children safe by knowing about their daily world:-

- Where they are
- Where they play
- The activities in which they become involved
- How they use information technology – internet, websites, chat rooms, emails, videos, CDs and DVDs
- Who you, as a parent/carer, trust to look after them when you are not there
- Work out with children which key people they can trust to ask for help if they are frightened and you aren't there

## Saints and Feasts



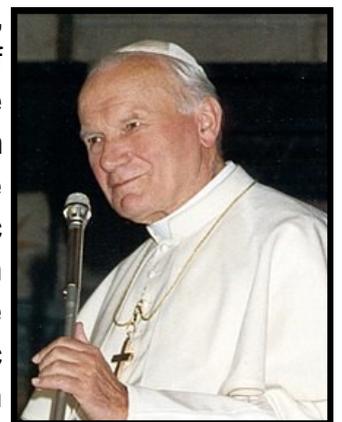
**17/10/19 – St Ignatius of Antioch.** St Ignatius was a convert to the Faith and a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. St John Chrysostom says that St Peter appointed him Bishop of Antioch, which See he governed for forty years. The Saint longed to shed his blood for Christ, but the opportunity was not granted him during the persecution under Domitian. In the year 107, St Ignatius was seized and brought before the Emperor. Having confessed Christ, he was condemned to be taken in chains to Rome, there to be exposed to the wild beasts. When he arrived in Rome he was hurried to the amphitheatre where two fierce lions immediately devoured him.

**18/10/19 St Luke, the Evangelist.** St Luke the evangelist was a Gentile Greek who practised medicine. He was the author of the Gospel which bears his name and also wrote a history of the early church; The Acts of the Apostles. He travelled with St Paul; together they evangelised Greece and Rome. He was also with St Paul during his ill-fated voyage to Italy. His Gospel is largely based on St Paul's teachings as well as his own experiences. Legend has it that St Luke was also a painter of great talent who did portraits of the Blessed Virgin, but no existing paintings have ever been correctly attributed to him. It is true, however, that his Gospel has inspired many artists, which led to his patronage of artists as well as doctors and surgeons.



**19/10/19 - St Paul of the Cross** was born Paolo Francesco Danei in 1694 in the Northern Italian town of Ovada. He came from a wealthy merchant family and at the age of 19 he experienced a conversion to a life of prayer. He came to the conclusion that the Passion of Christ was the greatest sign of God's love and a means by which people can come to a greater union with God. He devoted his life to spreading this message and at the age of 26 he founded the religious order "the Poor of Jesus"; later to become known as "the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ". Passionists live a life of solitude and contemplation, devoting at least three hours a day to prayer. They are easily recognised through the labelled emblem of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, surmounted by a cross, which is usually sewn into their clothing.

**22/10/19 - St Pope John Paul II** born Karol Józef Wojtyła, 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005, served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. He was elected by the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who was elected in August after the death of Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Then-Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. In the years since his death, John Paul II has been declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. He is referred to by Roman Catholics as Pope Saint John Paul II or Saint John Paul the Great. John Paul II is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms. He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests.



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Clune & Malcolm Thomson

**Anniversary:** Ellis Wheeler, Michelle Roet & Patricia Adrienne

***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, Ken Vote, Michael Dolahenty, Connie Cachia, Joseph Barnett, Monica Hunt, Trevor Turner, Robyn Thomas.

**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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

- Fr:** Dear friends, let us bring our prayers before the Lord, who is our help and our shield.
- Reader:** That through the Gospel, the Holy Church will be known throughout the world for her service and outreach to the needy.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That world leaders will work for the common good of all those entrusted to them.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That bishops, priests and religious who have been called to serve will embrace their ministry with enduring faith.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That students preparing for examinations particularly those preparing for the HSC will be granted the gifts of wisdom and understanding.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That the sick and all who place their trust in the Lord will be shown mercy, especially Bishop Bill and all those listed on our bulletin.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** That those who have died will share in eternal life with Christ, especially Kevin Clune & Malcolm Thomson who has died recently and Ellis Wheeler, Michelle Roet & Patricia Adrienne whose anniversaries occur at this time.  
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Fr:** Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ came not to be served, but to serve. Hear our prayers and help us to become great in your name by serving all in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- All:** **Amen.**

**Sunday 17 Oct 2021**  
**Twenty-ninth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time Year B**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 16:6,8*

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**First Reading**

*Is 53:10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22*

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

**Second Reading**

*Heb 4:14-16*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempt-

ed in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Mk 10:45*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Mk 10:35-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

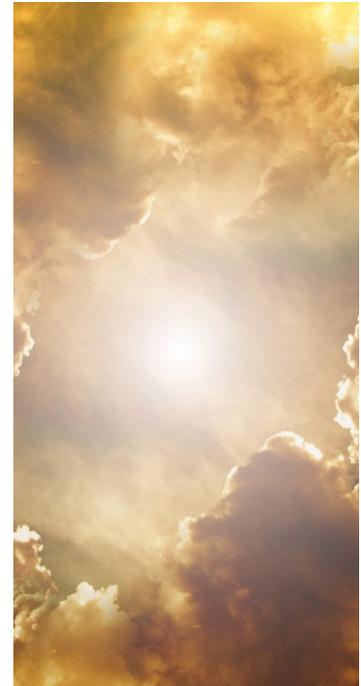
When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Communion Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 32:18-19*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



**Readings for Next Week 23/24 Oct**

**First Reading**

*Jer 31:7-9* The Lord declares himself a father to Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 125. R. v.3 (R.)* The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading**

*Heb 5:1-6* The Lord himself calls those who are to serve.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Mk 10:45* Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Mk 10:46-52* Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.

# 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

On the long journey to Jerusalem that has formed the subject of the readings from Mark's Gospel over the last few Sundays, Jesus has been attempting – with little success – to convey to his disciples some sense of the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem. Three times he has made clear his destiny to suffer and die. The disciples, who now understand that he is the Messiah (8:29), simply cannot hold together these two truths: that he is Messiah and that he is going to discharge his messianic role through this way of suffering and death. They still cling to the conventional idea that the Messiah will be a righteous, triumphant ruler who will restore to Israel the glories of the Davidic kingdom.

Such an understanding of messiahship lies behind the request of the sons of Zebedee, James and John in today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. Their bid for places on his right and his left signals ambition to be his leading associates at the celebratory banquet of the messianic kingdom. They have not grasped anything of what Jesus has been saying: that the path to any glory leads through suffering and death.

In reply, Jesus uses biblical imagery to hint at what lies in store. 'Baptism' does not refer to the Christian sacrament but evokes a biblical metaphor in which going through trials is depicted as a passage through stormy, turbulent waters. Likewise, 'cup' is a biblical metaphor for the fate that lies ahead of a person: what he or she will receive from the hand of God (cf. Mark 14:36). Without realising, it seems, what they are letting themselves in for, James and John express their readiness to share Jesus' 'cup'. He accepts their declaration and affirms its eventual realisation (something that James at least fulfilled in dying a martyr's death [Acts 12:2]). But the allotment of places in his kingdom belongs not to himself but to the Father. The explanation shows that he himself is not going to his death in a kind of calculating way that would reason as follows: yes, the suffering will be terrible but it will all have a happy ending (resurrection). No, he is surrendering his future entirely into the hands of the God in whose power and generosity he places complete trust. Those who wish to be his associates must accompany him in this trust as well.

The episode now moves to a second stage with the (understandable) irritation of the remaining disciples at what they see as an attempt on the part of James and John to 'bag' the highest places in the messianic kingdom. Their indignation provides Jesus with an opportunity to explain the absolute cleavage between the exercise of leadership in his kingdom and the exercise of authority in the worldly sense, which is clearly what the disciples have in mind. Those who have authority in the kingdoms of earth use their power to turn everything to their own advantage. On the contrary, those who aspire to leadership in the community of the Kingdom must think of themselves as the slaves of all – a complete reversal of values.

In one of the most memorable statements in the Gospel tradition, Jesus drives the point home, pointing to his own example: 'the Son of Man has come, not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (v 45). The last phrase 'for many' echoes the Fourth Servant Song (Isa 52:13 – 53:12), the final sentences of which, appropriately, form the **First Reading**, Isaiah 53:10-11). Jesus is going up to Jerusalem to discharge his messianic role, not in the worldly sense of conventional messianic expectation (seen here in the disciples), but in a sense specified by the role spelled out in the 'Servant' figure: one who enters into the pain and suffering of the world, who 'bears' the sins of others ('many' in Semitic idiom, which, of course, means 'all'), in order to bring about for them freedom and life ('ransom'). This is the ultimate depth of the 'service' that he as Messiah performs – not just for Israel but for the entire world.

The **Second Reading**, Hebrews 4:14-16, complements this sense of Jesus' 'service'. In their own suffering and difficulty believers should draw confidence from the fact that Jesus, having himself experienced suffering and weakness, is a compassionate advocate before the 'the throne of grace'.

Just as last week's **Gospel** placed before the community the need for radical detachment from wealth, so this week's readings confront it with no less a challenge in the matter of the exercise of power and authority. Both have proven difficult areas for the Church to get right down the ages. We worship Jesus as Lord. But are we so comfortable in venerating—and following—him in his role as Servant of all?

**POPE FRANCIS**  
**ANGELUS**  
**Saint Peter's Square**  
**Sunday, 10 October 2021**

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

Today's Liturgy offers us the encounter between Jesus and a man who "had great possessions" (Mk 10:22), and who went down in history as "the rich young man" (cf. Mt 19:20-22). We do not know his name. The Gospel of Mark actually speaks of him as "a man", without mentioning his age or name, suggesting that we can all see ourselves in this man, as though in a mirror. His encounter with Jesus, in fact, allows us to test our faith. Reading this, I test myself on my faith.

The man begins with a question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (v. 17). Notice the verbs he uses: "must do" – "inherit". Here is his religiosity: a duty, a doing so as to obtain; I do something to get what I need". But this is a commercial relationship with God, a quid pro quo. Faith, on the other hand, is not a cold, mechanical ritual, a "must-do-obtain". It is a question of freedom and love. Faith is a question of freedom, it is a question of love. Here is a first test: what is faith for me? If it is mainly a duty or a bargaining chip, we are off track, because salvation is a gift and not a duty, it is free and cannot be bought. The first thing to do is to free ourselves of a commercial and mechanical faith, which insinuates the false image of an accounting and controlling God, not a father. And very often in life we experience this "commercial" relationship of faith: I do this, so that God will give me that.

Jesus, in the second step, helps this man by offering him the true face of God. Indeed, the text says, "Jesus looking upon him loved him" (v. 21): this is God! This is where faith is born and reborn: not from a duty, not from something that is to be done or paid, but from a look of love to be welcomed. In this way Christian life becomes beautiful, if it is based not on our abilities and our plans; it is based on God's gaze. Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in Confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved by him, by the Father.

After the question and the look there is – the third and final step – an invitation from Jesus, who says: "You lack one thing". What was that rich man lacking? Giving, gratuitousness. "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor" (v. 21). It is perhaps what we are missing too. Often, we do the bare minimum, whereas Jesus invites us to do the maximum possible. How many times are we satisfied with doing our duties – the precepts, a few prayers, and many things like that – whereas God, who gives us life, asks us for the impetus of life! In today's Gospel we see clearly this passage from duty to giving; Jesus begins by recalling the Commandments: "Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal...", and so on (v. 19) and arrives at a positive pro-

posal: "Go, sell, give, follow me!" (cf. v. 21). Faith cannot be limited to "do not", because Christian life is a "yes" a "yes" of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, a faith without giving, a faith without gratuitousness is an incomplete faith. We could compare it to rich and nourishing food that nonetheless lacks flavour, or a more or less well-played game, but without a goal: no, it isn't good, it lacks "salt". A faith without giving, without gratuitousness, without works of charity, makes us sad in the end: just like that man whose "face fell" and returned home "sorrowful", even though he had been looked upon with love by Jesus in person. Today we can ask ourselves: "At what point is my faith? Do I experience it as something mechanical, like a relationship of duty or interest with God? Do I remember to nourish it by letting myself be looked at and loved by Jesus?" Letting oneself be looked at and loved by Jesus; letting Jesus look at us, love us. "And, attracted by him, do I respond freely, with generosity, with all my heart?"

May the Virgin Mary, who said a total "yes" to God, a "yes" without "but" – it is not easy to say "yes" without "but": Our Lady did just that, a "yes" without a "but" - let us savour the beauty of making life a gift.

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#### **After the Angelus**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Today, again, I have the joy of announcing the proclamation of new Blesseds. Yesterday, Maria Lorenza Longo, sixteenth-century spouse and mother, was beatified in Naples. A widow, she founded in Naples the Hospital for the Incurably Ill and the Capuchin Poor Clares. A woman of great faith and an intense life of prayer, she did all she could for the needs of the poor and the suffering. Also today, in Tropea, Calabria, Father Francesco Mottola, founder of the Oblates of the Sacred Heart, who died in 1969, was beatified. A zealous pastor and tireless proclaimer of the Gospel, he was an exemplary witness of a priesthood lived in charity and in contemplation. Let us applaud these new Blesseds!

Today, on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, I would like, to remember our brothers and sisters affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide. Let us pray for them and for their families, so that they are not left alone or discriminated against, but welcomed and supported.

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from various countries: families, groups, associations and individual faithful. In particular, I greet the faithful of Bussolengo and Novoli; the confirmands of the parish of the Resurrection in Rome and the Cooperativa del Sole of Corbetta. I also see that there are people from Montella, and I greet them... With the image of Sister Bernadette. Let us pray for her prompt canonisation.

I wish you all a blessed Sunday. And please do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch and arrivederci!



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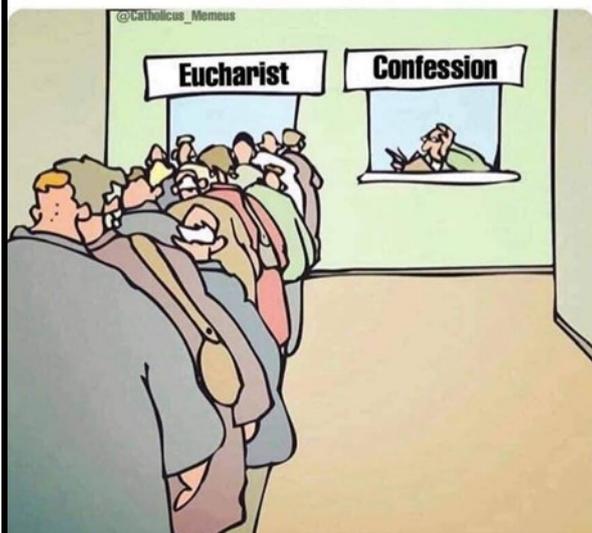
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**Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God?** In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

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

### aMeN caMiNo

aMeN caMiNo Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022.

Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-6, July 9-13 & August 6-10.

For more information and to register your interest, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-ca-mino/> or contact [formed@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:formed@mn.catholic.org.au)

### ACU Centre for Liturgy | Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective

Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living.

**Time:** 10:00AM-11:30AM

**Date:** 18 October 2021

**Register:** [www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl)

### Diocesan Advent Reflection: Waiting with Purpose

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, Waiting with Purpose has been created for our diocese. Waiting with Purpose responds to the voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing. Waiting with Purpose invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it.

Mystagogical reflection meets us where we are. No preparation is needed. It's about being open to encountering Christ so we can live from Christ. It's deeply personal and communal.

Waiting with Purpose and accompanying resources will be available soon on the diocesan website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>

During November there are several opportunities for anyone who is interested to

'have a go' at mystagogical reflection.

During Advent there are opportunities for those who cannot gather in their local communities to experience Waiting with Purpose via Zoom. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

### 'Earthy Women' Webinar 2021 | Engaging with Laudato Si'

In a special event hosted by the Diocesan Council for Women, you are invited to join other women of our Diocese in sharing our approach and action in caring for our land. The webinar will explore:

How do you as a women respond to God's call to care for the Earth?

What actions will you take to protect our planet?

Are our schools places of living examples of what can be done to show that care of the Earth matters?

Guest speakers include Sue Martin from Catholic Earthcare and Maryanne Murray from St Mary's High School Gateshead.

**Time:** 6:00PM-8:00PM

**Date:** 26 October 2021

**Location:** Online (Zoom)

**Register:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357)

### Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

### Building Bridges

Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack of Church advocacy on these issues following the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the massacre. This prompted him to consider how the Church could better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his book, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity (2017). Join this online conversation with James to explore how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome and truly respect and enhance the dignity of all, honouring the diversity in humanity.

**Time:** 10:00AM

**Date:** 26 October 2021

**Location:** Online (Zoom)

**Register:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>

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To be prepared for a 2022 placement Enquire at <https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/>

### 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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### BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.  
Bookings via the Parish website

### MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 3 months notice. Bookings via the parish website

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Enrolment via the Parish Website

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 02 6554 6401

### CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 6539 5900 for services provided in Forster



### PARISH TEAM

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**Danielle Kingdom**  
Admin Assistant  
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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

### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Serving meals to the community from the Parish Hall **Mon 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 Monday 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  
Novena Benediction on the 1st  
Wednesday of the month.

#### 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

#### St Clare's High School 7-12

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