



# Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

"Unity in Christ"

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SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 2022,

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I hope and pray that you all enjoyed the festivities of Christmas Day. Moreover, I hope and pray that you are still enjoying the festivities of the Christmas season. Remember Christmas is not a day, but rather a season. I think we should celebrate for the whole season.

Please note that this coming Monday (the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January), is the Feast day of the Holy Name of Jesus. I will celebrate Mass at 930am on Monday morning. It will be an opportunity to pray for each other as a community of Christ's faithful here in Holy Name Parish.

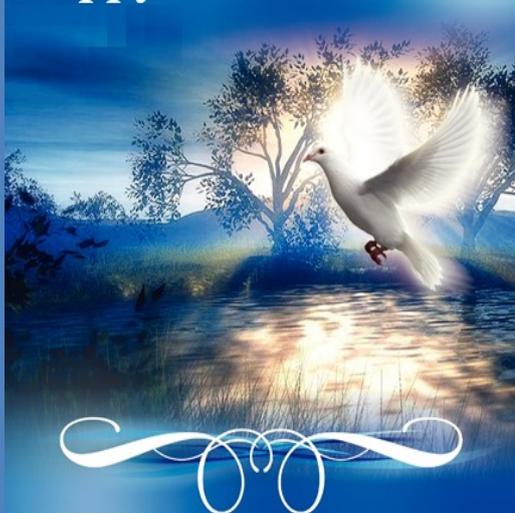
In his Christmas homily, the Holy Father, said "Brothers and sisters, standing before the crib...We contemplate the child. In his *littleness*, God is completely present. Let us acknowledge this: "Baby Jesus, you are God, the God who becomes a child". Let us be amazed by this scandalous truth. The One who embraces the universe needs to be held in another's arms. The One who created the sun needs to be warmed. Tenderness incarnate needs to be coddled. Infinite love has a miniscule heart that beats softly. The eternal Word is an "infant", a speechless child. The Bread of life needs to be nourished. The Creator of the world has no home." This is a beautiful reminder of the gift that God gives us of Himself, He continuously offers us this gift by His real presence in the Holy Eucharist. To find the Pope's homily please follow this link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2021/documents/20211224-omelia-natale.html>

As usual Her Majesty spoke of her own faith in the incarnate Word in her Christmas message; she pointed out that it is in the handing on of the message of Jesus and His teaching that had formed the bedrock of her own faith. Indeed so it is for all of us. We who are baptised have a mission to do this. The teachings of Jesus need to be shared with all. The journey of the Magi shows us that this is a truism.

Please continue to pray for a new Bishop to be appointed to lead this Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Pray also for Fr. Greg Barker, as he continues in his role of Diocesan Administrator.

## Happy New Year 2022



**"You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food." — Psalm 65:11**

As you would have seen by now, Covid restrictions have changed again. Masks are once more mandatory in the Church, unless you have a medical exception. Please do ensure that your mask is fitted properly. We still need to sign in each time we enter the Church.

This Weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. There is an age old custom of chalk being blessed at the end of Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany, this chalk once blessed, is given to the faithful to take home and mark the lintel of their front door. Further details inside the bulletin.

Beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of January and continuing each month, there will be a Holy Hour of adoration, followed by Vespers and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. This will commence at 5pm. More details will follow in future editions of the Bridgeside Bulletin.

I hope and pray that you each have a wonderful 2022. Sod off 2021, and take Covid with you!

With Love.

Fr. Peter.

## Parish Timetable

### WEEKDAY MASS

3 Jan—8 Jan

MON: 9.30am

TUE: 4.30pm

WED: 9.30am

THU: 4.30pm

FRI: 9.30am

SAT: 9.30am

Mon 3 Jan	9am Counters— Team 8 9.30am Mass for the Most Holy Name of Jesus Feast Day 12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 4 Jan	12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction
Wed 5 Jan	12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 6 Jan	12pm Community Kitchen

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



#### Recently deceased:

Anita Devine.

**Anniversaries:** Roger Magalona, Owen Acret, Joseph and Dora Blacklock and Ivan Howard.

*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:*

Connie Cachia, Joe Barnett, Monica Hunt, Max Dunn, Delphin Adonis Jr.

People will remain on the prayers for the sick for 4 weeks. You can resubmit names as needed.

### THE EPIPHANY BLESSING: Marking Homes With Blessed Chalk for the New Year

The ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the Epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family. Chalk is first blessed in the parish church at Masses for Epiphany and then people are invited to take some home to mark the lintel of their front door as follows.: **20 C + M + B 22**. The letters C, M and B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (*May Christ Bless this Abode*).

#### CHALK MARK

#### WORDS TO BE SAID AT HOME

Peace be upon this house and with all of us who live here. Amen.

The wise men from the east came to Jerusalem asking. "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage"

When they saw the star had stopped they were overwhelmed with joy.

When entering the house, he saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE THREE WISE MEN  
CASPAR

C  
M  
B

MELCHIOR  
BALTHASAR

FOLLOWED THE LIGHT OF THE STAR TO FIND JESUS, THE SON OF GOD, WHO CAME TO LIVE AMONG US

20  
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TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO. MAY CHRIST BLESS OUR HOME TODAY AND REMAIN WITH US THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

Let us pray. God of mercy, fill our home with light and love of Christ that it may be a place of hospitality and welcome. May Christ be our shelter when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**. Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

UNIVERSAL PRAYER. The Epiphany of the Lord

Father: Dearest friends, let us bring our intentions before Christ our Lord, the light of the world.

1. Reader: That Holy Mother Church will continue with faith and confidence to bring the message of the Gospel to all. In your light:

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

2. Reader: That nations of East and West will follow Christ's light as the way to true peace and justice. In your light:

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

3. Reader: That through the brightness of Christ, those struggling with sin will have the darkness driven from their hearts. In your light:

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

4. Reader: That our parish community will bring the light of Christ to our families and friends. In your light:

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

5. Reader: That Fr Greg Barker will be sustained by our prayers as he fulfills the role of Diocesan Administrator. In your light:

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

6. Reader: That the sick and housebound will find strength in the radiance of Jesus Christ. In your light:

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

7. Reader: That those who have died will embrace the light of eternal life, especially Anita Devine, who has died recently, and for Roger Magalona, Owen Acret, Joseph and Dora Blacklock and Ivan Howard, whose anniversaries occur about this time. In your light:

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

Father: Loving Father, you gave your Son as a light for all nations. Hear our prayers and grant us the radiance of Jesus Christ as we spread your Gospel to the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Sunday 02 Jan 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Mal 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12*

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

### First Reading

*Is 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

### Second Reading

*Eph 3:2-3. 5-6*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown

to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Acclamation

*Mt 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mt 2:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord

### Communion Antiphon

*Cf. Mt 2:2*

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

## Readings for Next Week 8/9 Jan

### First Reading

*Is 42:1-4. 6-7* The Lord upholds his Servant.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11 (R.)* The Lord will bless his people with peace.

### Second Reading

*Acts 10:34-38* God anointed Jesus with the Spirit and with power.

### Gospel Acclamation

*See Mk 9:8* Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Lk 3:15-16. 21-22* The Holy Spirit descends on Je-

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFE-GUARDING PROMOTERS

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to the following **tips for families preparing a child for a successful start at school.**

The 2021 school year has only just ended....but now, **during the next four weeks leading up to the first day of school**, is the time to make a child's transition to school easier. There are many things families can do before school starts.

► Travel to and from the school several times as a practice run. Familiarise with the drop-off and pick-up points.

► Practice the daily routine – getting up early, putting on the uniform, packing the bag, setting up bedtime routine (e.g. 6pm dinner, 7pm bath, 7:30 bedtime stories) so that your child wakes refreshed and ready for the day.

► Create a visual checklist – attach the list to the bedroom wall/cupboard.

► Practice lunch routines – set up pretend picnics in the backyard or park, assist in getting the lunch box out of the bag, ensure the child can open the box and packaged food, identify which food is to be eaten at recess and lunchtime.

► Arrange meetings with other children who will be starting at the same school – seeing familiar faces will increase confidence during the first few weeks of school.

► Consider what after school activities might be helpful – initially, your child may have little energy after school even if familiar with coming home after pre-school or daycare.

► Reduce separation anxiety for both your child and you– being calm yourself helps calm your child, so, plan to catch up with a friend for coffee or plan some exercise after the drop-off. Develop a positive goodbye routine (e.g. high 5, special hug).

► Avoid lengthy goodbyes as this may increase stress for both of you. Within Covid-19 limits, talk to your child's teacher who can assist with a smooth transition to school.

► Reassure your child that you, or a trusted known person, will be there at the end of the school day to pick them up.



### 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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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 **Mon Tue, Wed & Thurs 12pm-1pm**

### PARISH GROUPS

#### Christian Meditation

Forster Tues 9.30am  
Greg 0427 918 568  
Hallidays Point Wed 10am  
John 0417 249 466

#### 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 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  
Barbara Dolahenty 0408 248 018

**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

### 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: **1st Tues 10.30am**  
Estia Forster: **3rd Tues 10.00am**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

#### Holy Name Catholic School K-6

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**Principal:** Peter Nicholls

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