



# 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 6 FEBRUARY 2022,**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Last week's bucket collection for the kingdom of Tonga was very well received and very generously patronized as people left the Church. So much so, that I have been asked to have it again this week, as there were some people who did not have cash on them. So it will happen this week as well, and there is information in the bulletin about how to make electronic contributions to the Caritas appeal for Tonga. Thank you for your generosity.

Please continue to pray for the Kingdom of Tonga. The damage to this nation is quite severe. There is in part total devastation. Please pray for the people of Tonga who not only have to clean up but, are now also combatting a Covid19 lockdown.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine. Russia continues to increase her military presence on the border. Though diplomatic approaches continue, one can never know what will happen and what it will mean for the world at large. If there is an invasion which other nations might be emboldened to take similar approaches elsewhere? I noted with some alarm during the week that the Russian military have moved thousands of blood donations close to the border. With that piece of news in mind please let us all redouble our efforts to pray for peace and for a diplomatic outcome.

This week saw students and staff return to school. I hope and pray that this year may pass uninterrupted for the staff and students. As I have mentioned before those pupils in year 2 and below have not yet had a "normal" year at school. Please pray for the students and for the staff of our parish school. I have been in numerous parishes and therefore have been involved in numerous schools, I can say without the word of a lie, without the shadow of a doubt, and without any hyperbole that Holy Name School is one of the best schools with which I have been involved. All the staff can be very proud, as am I, of the school and the accomplishments of it.

Could those people who wish to be involved in a Bible Study please contact the office and register your interest. It is vitally important that we as Catholics know the Word of God. By knowing the Word of God we grow in our relationship with Him who came to redeem us. If we grow in that relationship, we are able to more effectively share Him and His message to those we encounter. As Catholics we have never done this well. I hope and pray that can change. Together I hope that we can break open the treasures contained in the Holy Bible and share them with our beautiful community.

At the back of the Church you will find a copy of the National Church Life Survey. The diocese asked if I would be interested to take part in this as I am new to the parish. It was meant to happen late last year, but, you know, Covid. So we will do it now. I ask each and all to take it home and fill it in. It will be of immense assistance to me as I settle into the parish. It will provide information to help with a new Parish Pastoral Plan. Please do take one and fill it out and return it to the box in the Church on or before the 20th of February. Please see inside for a link to complete it online.

The date has been set for our parish Easter Dinner. Please add Wednesday the 20th of April to your calendars. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm with dinner to be served in the Hall from 6.30pm. The cost of the dinner is \$35.00 a head. I hope to see as many people as possible at the dinner, it will be an opportunity to gather as a community and to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lamb of God. The meal will therefore be a Roast Lamb dinner, what better way to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lamb of God than by eating a few of them.

This Sunday the 6th of February is an historic day. Today Her Majesty the Queen marks 70 years on the throne. Regardless of whether we are a monarchist or a republican, I hope that we can all agree that we should give thanks to God for these 70 years dedicated service of Her Majesty to her people. Nobody else, in any walk of life can say that they have served our Nation for most of its existence. Nobody else, in any walk of life will ever be able to claim that. As such, Mass this Tuesday afternoon will be offered in thanks for the Queen's reign. The Queen on her 21st birthday and again at her Coronation made a promise to God to serve her whole life. She has kept that promise to God and to us. I hope on this day we can all say, "God Save the Queen"!

With Love.

Fr. Peter.

## Parish Timetable

### WEEKDAY MASSES 7 FEB—12 FEB

TUE: 4.30pm, WED: 9.30am, THU: 9.30am, FRI: 9.30am & SAT: 9.30am

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| <b>Mon</b><br>7 FEB  | 9am Counters— Team 4<br>12pm Community Kitchen  |
| <b>Tue</b><br>8 FEB  | 9.30am Christian Meditation<br>12pm Community Kitchen<br>3.30pm Holy Hour followed by Benediction |
| <b>Wed</b><br>9 FEB  | 11am Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help<br>12pm Community Kitchen                               |
| <b>Thu</b><br>10 FEB | 12pm Community Kitchen  |
| <b>Fri</b><br>11 FEB | 12pm Safeguarding Training in Parish Hall   |

## Parish Notices

- Mass on Tuesday the 15th will be at 9.30am
- There will be no Mass on 16th or the 23rd of February

## What's happening locally...

### National Church Life Survey

This weekend we encourage all members of our parish community to complete the National Church Life Survey. The results of the survey will help to assess our church health, understand our strengths and build directions for the future.

#### How to complete the survey...

**Paper Form:** please take a paper copy of the survey located on the table inside the church and fill it out at church or at home. Write our church code in the top right corner- **TAN01501**—and tick the appropriate boxes to answer the questions. Slip the form in the National Church Life Survey box in the church or drop into the parish office.

**Online Form:** Go online to [attendersurvey.ncls.org.au](http://attendersurvey.ncls.org.au) or scan the QR code, enter our church code - **TAN01501**— and complete the questions then submit.

The Survey is designed by NCLS Research, as part of the 2021 National Church Life Survey and has Ethics approval from Charles Sturt University. More information about the survey can be found at [2021ncls.org.au/attender-survey](http://2021ncls.org.au/attender-survey)



**Pray for Tonga:** Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcanic eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response.

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

## Safeguarding Training

The Office of Safeguarding will be offering Safeguarding Training locally in the parish hall for volunteers. If you are a current volunteer or thinking of volunteering in the future then this training session is beneficial to you. **Safeguarding Training is mandatory for those volunteering in child related ministries or working with vulnerable people in the community.**

**Date:** Friday 11th February

**Time:** 12pm—3.30pm

**Location:** Parish hall, 31 Lake Street, Forster

**Registrations:** 02 4979 1390 [hr-training@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:hr-training@mn.catholic.org.au)

## Breakfast & Lunch Support Program

Tobwabba is continuing with their Breakfast and Lunch Support Program for children in 2022. The program assists 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.

## A Message From St Vincent de Paul Holy Name Conference

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Holy Name Conference, I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks for the very generous donations to the Christmas Appeal, and especially for the wonderful response to our Toy Giving Tree. All of our families with children received toys/ gifts that they would not otherwise have received without your kindness, so again, many, many thanks for your support. The total collected from the Appeal was \$2,251,30 and receipts for those who requested them are now ready for posting. *Marlene. President.*

**Scripture Volunteers Needed:** Scripture teachers bring religious education to the children in our local government schools. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry please contact the parish office on 6554 6401 or [forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Easter Dinner**

**When:** 20th April 2022

**Time:** Mass at 5.30pm, then move to the hall for dinner at 6.30pm

**Cost:** \$35 per head. Pay in cash at the parish office or tap card to pay on the night

**Dinner and desert will be catered for, BYO drinks**

**RSVP to the parish office by 6th April.**

*Come together to Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord.*

## Saints and Feasts

**6/2/22. ST PAUL MIKI AND COMPANION MARTYRS** were a group of Christians who were executed by crucifixion on February 5, 1597, at Nagasaki. Their martyrdom is especially significant in the history of Roman Catholicism in Japan. A promising beginning to Catholic missions in Japan — perhaps as many as 300,000 Christians by the end of the sixteenth century — met complications from competition between the missionary groups, political difficulty between Spain and Portugal, and factions within the government of Japan. Christianity was suppressed, and it was during this time that the 26 martyrs were executed. By 1630, Christianity had been driven underground. 250 years later, when Christian missionaries returned to Japan, they found a community of "hidden Christians" that had survived underground.

**10/2/22. ST SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN.** (c. 480 – 10 February 542) is a saint of the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Churches. Born in Italy, according to a ninth century tradition, she was the twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. Her feast day is 10th February. Benedictine tradition holds that Scholastica lived in a convent at Plumbriola about five miles from Monte Cassino and that this was the first "Benedictine" convent. However, it has been suggested that it is more likely that she lived in a hermitage with one or two

other religious women in a cluster of houses at the base of Mount Cassino where there is an ancient church named after her. The most commonly told story about her is that she would, once a year, go and visit her brother at a place near his abbey, and they would spend the day worshipping together and discussing sacred texts and issues. One day they had supper and continued their conversation. When Benedict indicated it was time for him to leave, perhaps sensing the time of her death was drawing near, she asked him to stay with her for the evening so they could continue their discussions. Not wishing to break his own Rule, Benedict refused, insisting that he needed to return to his cell. At that point, Scholastica closed her hands in prayer, and after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were housed. Benedict asked, "What have you done?" to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can, leave me and return to your monastery." Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in discussion. According to Gregory's Dialogues, three days later, from his cell, he saw his sister's soul leaving the earth and ascending to heaven in the form of a shining white dove. Scholastica is the foundress of the women's branch of Benedictine Monasticism.

**11/2/22. OUR LADY OF LOURDES** is a venerated title of the Blessed Virgin Mary invoked by Roman Catholics in honour of the Marian apparitions said to have occurred on numerous occasions in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes, France. The first of these is the apparition of 11 February 1858, when Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl, admitted to her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a mile from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar apparitions of the alleged "Lady" were reported on seventeen occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place. Bernadette Soubirous was later canonized as a Saint, and Roman Catholics and some Protestants believe her apparitions have been validated by the overwhelming popularity and testament of healings claimed to have taken place at the Lourdes water spring. In 1862, Pope Pius IX authorized Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence to permit the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 3 July 1876, Pope Pius IX formally granted a Canonical Coronation to the image that used to be in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica. This Marian title, Our Lady of Lourdes, has been widely copied and reproduced, often displayed in shrines and homes, most notably in garden landscapes.

### THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to **Australian Online Safety Act (AOSA)** in which the enhanced and expanded powers of the eSafety Commissioner came into effect on the 23rd January 2022. **eSafety is the concept of protecting users as they navigate the internet**, especially those most vulnerable.

AOSA provides a clear set of expectations for online service providers that makes them accountable for the safety of people, of all ages, who use their services. The new laws protect Australians from serious online abuse, including image-based abuse, child cyberbullying and seriously harmful or dangerous online content.

The AOSA:

- ▶ maintains a world-first Adult Cyber Abuse Support Scheme for those 18 years +
- ▶ broadens the Cyberbullying Scheme for children to capture harms that occur on services other than social media
- ▶ updates the Image-Based Abuse Scheme that allows eSafety to seek the removal of intimate images or videos shared online without the consent of the person shown
- ▶ gives eSafety new powers to require internet service providers to block access to material showing abhorrent violent conduct such as terrorist acts
- ▶ gives the existing Online Content Scheme new powers to regulate illegal and restricted content no matter where it's hosted
- ▶ brings app distribution services and search engines into the responsibility of the new Online Content Scheme
- ▶ introduces Basic Online Safety Expectations for online service provider
- ▶ halves the time that online service providers have to respond to an eSafety removal notice, though eSafety can extend the new 24-hour period.

Our attention is also drawn to **Safer Internet Day next Tuesday, 8th February**. *Safer Internet Day promotes a safer and more responsible use of online technology by children and young people around the world*. Founded in 2004, Safer Internet Day is an international movement which has become a landmark event in the online safety calendar.

As parents, we generally do everything we can to keep our children safe and well, from getting them to 'slip, slop, slap' before going out in the sun, to being careful when crossing a road. But what are you doing to protect them from bullies, predators and inappropriate content online? If you haven't already, introduce some cyber safety know-how to your parenting toolkit. **For ten tips to get you started**, go to <https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/blog-10-things-keep-kids-safe-online/>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**



**Recently deceased:** Connie Cachia, Patrick Tierman, Gladys Paxton & William Jackson

**Anniversaries:** Paul Conaghan, Andy Cross, Jose Leo & King George VI

***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:***

Monica Hunt, Max Dunn, Delphin Adonis Jr, Joe Barnett, Michael O'Hara, Roseanne Telfer and Maureen Stevens.

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

**UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Fr Peter:** Brothers and Sisters, let us bring our prayers before God, the holy Lord of hosts.

**Reader:** That the holy Father Pope Francis will lead the Church following in Christ, the way and the truth for all people. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That missionaries and religious will be guided in their work of spreading the Good News to all nations. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That the service of the Queen these last 70 years, may inspire all people to serve God with the devotion and faith that Her Majesty has shown. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That there will be peace in the trouble spots of the world, especially in The Ukraine. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That the international community may as one assist the Kingdom of Tonga to recover following the Tsunami. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That Fr Greg Barker will be sustained by our prayers as he fulfils the role of Diocesan Administrator. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That all who work on oceans, lakes and rivers will be securely protected in the Lord's care. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That our parish community will follow in Christ's mission to announce the Word to all unbelievers. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That through the Lord, all who are sick will find an increased strength of soul, especially those listed in our bulletin. In your mercy:

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

**Reader:** That those who have died will be forever in the sight of the angels, especially Connie Cachia, Patrick Tierman, Gladys Paxton & William Jackson, who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Paul Conaghan, Andy Cross, Jose Leo & King George the VI. In your mercy:

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

**Fr Peter:** Loving God, through your Son the followers of Christ heard your words of life. Hear our prayers today, and help us to be witnesses to your word by leaving all that we own to follow your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Sunday 06 Feb 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Ps 94:6-7*

O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading**

*Is 6:1-8*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1*

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**Second Reading**

*1 Cor 15:1-11*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no

one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Mt 4:19*

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Lk 5:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Communion Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 106:8-9*

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Readings for Next Week 12/13 Feb**

**First Reading**

Jer 17:5-8 Blessed are they who trust in the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5 (R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Christ is raised, the first fruits.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lk 6:23 Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Lk 6:17. 20-26 The beginning of the Sermon on the Plain (Mount).

# 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

Luke's Gospel, unlike those of Matthew (4:18-22) and Mark (1:16-20), defers the call of the first disciples until Jesus' own ministry has got under way to this extent. In this way it allows Jesus to 'model' the ministry for which they, as his 'apprentices', will be involved.

So, as we read in today's **Gospel**, the call comes to Peter (5:1-11) in the context of Jesus' preaching to a crowd eagerly pressing around him to hear the word of God. Peter helps Jesus by allowing him to use his boat to avoid the crush of the crowd. One has the impression that Peter himself is not even listening to the sermon. He's busy about his fisherman's task of washing the nets.

But Jesus has further plans for Peter. He doesn't call him immediately to a new way of life but challenges him precisely in his own area of expertise: catching fish. Peter resists – perhaps thinking to himself, 'What does this fellow know about fishing?'. Eventually he does go along with Jesus' instruction to put out and try for a catch. The catch of immense proportions that results, where all night there had been no fish, becomes for Peter a sign of the presence and power of God. The conversion he undergoes is profound: 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.'

In this connection we can appreciate the aptness of associating with this gospel the **First Reading** set down for today, the call of the prophet Isaiah (Isa 6:1-8). Confronted with a sense of the presence and holiness of God in the sanctuary of the Temple, the prophet becomes aware of his own sinfulness and inadequacy. He knows God and he knows himself. It is a moment of painful and deep conversion: 'I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips.' Precisely at the moment of this realisation he receives healing as an angel purifies his lips with a live coal taken from the altar. There follows his own prophetic mission: 'Whom shall I send?'.... 'Here I am, send me.'

The call of Peter told in the Gospel follows this pattern closely. It is just when Peter recognises that he is confronted with the presence of God in Jesus, when he owns his own sinfulness and unworthiness to be associated with him ('Leave me, Lord, ...'), that the call comes to him: 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' Only those who have plumbed the depths of their own sinfulness and unworthiness, who have come to 'know' both God and themselves in this way, are apt to be servants of the healing and life-giving word.

The boats overladen with fish – too many not only for Peter's boat but for 'the other boat' as well – become symbolic of the Church. Founded on the ministry of Peter and the other apostles, and obedient to the command of Jesus, the Church will brim with 'fish' caught for the Kingdom.

The actual Greek word Luke uses for 'catching' bears some examination. When people catch fish, whether for livelihood or for leisure, the fish necessarily end up dead. Luke seems to be sensitive to this negative implication in the 'fishing' image. So, in moving from the everyday sense of 'fishing' to the symbolic sense that applies to the mission of Jesus, he employs a special term, *zōgrein*, that means 'catch alive'. It is used in connection with the catching of wild animals not for killing but for keeping in some protected way, like netting fish for an aquarium or fishpond. The language wonderfully conveys the sense of 'capturing' people with the word and bringing them to the more abundant life of the kingdom of God.

The **Second Reading**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, as is usually the case, stands apart from all this. In fact, it can be seen as the most important passage in the New Testament since it provides the earliest bedrock foundation for faith in Christianity's central tenet: the resurrection. In the face of some at Corinth who have either forgotten or fallen away from the belief in the resurrection in which he had instructed them, Paul recalls that teaching. He quotes what seems to be a very early Christian creed that lists in order all the key witnesses to the resurrection. At the end he locates himself – the most unexpected witness of all. His life had been going in the very opposite direction, he was actually a persecutor of the Church, when, as he says elsewhere, Christ 'captured me' (Phil 3:12). The risen Lord appeared to a variety of witnesses at different times and occasions. But, as Paul says, what resulted was a common conviction and a common witness: 'what I preach, they preach, and this is what you all believe' (v. 11).

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## POPE FRANCIS

### ANGELUS

Saint Peter's Square

Sunday, 30 January 2022

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

In today's liturgy, the Gospel recounts Jesus' first sermon in his home town, Nazareth. The outcome is bitter: instead of receiving approval, Jesus finds incomprehension and even hostility (cf. Lk 4:21-30). His fellow villagers, rather than a word of truth, wanted miracles and prodigious signs. The Lord does not perform them and they reject him, because they say they already knew him as a child: he is Joseph's son (cf. v. 22), and so on. Jesus therefore utters a phrase that has become proverbial: "No prophet is acceptable in his own country" (v. 24).

These words reveal that Jesus' failure was not entirely unexpected. He knew his people, he knew the heart of his people, he knew the risk he was running, he took rejection into account. And, so, we might wonder: but if it was like this, if he foresaw a failure, why did he go to his hometown all the same? Why do good to people who are not willing to accept you? It is a question that we too often ask ourselves. But it is a question that helps us understand God better. Faced with our closures, he does not withdraw: he does not put brakes on his love. Faced with our closures, he goes forward. We see a reflection of this in parents who are aware of the ingratitude of their children, but do not cease to love them and do good to them for this. God is the same, but at a much higher level. And today he invites us too to believe in good, to leave no stone unturned in doing good.

However, in what happens in Nazareth we also find something else. The hostility towards Jesus on the part of his people provokes us: they were not welcoming – but what about us? To verify this, let us look at the models of acceptance that Jesus proposes today, to us and to his fellow countrymen. They are two foreigners: a widow from Sarepta of Sidon and Naaman, the Syrian. Both of them welcomed prophets: the first Elijah, the second Elisha. But it was not an easy reception, it went through trials. The widow welcomed Elijah, despite the famine and although the prophet was persecuted (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16), he was persecuted for political and religious reasons. Naaman, on the other hand, despite being a person of the highest order, accepted the request of the prophet Elisha, who led him to humble himself, to bathe seven times in a river (cf. 2 Kings 5:1-14), as if he were an ignorant child. The widow and Naaman, in short, accepted through readiness and humility. The way of receiving God is always to be ready, to welcome and him and to be humble. Faith passes through here: readiness and humility. The widow and Naaman did not reject the ways of God and his prophets; they were docile, not rigid and closed.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus also goes the way of the prophets: he presents himself as we would not expect. He is not found by those who seek miracles – if we look for miracles, we will not find Jesus – by those who seek new sensations, intimate experiences, strange things; those who seek a faith made up of power and external signs. No, they will not find him. Instead, he is found only by those who accept his ways and his challenges, without complaint, without suspicion, without criticism and long faces. In other words, Jesus asks you to accept him in the daily reality that you live; in the Church of today, as it is; in those who are close to you every day; in the reality of those in need, in the problems of your family, in your parents, in your children, in grandparents, in welcoming God there. He is there, inviting us to purify ourselves in the river of availability and in many healthy baths of humility. It takes humility to encounter God, to let ourselves be encountered by him.

And us, are we welcoming or do we resemble his fellow country-

men, who believed they knew everything about him? "I studied theology, I took that course in catechesis... I know everything about Jesus!" Yes, like a fool! Don't be foolish, you don't know Jesus. Perhaps, after many years as believers, we think we know the Lord well, with our ideas and our judgments, very often. The risk is that we get accustomed, we get used to Jesus. And in this way, how do we grow accustomed? We close ourselves off, we close ourselves off to his newness, to the moment in which he knocks on our door and asks you something new, and wants to enter into you. We must stop being fixed in our positions. And when a person has an open mind, a simple heart, he or she has the capacity to be surprised, to wonder. The Lord always surprises us: this is the beauty of the encounter with Jesus. Instead, the Lord asks us for an open mind and a simple heart. May Our Lady, model of humility and willingness, show us the way to welcome Jesus.

### After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is World Leprosy Day. I express my closeness to those who suffer from this disease, and I hope that there will be no lack of spiritual assistance and healthcare assistance. It is necessary to work together towards the full integration of these people, overcoming every form of discrimination associated with a sickness that unfortunately still afflicts many people, especially in the most disadvantaged social contexts.

The day after tomorrow, 1 February, the Lunar New Year will be celebrated in the Far East, as well as various other parts of the world. I extend my cordial greetings, and express the wish that in the New Year everyone may enjoy peace, health and a peaceful and secure life. How beautiful it is when families find opportunities to gather together and experience moments of love and joy! Many families, unfortunately, will not be able to get together this year because of the pandemic. I hope that we will soon be able to overcome this trial. Finally, I hope that, thanks to the good will of individuals and the solidarity of peoples, the entire human family will be able to achieve with renewed dynamism goals of material and spiritual prosperity.

On the eve of the feast of Saint John Bosco, I would like to greet the Salesians and Salesian women, who do so much good in the Church. I followed the Mass celebrated in the shrine of Mary Help of Christians [in Turin] by the Rector Major Ángel Fernández Artime, I prayed with him for everyone. We think of this great Saint, father and teacher of the young. He did not shut himself up in the sacristy, he did not close himself off in his own things. He went out into the streets to look for young people, with the creativity that was his hallmark. Best wishes to all Salesians!

I greet you all, faithful of Rome and pilgrims from all over the world. In particular, I greet the faithful of Torrejón de Ardoz, in Spain, and the students from Murça, in Portugal.

I affectionately greet the boys and girls of Catholic Action of the diocese of Rome! They are here in a group. Dear young people, this year too, accompanied by your parents, educators and assistant priests, you have come – a small group, due to the pandemic – at the end of the Caravan for Peace. Your slogan is "Let's mend peace". It is a good slogan! It is important! There is a great need to "mend", starting from our personal relationships, all the way to relations between states. Thank you! Keep going! And now you will release your balloons as a sign of hope... there! It is a sign of hope that the young people of Rome are bringing to us today, this "caravan for peace".

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

**AN APPEAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA**  
**“Pray for peace and justice for Ukraine. Be informed. Support the suffering”**

As we celebrate Australia Day, we give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we receive living in this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. Australia Day also allows us to reflect upon our accomplishments as well as our failures as a nation. It is a day of national celebration for many, and for others a day of sorrow. Above all, our national day should be a day of hope for a better future, building on past accomplishments whilst at the same time learning from our mistakes. A day of reconciliation amongst all the diverse people that make up our great nation.

His Holiness Pope Francis has asked that the whole world join with him in praying for peace in Ukraine on 26 January – Australia day for us. “I am following with concern the increase of tensions that threaten to inflict a new blow to the peace in Ukraine, and call into question the security of the European continent, with wider repercussions,” the pope said after his weekly Angelus address on 23 January. “I make a heartfelt appeal to all people of good will, that they may raise prayers to God Almighty, that every political action and initiative may serve human kind, rather than partisan interests,” he stated.

In our Eastern Christian Christmas tradition, we rejoice and celebrate that “God is with us,” singing the praises of the Prince of Peace in hymns and carols. Yet as we reread the Nativity account, we encounter the homelessness of the Mother of God, the anguish of Joseph, and the refugee status of the newborn Jesus. Herod appears, a homicidal tyrant craving hegemony, who massacres innocent children in Bethlehem in order to kill the Messiah – a vivid image of the lust for power. In fact, Herod’s determination to dominate was so overpowering that he even murdered three of his own sons. The Holy Infant, who bringing salvation to all, was a threat to a tyrant pathetically clinging to his self-importance.

During this Christmas season, more than 100,000 Russian troops have been positioned on three sides of Ukraine: a nascent democracy, a country on a pilgrimage to freedom and dignity from the fear of a totalitarian past in which 15 million people were killed on Ukrainian territory.

Today, the world watches and wonders: Are religious freedoms, free press, robust public debate, and accountable government in a sovereign state to be punished through the escalation of an invasion that began in 2014? Are the Ukrainian people’s exercise of their God-given dignity a threat to a modern Herod’s thirst for power and hegemony?

This is a question of life and death, as nostalgia for an empire lost, has led to senseless slaughter and immense suffering throughout Ukraine.

President Putin has repeatedly stated that “the dissolution of the Soviet Union was the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the 20th century” not the genocides perpetrated against Armenians, Cambodians, or Rwandans, not the Nazi Holocaust of European Jews, not the Ukrainian Holodomor terror-famine or the deaths in the Soviet Gulag labour camps or China’s Great Leap Forward; not even the two world wars with their tens of millions of deaths. No, according to President Putin, the greatest catastrophe of the past century was the collapse of a murderous totalitarian empire, a prison house of nations. And that, Mr. Putin insists, is what must be restored in one form or another.

God-given human dignity and freedom threaten rulers who seek to dominate others, build empires, enslave, and colonize. Those with the audacity to resist, who dare to move from the fear of totalitarianism to freedom and dignity – people in Georgia and Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan – are mercilessly punished.

“A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.” (Mt. 2,18) After eight years of war initiated by Russia, Ukraine has lost a substantial part of its territory. 14,000 people, including children, have been killed, 1.5 million have been internally displaced, several hundred thousand agonize near the frontline, and millions suffer from post-traumatic stress. There are 400,000 traumatized veterans of the Ukrainian-Russian war and thousands who have lost their loved-ones.

Since February 2014, Revolution of Dignity on the Maidan, when 100 peaceful protestors were killed in cold blood in Kyiv, Ukrainian society has lived under a cloud of mourning and grief. Just one of our brother bishops in Ukraine, Stefan Sus, has officiated at 134 funerals of Ukrainian soldiers. Every city and town, and hundreds of villages, have fresh graves – sons and sisters, husbands and daughters, fathers, and grandfathers who gave their lives for what God promises to every human being – freedom and dignity.

The war in Ukraine is real. It kills, maims, and destroys daily. An escalated Russian invasion will generate additional millions of refugees, more dead and injured, more tears and pain. Still, the people of Ukraine courageously endure. As they stand with a gun to their head, they ask for our solidarity.

**What can we do?**

**Pray.** Pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. God is the Lord of history and the Lover of Humankind. His grace changes the most hardened hearts. Ukraine was brutally invaded, its territory annexed, the society traumatized. May God convert the promoters of violence. The Lord miraculously liberated the peoples of the Soviet Union without war. May God protect Ukraine and her people from further harm. May God’s gift of human dignity be honoured and protected.

**Be informed.** Know the facts and fight falsehood in a public debate being warped by Russian disinformation. Inform others. The world cannot look away; you should not look away. Seek and share the truth, which gives authentic freedom and wisdom.

**Support.** There is a huge humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. People near the frontline often lack the basics – clean water, fuel, food, clothes, medicine. Heal the wounds. Help the victims of this senseless invasion.

*“Give ear to my prayer, O God; And hide not thyself from my supplication...  
I am distraught by the noise of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked...  
But I will trust in thee”  
(Ps. 55, 1,2-3; 23)*

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

### Synod of Bishop's

Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### Art Exhibition: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres.

Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

**Exhibition date: Saturday May 14**

**Location: TBA**

**Time: 2pm– 5pm**

Categories Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult. \$150 prize for the winning entry in each Category

### Praying the Gospels

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

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

**Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.**

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>  
Password: pray

For more information contact:

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### Continuing our journey.....Building the Kingdom of God Together in 2022

Lenten Reflection

During Lent we are invited into prayer to renew and refocus our relationship with God, with ourselves and others, so we can fully celebrate the Paschal Mystery and live life to the full.

Continuing our synodal journey, you are invited to come together in parishes, schools and across the Diocese, both face-to-face and online, to remain connected during the season of Lent.

### Faith Matters | Share your story

Each fortnight Faith Matters aims to explore individuals and communities rich experience of their faith.

We invite you to share your faith story.

Everyone has a story.

No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it.

You could use the following questions as a guide.

Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?

Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?

How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?

In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters.

For more information or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au) or send your story to [shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au).

### "Amoris Laetitia Family Year " 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

### 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/>

Don't miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to [mnnews.today](https://www.mnnews.today) to view the events calendar, see photos and read stories about what is happening locally.



### 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

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### 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**



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