



# Bridgeside Bulletin



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

*"Unity in Christ"*

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**SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022,**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Yet again, we have witnessed flooding on a large scale throughout NSW. Please do pray for all affected. Please keep a look out for information on how to help with any appeals. Information will be provided once known.

This week has seen the second session of the fifth Plenary Council of Australia. It has been interesting to say the least. Time will tell what the final resolutions will be, and whether Rome will sign off on them. Time will also tell what the impact, whether positive or negative, will be on the Church in this country. Please pray for the delegates to the Council.

Over the next few weeks there will be formation for readers and extra ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, please look at future editions of the Bridgeside Bulletin for details. This formation for ministry will be a yearly thing. It is good to keep on top of what is happening in the liturgical life of the Parish and up to date on our practice. What we do in the Church building is for God. It is our worship of Him, it should, therefore be done as well as we are able to do it. God, after all deserves it.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to take Holy Communion to Estia. I will call a meeting of the volunteers in a couple of weeks. If people are interested in this ministry, or indeed any ministry please contact the office. I would also like to start a roster for collectors and the presentation of gifts. If you are able and willing please contact the office and put your name down for a position on the roster. It would save time before Mass if there were people rostered on, that way I or the sacristan will not need to find someone at the last minute to fulfill these ministries.

This weekend is Sea Sunday. Please see in the bulletin for details. Those seafarers who work those big ships, need so much help. They spend months away from their families and loved ones doing a very hard job. The Mission to Seafarers in most ports, including Newcastle provide a home away from home for these people, they provide an opportunity for them to get off the ship, and if need be seek God. If you are able to donate to this worthy ministry please see inside for details.

This weekend we are continuing the SVDP winter appeal. If you were unable to give last week please make use of an envelope on your seat this week. Please drop them in either of the collection plates or hand to me after Mass. I will be standing at the door to take any envelopes or loose money donations for the appeal.

This week you will see on the table near the bulletin laminated cards for people who give to the collection electronically. These cards can be used so that those people who choose to give electronically are still putting something on the plate and are not left out of this particular ritual action. I have also introduced the use of these cards to prevent any judgement of those who do not put anything on the plate. I am saddened, however, that I was forced to do this.

What can you do in the parish, last week call to harvest I suggest sowing seeds what will you do about it? Anything? If not why not? Are people happy for the parish to wither and die?

Please note that the office will be closed next week as Danielle has a well-deserved holiday. I will be checking emails and messages. Please be patient as things may well be a bit bumpy.

I would like to restart the ministry of hospitality after each of the Weekend Masses. However, I would like volunteers to organise this. Please let the office know if you are willing to help with this ministry, I think it is important that ministry continue if at all possible.

Please note that there is no Mass Wednesday and Thursday of this week as I need to be away.

As many of you are aware I have had Covid19. Though, I am over the acute/infectious phase of the virus, I do seem to be suffering with certain post viral symptoms, which are not receding as quickly as I would like. Please be patient as I continue to recover.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.

## Parish Timetable

<b>Mon</b> 11 JUL	9am Counters– Team 8 12pm Community Kitchen
<b>Tue</b> 12 JUL	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, followed by Benediction 4.30pm Mass
<b>Wed</b> 13 JUL	11am Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
<b>Thu</b> 14 JUL	12pm Community Kitchen
<b>Fri</b> 15 JUL	9.30am Mass
<b>Sat</b> 16 JUL	9.30am Mass 4.00pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun</b> 17 JUL	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Parish Notices

- The Parish Office will be closed next week, Mon 11th—Fri 15th July.
- There will be no Masses on 13th & 14th July as Fr Peter will be away.
- Bible study will resume on the 21st July.
- Please note that there are Mass offering envelopes on the table at the entrance to the Church
- Don't forget to collect your planned giving envelopes for the 22/23 FY from inside the church. We have spare sets of envelopes available for anyone who would like to sign up for planned giving.
- "I Give Electronically" cards are now available in the church. These cards can be placed in the collection bags by those who are set up with electronic giving.

## GO FUND ME

A fundraising page has been set up for Sharon & Greg Fowle who lost everything in a house fire recently. In your charity, please offer anything you can: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/house-fire-sharon-and-greg-fowle>

## Sea Sunday – 10 July 2022

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during the pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustained our population and economy.

The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



STELLA MARIS

## Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

Shepherding God  
you reveal your way of unending love  
in the image of the Good Shepherd  
who seeks the lost,  
shows compassion  
knows and is known by the sheep  
and lays down his life for them.  
We your people of Maitland-Newcastle  
are without a bishop to shepherd us.  
We ask that your Holy Spirit  
who moves through this great south land,  
inspire the choice of our new Bishop,  
empower his 'yes'  
and open our hearts in hospitality and love.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us  
Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.

**SVDP Winter Appeal continues this weekend.** Please help those who need it most this winter by contributing to the collection at Mass or donating through the SVDP website: <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

*The Power to change a life is within us all...*



## Family & Friends Group July Gathering

Lunch at Pacific Palms Rec Club  
at 12 Noon on Sunday 17th July.  
Let Margaret know during the week  
if you plan to attend. Margaret–  
6557 6448.



**Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis – 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God'** <https://tinyurl.com/vc7as9tv>

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for Aged Care

We are seeking Extraordinary Minister of Communion volunteers to go onto a roster for taking communion to the Catholic residents at Estia Forster once a month. Depending on how many people we have volunteer, your turn to take communion to Estia Forster might come around every couple of months. There will be formation offered for those who are interested but do not have experience as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion. You will also be required to undergo a police check and register as a parish volunteer if you haven't already completed this process. You will also need to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as this is a requirement to enter aged care facilities. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

## Saints and Feasts

**11TH JULY ST BENEDICT** was born at Nursia in c.480, the brother of St Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great's writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and after a while many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages.

**13TH JULY ST HENRY** (972-1024) As German king and Holy Roman Emperor, Henry was a practical man of affairs. He was energetic in consolidating his rule. He crushed rebellions and feuds. On all sides he had to deal with drawn-out disputes so as to protect his frontiers. This involved him in a number of battles, especially in the south in Italy; he also helped Pope Benedict VIII quell disturbances in Rome. Always his ultimate purpose was to establish a stable peace in Europe. According to eleventh-century custom, Henry took advantage of his position and appointed as bishops men loyal to him. In his case, however, he avoided the pitfalls of this practice and actually fostered the reform of ecclesiastical and monastic life. He was canonized in 1146.

**14TH JULY ST CAMILLUS DE LELLIS** was born at Bocchianico, Italy. He fought for the Venetians against the Turks, was addicted to gambling. He became a Capuchin novice, but was unable to be professed because of a diseased leg he contracted while fighting the Turks. He devoted himself to caring for the sick, and became director of St. Giacomo Hospital in Rome. He received permission from his confessor (St. Philip Neri) to be ordained and decided, with two companions, to found his own congregation, the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians), dedicated to the care of the sick. They ministered to the sick of Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, enlarged their facilities in 1585, founded a new house in Naples in 1588, and at-

tended the plague-stricken aboard ships in Rome's harbour and in Rome. In 1591, the Congregation was made into an order to serve the sick by Pope Gregory XIV, and in 1591 and 1605, Camillus sent members of his order to minister to wounded troops in Hungary and Croatia, the first field medical unit. Gravely ill for many years, he resigned as superior of the Order in 1607 and died in Rome on July 14. He was canonised in 1746, was declared patron of the sick, with St. John of God, by Pope Leo XIII, and patron of nurses and nursing groups by Pope Pius XI.

**15TH JULY ST BONAVENTURE** joined the order of Franciscans in 1243, and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against their opponents. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588. He was also regarded for his compassionate and gentle nature and for his accessibility to those who sought him

**16TH JULY OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** Sacred Scripture celebrated the beauty of Carmel where the prophet Elijah defended the purity of Israel's faith in the living God. In the twelfth century, hermits withdrew to that mountain and later founded the Carmelite order devoted to the contemplative life under the patronage of Mary, the holy Mother of God. Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is worldwide, and most Catholics are familiar with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock on July 16, 1251, and gave him the scapular with the following words, which are preserved in a fourteenth century narrative: "This will be for you and for all Carmelites the privilege, that he who dies in this will not suffer eternal fire." The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was instituted for the Carmelites in 1332, and extended to the whole Church by Benedict XIII in 1726.

### THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS – 10 Jul 22

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to the **difference between a cold, the flu and COVID-19.**

Common symptoms of these diseases may be more or less severe, or you may only have a few. If you feel sick, stay home and/or consult your doctor. Older adults are more likely to become seriously ill from the flu and COVID-19. **Getting vaccinated** is the best way to prevent flu and COVID-19. Currently, those 65+ are eligible for a 4th vaccination against COVID-19. ATAGI meets weekly and is currently considering extending this to those under 65.

#### THE COMMON COLD

The common cold is the most frequent, although generally mild, human disease. Over 200 different viruses can cause the common cold which, being so common, have significant implications on public health and quality of life, but *may also be life-threatening for vulnerable groups* of patients. **Common symptoms:** include sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, and cough.

#### INFLUENZA

Influenza (flu) types A and B are the most dangerous variants of respiratory illness that occur almost every winter and are often associated with increased rates for hospitalisation and death. Flu viruses continually change over time. This constant changing enables the virus to evade the immune system, so that people are susceptible to the flu throughout life. A major step in avoiding the flu, therefore, is annual vaccination which is tailored to provide protection against the latest variants.

**Common symptoms:** include fever and/or chills, headache, muscle pain or body aches, feeling tired or weak, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, vomiting, and diarrhoea.

What to do if something goes wrong – talk to children without being judgmental or angry and make them feel like they can come to you about anything without fear of criticism or punishment. Report abuse/grooming to local police or Crimestoppers. Get support from professional counselling.

#### COVID-19

Covid-19 is **NOT** over – in Australia, we are in the 3rd wave with 329 deaths in the past week and we have grimly just passed 10,000 deaths. Also last week in NSW, 69,322 new cases were detected but Blood Bank figures suggest the real number is at least twice as high. In our local Mid-Coast region, 2501 new cases have been reported in the last 4 weeks. Newer variants, such as Omicron BA4 and BA5, are spreading more easily. Governments may be too fearful of reactions to impose restrictions. With the influx of visitors during the current Winter School Vacation, we need to heighten our own vigilance – 1.5m separation, wearing a mask, frequent sanitising.

**Common symptoms:** include fever and/or chills, headache, muscle pain or body aches, feeling tired or weak, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, vomiting and diarrhea, and change in or loss of taste or smell.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Terrence Fowler & Fr Tony Stace

***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:***

Michael Meyer, Imogen Ralph, Joe Camilleri, Gerard Cross, Joseph Barnett & Marie Davis.

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



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Sunday 10 Jul 2022**

**Fr Peter:** Dear friends, let us bring our intentions before the Lord, who we trust in love.

**1. Reader:** That our Holy Father Pope Francis will continue to show the love of God through his actions towards the poor and needy. In your glory:

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

**2. Reader:** That the destitute and isolated will not be neglected or passed by. In your glory:

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

**3. Reader:** That organisations that work for the good of the poor will find support and encouragement. In your glory:

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

**4. Reader:** That our parish community will treat our neighbours with care, respect and kindness. In your glory:

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

**5. Reader:** That the work of seafarers will be acknowledged, and the spiritual and material needs of them and their families will be met. In your glory:

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

**6. Reader:** That those affected by floods, earthquakes, and other disasters will receive the help they urgently need. In your glory:

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

**7. Reader:** That the sick and housebound will find relief from their suffering, especially all those in our parish bulletin. In your glory:

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

**8. Reader:** That those who have died will live for ever in the divine compassion of Christ, especially Terrence Fowler & Fr Tony Stace whose anniversaries occur at this time. In your glory:

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

**Fr Peter:** Loving God, your Son teaches us to love our neighbour. Hear our prayers and help us to live in kindness and love as we serve each other in your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**A Prayer For Those Unable To Receive Holy Communion**

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

**Sunday 10 Jul 2022**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 16:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**First Reading**

*Dt 30:10-14*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37*

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

**Second Reading**

*Col 1:15-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*See Jn 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Lk 10:25-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

**Communion Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 83:4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Readings for Next Week 16/17 July**

**First Reading**

Gen 18:1-10 Abraham meets the Lord, is promised a son.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1 (R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

Col 1:24-28 Paul finds joy in suffering.

**Gospel Acclamation**

See Lk 8:15 Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Lk 10:38-42 Jesus eats at the home of Martha and Mary.

# 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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**Sunday 10 Jul 2022**  
**SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY**  
**by Brendan Byrne SJ**

The parable of the Good Samaritan, which forms the **Gospel** for today (Luke 10:25-37), is one of those parts of the New Testament concerning which we would have to say that, if it were lacking, Christianity would be something else. Here we encounter something truly distinctive of the teaching of Jesus.

The supplementary question from the lawyer, 'And who is my neighbour?', is hostile ('to test him'). Because Jesus has drawn the right response out of him and shown that he really knew the answer to his question about inheriting eternal life all along, the lawyer wants 'to justify himself' – show that there really is a deeper question lurking there.

And what an answer he gets! The parable, as Jesus tells it, radically reconfigures both his question and the concept 'neighbour'.

To see how it does this, let's look at the parable in itself – that is, as Jesus probably told it, apart from the setting it has in Luke's gospel. The passing-parade, so to speak, of travellers along the road sets up a pattern that builds up expectation in those who hear the story. Representatives of various classes of persons on a journey arrive at the place where the wounded traveller lies by the side of the road, see him there and respond. In the first two cases – those of the religious functionaries, the priest and the levite – the response is to pass by on the other side. They have to avoid contact with the dead or soon-to-be-dead that would prevent them carrying out their sacred duties. So who do we expect the third traveller to be? Probably a Jewish layperson – someone who, unlike the others, will pick up the tab, so to speak, do the decent thing by a fellow citizen fallen on bad times. But, surprise! surprise! the third person who comes along is not a Jew at all but an enemy, an alien: a Samaritan. Surely, he will pass by on the other side! Or, more likely, see if there is anything left to rob, finish the man off, and hasten on his way.

Centuries of familiarity with the phrase 'Good Samaritan' have dulled us to the oxymoron involved at the time of Jesus in putting those two words – 'good' and 'Samaritan' – together. For Jews Samaritans were not 'good' but 'bad' (cf. John 4:9). When the story tells how this Samaritan is 'moved with compassion' ('moved to the depths of his being' would be a more accurate translation of the Greek word) and when it goes on to describe how he doesn't just administer first aid but piles on further help, even paying for long-term care out of his own pocket, it shatters long-established stereotyping and prejudice. Here, from this ethnic enemy, comes over-the-top goodness and humanity. The story forces the hearers to put together the previously opposed ideas 'good' and 'Samaritan'. Something like what it would mean to us to say 'good terrorist', 'good drug dealer', and so on.

The story shows that the Samaritan does not see a conventional label – 'Jew' – hanging round the neck of the wounded traveller. He has broken through the labels, on which old hostilities are pegged. He sees simply a fellow human being in need of help. This vision lies at the heart of the idea of 'neighbour' that Jesus is trying to transform. What does it really mean to be 'a neighbour'? Before any action it has to do with attitude and with how I see another person. Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social or occupational tag? Or do I go through all these surface things and see, first and foremost, and with compassion, a fellow human being? So it is not only what the Samaritan does that is exemplary. It is where he starts from that constitutes the real challenge.

Moreover, in reply to the lawyer, Jesus has taken the concept 'neighbour' and shifted it from being a tag that I may or may not apply to another, to being a quality or a vocation that I take upon myself and actively live out. As stated above, the whole frame of reference has shifted from, 'Who is my neighbour?', to 'To whom can I/ought I be neighbour?' Just people like me? Or also people who are not like me, not 'one of us' at all. The 'way to eternal life' is to allow oneself to become in this way an active instrument of the boundary-breaking hospitality of God.

The **First Reading**, from Deuteronomy 30:10-14, admirably sets up the Gospel with its sense that we do not have to go far to fulfil what God wants. The 'word is near' in the sense that it begins with the attitude I have to those around me. It is, first of all, 'in my mouth, in my heart'.

**POPE FRANCIS**  
**ANGELUS**  
**Saint Peter's Square**  
**Sunday, 3 July 2022**

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

In the Gospel of this Sunday's liturgy, we read that "the Lord appointed seventy-two [disciples], and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come" (Lk 10:1). The disciples were sent two by two, not individually. To go on a mission two by two, from a practical point of view, would seem to bring more disadvantages than advantages. There is the risk that the two do not get along, that they would go at a different pace, that one would get tired or sick along the way, forcing the other to stop. When one is alone, on the other hand, it seems the journey would become swifter and smoother. However, Jesus does not think like this: he does not send people out alone before him, but disciples who go two by two. Let us ask ourselves a question: what is the reason for this choice of the Lord?

It was the task of the disciples to go ahead into the villages to prepare the people to receive Jesus; and the instructions he gives them are not so much about what they should say, but how they should be: that is, not on the "phrasebook" of what they should say, no; on the witness of life, the witness to give rather than the words to say. Indeed, he defines them as workers: they are therefore required to work, to evangelize through their behaviour. And the first practical action with which the disciples carry out their mission is precisely that of going two by two. The disciples are not "free riders", preachers who do not know how to yield the word to another. It is primarily the very life of the disciples that announces the Gospel: their knowing how to be together, their mutual respect, their not wanting to prove that they are more capable than the other, their concordant reference to the one Master.

Perfect pastoral plans can be drawn up, and well-designed projects implemented, organized down to the last detail; one can summon crowds and have many means; but if there is no willingness to fraternity, the mission cannot advance. Once, a missionary told of how he left for Africa with a confrere. However, after some time he separated from him, stopping in a village where he successfully implemented a series of building projects for the good of the community. Everything was working well. But one day he had a jolt: he realized that his life was that of a good entrepreneur, always in the midst of building sites and paperwork! But... and that "but" remained there. So, he left the management to others, to the laypeople, and joined his confrere. He thus understood why the Lord had sent the disciples "two by two": the evangelizing mission is not based on personal activism, that is, on "doing", but on the witness of brotherly love, even amid the difficulties that living together entails.

So, we might wonder: how do we take the good news of the Gospel to others? Do we do so with a fraternal spirit and style, or in the manner of the world, with self-promotion, competitiveness and efficiency. Let us ask ourselves whether we have the capacity to collaborate, whether we know how to take decisions together, sincerely respecting those who are alongside us and taking into account their point of view, whether we do so in community, not by ourselves. Indeed, it is above all in this way that the life of the disciple allows that of the Master to shine through, truly announcing it to others.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach us how to prepare the way for the Lord with the witness of fraternity.

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**After praying the Angelus, the Holy Father continued:**

Dear brothers and sisters!

Yesterday, in San Ramón de la Nueva Orán, in Argentina, Pedro Ortiz de Zárate, diocesan priest, and Juan Antonio Solinas, priest of the Society of Jesus, were beatified. These two missionaries, who dedicated their life to the transmission of the faith and the defence of indigenous populations, were killed in 1683 because they brought the message of peace of the Gospel. May the example of these martyrs help us to bear witness to the Good News without compromise, dedicating ourselves generously to the service of the weakest. A round of applause for the new Blessed!

Let us continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and in the entire world. I appeal to the heads of nations and international organizations to react to the tendency to accentuate conflict and confrontation. The world needs peace. Not a peace based on the balance of weapons, on mutual fear. No, that will not do. This means turning history back seventy years. The Ukrainian crisis should have been, but – if there is the will – can still become a challenge for wise statesmen, capable of building, with dialogue, a better world for the new generations. With God's help, this is always possible! But it is necessary to pass from the strategies of political, economic and military power to a plan for global peace: no to a world divided between conflicting powers; yes to a world united between peoples and civilizations that respect each other.

I greet you all, dear Romans and pilgrims! In particular, I greet the lectors and ministrants of Dobra, Poland; the students of Slavonski Brod, Croatia; the Albanese faithful with their parish priests and the travelling team of the Neocatechumenal Way in Albania. I greet the faithful of Naples, Ascoli Piceno, Perugia and Catania, and the young candidates for confirmation from Tremignon and Vaccarino, in the diocese of Vicenza.

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

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## Sea Sunday – 10 July 2022



Every year, over 28,000 merchant ships visit Australian ports. These ships are crewed by over 300,000 seafarers. Most of these mariners come from developing countries and are employed because they represent cheap labour for the ship owners. Even in the best of times, seafarers suffer harsh and demanding conditions aboard the ship. Having signed on for 8 to 10 months contracts, seafarers suffer from boredom, loneliness, constant noise and vibration, and the ever-present fear of suffering an injury or sickness whilst at sea. Every year, thousands of seafarers are injured and many die, many having taken their own life. Last year, more than 250 seafarers were hospitalised in Australia because of a medical emergency suffered on board a ship.

So, what is Sea Sunday? This is a national appeal undertaken by the Catholic Church in Australia each year across every parish on the second Sunday in July to raise awareness of the needs of seafarers – the often unseen, vital workers that keep our economies going, but often at great personal cost to themselves and their families.

When Jesus said: "...love the Lord, your God...and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27), the instruction was very clear. But, quite apart from any wish to follow the teaching of Jesus, all Australians should be grateful for the work performed on their behalf by seafarers. All of the cars we drive came to us from overseas on ships. Most of the clothing we wear comes from overseas, brought to us on ships. Much of our furniture and white goods come to us on ships. The wealth we enjoy comes from the export of products on ships. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to overseas seafarers, but they are very largely forgotten – we never think of them.

Pope Francis in 2014 called on those who work for the wellbeing of seafarers and their families to "be the voice of those workers who live far from their loved ones and face dangerous and difficult situations."

Stella Maris seafarers' ministry has the largest number of centres and chaplaincies around the world. It sits within the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and its network headquarters is in Rome. In Australia, Stella Maris runs seafarers' welfare services centres in all the major ports and offers chaplaincy services in many others. Stella Maris Seafarer Centres are places where the stranger is welcomed. They are places where volunteers assist seafarers with their telephones and internet and Wi-Fi connections to keep in touch with their families. Complying with COVID safeguards, some volunteers visit the ships in the harbour. And in pre COVID times, some volunteers transported men to and from their ships, the Centre and the nearest shops. They support the sick or injured seafarers in hospital and keep contact with their families overseas. Volunteers at the Stella Maris Seafarers Centres around the world have backgrounds as varied as those of the disciples. What they have in common is the wish to respond to the call of Jesus to spread His love for all people, to welcome and show hospitality to seafarers, to be open to them, to listen to their hopes, their fears, and their joys and to help in practical ways.

Today, we acknowledge the work of seafarers and pray for their safety. Today is also an opportunity for you to respond to the call to mission that we all share. In the famous Parable it's a Samaritan who helps the Jew who's been attacked and robbed. Because the Samaritan didn't see an enemy, but a fellow human being in need of help. At the end of the Parable, the expert in Scripture answers Jesus by saying that the Samaritan was a neighbour to the man who was attacked because he was: The one who had mercy on him (Lk 10:37). Jesus says to the man: "Go and do likewise!" (Lk 10:37). Those words of Jesus must make their home in us. [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)



> **"Go and do likewise!"** Luke 10:37

# Celebrating Catholic funerals in the face of secularism, COVID and other challenges



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Over the past several decades, the Catholic Church's *Order of Christian Funerals* has not changed, but the culture surrounding funerals has. For example, people are thinking differently about cremation, the timing of the funeral, the nature of the service, the location of the funeral, and the final disposition of remains. This presentation will review key points from the funeral tradition and engage ways to make it more meaningful.



## Fr Paul Turner

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## Online via Zoom:

18 July 2022  
10am (AEST)

## Registration fee :

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### Rediscovering Joy- Finding Wonder and Joy in the word of God

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

**Date:** 15 August 2022

**Time:** 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am)

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

**Cost:** \$30

**To register go to:** [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467)

### Young Adult Ministry: Thread Day

Join the Young Adult Ministry for an interactive afternoon of networking, prayer, formation and hospitality with others from around the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. The day is pitched at those involved in Youth Ministry and those wishing to serve in Youth Ministry. We will start the day with lunch and hospitality from 12pm followed by a time of prayer, talks, testimonies, and a workshop on The Young Christian Students' Review of Life Method.

**Date:** Saturday 16 July

**Time:** 12pm-5pm

**Location:** Toohey Room- Cathedral Offices- 841 Hunter St Newcastle

**Contact for more info:** Mary-Anne on 0409 077 373 or email [youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au)

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### 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**

For volunteer opportunities contact Michelle Robinson: 0447 184 917

### 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,  
5.30pm 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.**



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Sat 5.00pm, Sun. 8.00am & 10.00am

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