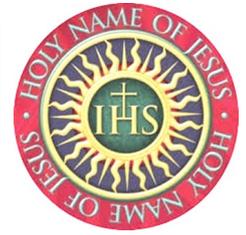




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“Unity in Christ”

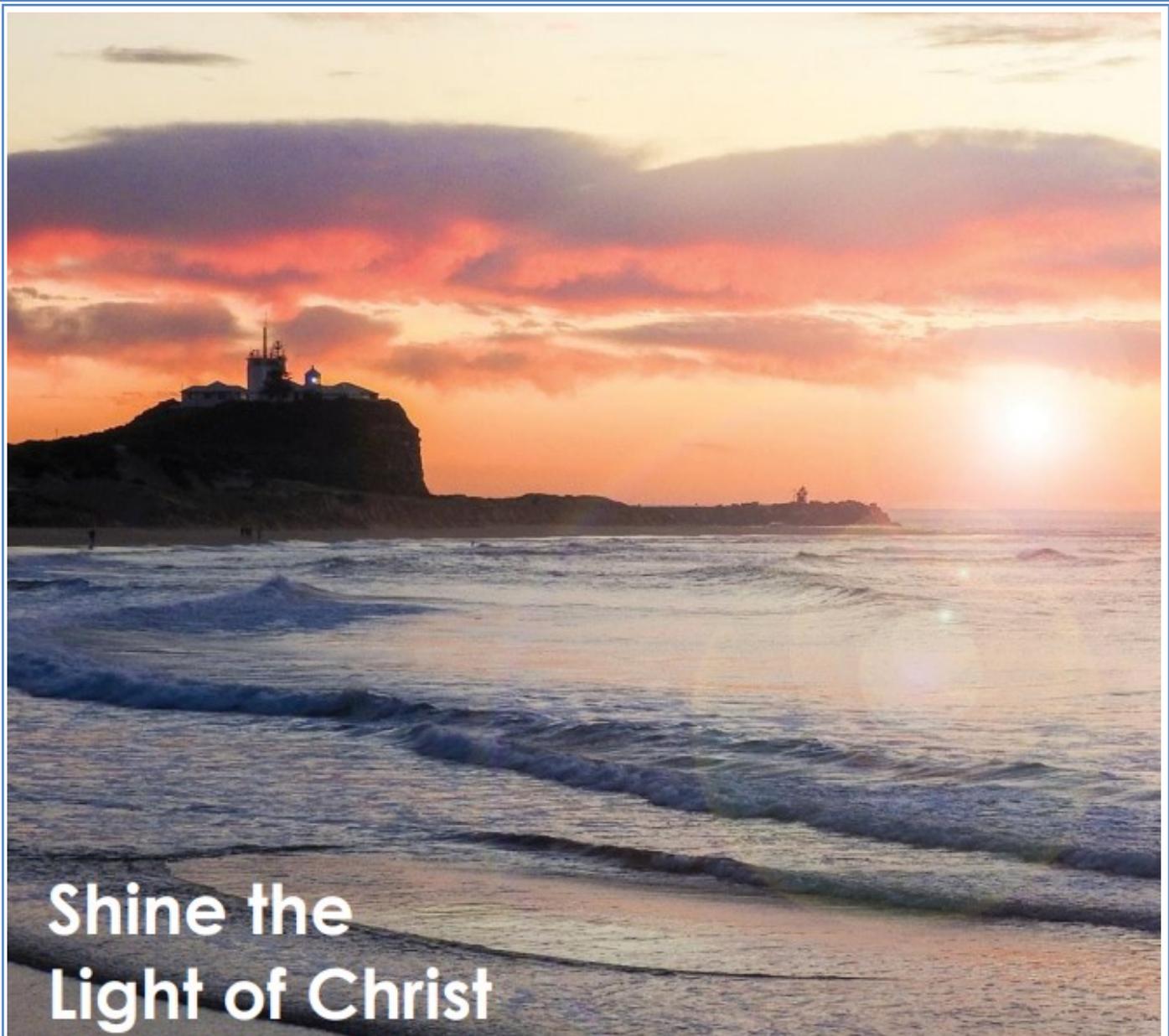
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SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2022,

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C



Shine the Light of Christ

2022 marks five years since Lina's Project and Bishop Bill Wright establishing 15 September as a Perpetual Day of Remembrance throughout the diocese. Such a day holds before us our history of child sexual abuse and the reality of its continual unfolding in the lives of those directly and indirectly affected. The *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* continues to push us to think deeply about what it means to be and live Catholic. Our unity is marked by enormous diversity. This diversity requires great sensitivity in discerning our communal faith response to this day. As a faith community it is important for all of us to recognise that this day responds to a deep need in some of our brothers and sisters. As members of the community of Jesus' disciples – irrespective of our affiliation with the worshipping community – we stand together, with survivors, against all forms of abuse and for cultural change that will promote fullness of life for all. We need every glimmer of light if together we hope to **Shine the light of Christ** into this dark space: a light of solidarity, a light of prayer, a light of courage and commitment to change, a light of healing and hope. - *Diocese of Maitland Newcastle*

Parish Timetable

Mon 12 SEP	9am Counters– Team 8 12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 13 SEP	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, Benediction & Confession 4.30pm Mass
Wed 14 SEP	11am Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 15 SEP	12pm Community Kitchen
Fri 16 SEP	9.30am Mass
Sat 17 SEP	9.30am Mass 4.00pm Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 18 SEP	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.00pm Solemn Evening Prayer of the Dead

Parish Notices

- **There will be no 9.30am Mass on 14th & 15th Sep.**
- **Mass at 4.30pm** on Tue 13 Sep will be offered for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
- Solemn Evening Prayer of the Dead at **5.00pm on Fri 16 Sep** for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Parish Review Visit - Saturday 8 October

All members of our parish are invited to attend a gathering with Fr Matthew Muller and Teresa Brierley to discuss new parish leadership and the pastoral planning needs of the parish.

Date: 8 Oct 2022

Time: 10.30am - 1.30pm

Place: Parish Hall, 31 Lake Street Forster

Bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Lunch will be provided.

Purpose: Begin or review Pastoral Planning for the Parish and imagine where the parish will be in 6-12 years' time.

Schedule:

- Gathering and morning tea.
- Presentation: New continuous development program for Clergy.
- Presentation: Leadership model.
- Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/ Threats (SWOT) analysis.
- Discussion: What will the Parish look like in 6 years and 12 years.
- Lunch

Please contact the parish office to register for this event for catering purposes.

PARISH MOBILE NUMBER

Please note our new preferred phone contact for the parish office

0475 242 695

Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

Shepherding God
you reveal your way of unfailing 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.**

Mary's Rosary Chain

Mary's Rosary Chain is a not for profit organisation which began in 2007, with the aim to evangelise through printed prayer cards and rosary beads, which promote devotions to Our Lord Jesus and Our Blessed Mother, through the holy rosary and other various devotions.

We are also inviting and encouraging the faithful to join Mary's Rosary Chain by praying one decade of 10 Hail Marys or more each day, in communion with other participants in this great powerful chain of prayer. All participants are invited to enrol their names on a list, and have their names placed permanently under the Blessed Sacrament in a Monastery of St Paul the First Hermit, 'Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy', Penrose Park, where the Order will pray daily for their intentions. Holy Mass is also celebrated for all the names of participants every Saturday.

If you would like to join Mary's Powerful Rosary Chain and help pray for the many urgent needs of the Holy Church and the world in general, you are most welcome.

What you need to do:

1. Call or email us for your free card or simply download and print a copy, then cut and fold into a card format and laminate if desired for long term use.
2. Send us your name by email or phone, so we can write the names on a list and place them permanently under the Blessed Sacrament in a Monastery of St Paul the First Hermit, "Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy"- Penrose Park, where the Order will pray daily and offer weekly Mass for your needs and intentions.
3. Pray your decade of 10 Hail Marys every day if possible. You can pray your decade after you wake in the morning or sometime during the day. Also while going to or from work or school or before going to bed at night.

The great benefit of praying this one decade of the Rosary each day in union with tens of thousands of other participants is the abundant fold grace of combined prayers together with the Daily Prayers of the Pauline Order for your intentions.

Mary's Rosary Chain Inc:

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Saints and Feasts



The Madonna of the Roses (1903) by William-Adolphe Bouguereau

12TH SEPTEMBER HOLY NAME OF MARY This feast day began in Spain in 1513. In 1683 Pope Innocent XI extended the existing Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary to the universal Church to thank Our Lady for the victory of John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the forces of militant Islam. On September 11th, 1683, Muslim Turks attacked Vienna, threatening the Christian West. The next day, Sobieski, invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary and placing his forces under her protection, emerged victorious. Pope John Paul II restored the feast of the Holy Name of Mary with the publication of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal in 2002, one year after the attacks of September 11th, 2001. In Hebrew, the

name Mary is Miryam. In Our Lady's time, Aramaic was the spoken language, and the form of the name then was Mariam. Throughout the centuries, Saints and scholars have put forth different interpretations for the name "Mary" - a mixture of etymology and devotion. However Star of the Sea certainly seems most accepted. St Thomas Aquinas wrote, "Mary means star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."

13TH SEPTEMBER ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM was born in Antioch in 347 AD and was raised by his widowed mother. After receiving the best education available, he became a monk and lived an austere life in the mountains. He returned to Antioch eight years later to become a deacon and eventually was ordained a priest in 386 AD. St John became a famous preacher and commentator on the Gospels of Matthew and John and the Epistles of Paul. In 397 AD, Emperor Arcadius chose St John to become the Archbishop of Constantinople. He was outspoken in his attempts to reform the corrupt

morals of the court, clergy and people. As a result of this he made many enemies, who conspired to have him removed as Archbishop and sent into exile. In the West he is known as one of the Four Greek Doctors of the church.

14TH SEPTEMBER EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. The entrance antiphon for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is: "We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection: through him we are saved and made free

15TH SEPTEMBER OUR LADY OF SORROWS Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. Today's feast was introduced by the Servites in order to intensify devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows. In 1817 Pius VII — suffering grievously in exile but finally liberated by Mary's intercession — extended the feast to the universal Church. The title "Our Lady of Sorrows" focuses on Mary's intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. "The Seven Dolors," the title by which it was celebrated in the 17th century, referred to the seven swords that pierced the Heart of Mary.

16TH SEPTEMBER ST CORNELIUS, Pope, martyr, and Cyprian, Bishop, martyr. St Cornelius was elected as pope in 251 AD; a time when Christians were being persecuted. He faced much opposition within the church over the issue of reconciling those who had distanced themselves from the church (apostates) during these dangerous times. St Cyprian was the bishop of Carthage. He supported the pope's view that apostates should be pardoned and welcomed back into the church. A few letters written by Cornelius to Cyprian survive today, including those which were written after he was banished from Rome in 253 AD. Cornelius died in exile most probably from poor health, although it was Cyprian who called him a martyr to the faith.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS – 11 Sep 22

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to **what parents can do to support teenage daughters as they grow into young women.**

Due to the added pressures of the Covid-19 pandemic, our teens have had to deal with enormous disruptions which have compounded pressures which range from feeling prepared for school examinations to managing friendships.

The job of parents (and grandparents) is to listen, listen, listen. By the age of 16 or 17, many now want to open up more so times, places and topics need to be available.

Let them fail – It will improve their confidence, independence and encourage leadership skills. Understandably, parents want them to win, succeed and shine but every failure comes a lesson that will help them succeed. Teachers tell stories of parents writing assignments, employ 'experts' to check marks, complain when their daughter misses a role in the school musical, and defend them when they flaunt school rules.

Seek help – Access school counsellors or health professionals if mental health issues such as eating disorders, self-harm, anxiety, school refusal or depression becomes apparent.

Social media addiction – This can become more intense with pressures on teens to post naked 'selfies' (noods), subscribe to porn sites to make money, or undergo surgery to achieve fuller lips, bigger eyes, more symmetrical noses so they do look like do when they photoshop themselves.

Achieving best ATAR – Teens can become obsessed with the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank which ranks their HSC marks against all people of their age in Australia, including those who are not doing the HSC exams and who, obviously, rank at the bottom. This preoccupation can lead to giving up sport, music, friendships and family time. A balance needs to be encouraged. Accessing the school careers' advisor can help plan appropriate interest-based career options and alternate methods of entry – a recent study by the Mitchell Institute for Education found that only 26% of students gained university access through an ATAR compared with alternate pathways.

'After sales service' – Many high schools, including St. Clare's High School in Taree, stay in contact with ex-students to assist them with filling out applications for work, scholarships or accommodation. They also assist student with regard to change of subjects &/or change of courses at university, business college and TAFE.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently deceased: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Richard Jones, David Stewart, Leslie Gomez & Edit Kolompar .

Anniversaries: Mark Cairns-Cowan, Herbert James Thomas, John Fazio & Marie O'Neill

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:

Joe Camilleri, Reginald Cross, Joseph Barnett, Jane Michie, Lyn Denney & Imogen Ralph

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



**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday 11 Sep 2022**

Fr Peter: Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us pray to the God of light and truth for our needs and those of the world.

1. Reader: That the Holy Church will find unity and reconciliation among Christians throughout the world. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Reader: That nations at war will find peace through forgiveness. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. Reader: For Australia and all nations led so faithfully by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, may they continue to grow and prosper. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. Reader: That His Majesty the King and the royal family, may they receive solace in their grief. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. Reader: That those who have wandered into darkness will find renewal in the mercy of Christ. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. Reader: That our parish community may support young people in finding their place in the church. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. Reader: That the Church will be ever-vigilant in protecting and safeguarding the children and vulnerable people. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

8. Reader: That the Church will stand in humility and solidarity with all who have suffered any form of abuse. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

9. Reader: That the sick will find healing through the Holy Spirit, especially all those in our parish bulletin. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

10. Reader: That those who have died will live forever in God's embrace, especially Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Richard Jones, David Stewart, Leslie Gomez & Edit Kolompar who have died recently and Mark Cairns-Cowan, Herbert James Thomas, John Fazio & Marie O'Neill whose anniversaries occurs at this time. In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter: God of the living and the dead, in Jesus you raise us up to shine your light in the dark places of our world. Hear these prayers and help us to always remember how much we are loved. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

Ode to the Light of Christ

Come, let us walk in the Light of the Lord.

Let us not fear the past

when our hearts were heavy. (Is. 2:5)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us bring light from the darkness.

Let us make evil good

and find sweet in the bitter. (Is. 5:20)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us weep together

when the light grew dark with the clouds,

from the darkness and distress. (Is. 5:30)

Let us Shine the Light of Christ.

Come, let us walk with our brothers and sisters,

those who have walked in darkness.

Let them see the great Light of God. (Is. 9:2)

and let us Shine the Light of Christ.

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Lord.” He said, ‘Prophecy over these bones. Say, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord.” I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man. Say to the breath, “The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!” I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army. Then he said, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, “Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead.” So prophecy. Say to them, “The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this it is the Lord who speaks.”’

Prayer for turning on ‘the light of Christ’

Person 1: The light of Christ shines in the darkness

Response: *and the darkness shall never overcome it.*

Let us pray

God with us, you have made us in your image and filled us with the breath of your divine life. Through the life of Jesus you show us the way to live in the light of your love. As darkness falls may these lights remind us of our mission to shine the light of your love on the darkness of our Church and world. Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered

May we shine the light of your justice.

Where there is privilege and prestige

May we shine the light of your humility.

Where there is dishonesty and denial

May we shine the light of your truth.

Where transparency is lacking and agendas are hidden

May we shine the light of your integrity.

Where there is fear

May we shine the light of your courage.

Where there is judgement

May we shine the light of your compassion.

Where there is disrespect

May we shine the light of your love.

Where people feel silenced

May we shine the light of your word.

Where people feel excluded

May we shine the light of your acceptance.

Where there is sin

May we shine the light of your forgiveness.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

For turning off the lights

Day has dawned.

As we turn off our lights we commit to shining the light of Christ in all we do throughout our day.

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up. He said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘You know,

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 41:2-3; 42:3-4. R. see Ps 41:3

(R.) My soul is thirsting for the living God.

1. Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God. (R.)

2. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life; when can I enter and see the face of God? (R.)

3. O send forth your light and your truth; let these be my guide. Let them bring me to your holy mountain to the place where you dwell. (R.)

4. And I will come to the altar of God, the God of my joy. My redeemer, I will thank you on the harp, O God, my God. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7 – 9)

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine in the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (1:46-56)

Mary said: ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. ‘He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy— according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’ Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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 11 Sep 2022
SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ

Part of the Gospel for today, at least in its longer form, Luke 15:1-32, we have heard already this year on the 5th Sunday of Lent. The three parables involved (the Parables of the Lost) are so central to Christian understanding that it is no harm that people should hear and reflect upon them more than once a year. All three cohere around a central theme: the character of God in the face of human moral failure.

The First Reading, from Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14, describes a classic instance of human failure in the Old Testament: Israel's apostasy and rebellion in the incident of the Golden Calf. To be more precise, it describes the interaction between God and Moses in view of that behaviour. Faced with God's intent to destroy the people Moses 'reminds' God of the act of deliverance of the people from Egypt and the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to make their descendants as many as the stars of heaven. What emerges from the passage is a sense that the character of God as a God of righteous wrath yields to that of a God of boundless generosity, mercy, and faithfulness to promise. The latter is Israel's fundamental sense of God.

The Second Reading, from 1 Timothy 1:12-17, has Paul reflecting upon his own personal experience and the knowledge of God he came to acquire through that. Conscious of his past history as a persecutor of the followers of Jesus and of the immensity of the turnaround in his life when the grace of Christ took hold of him, Paul portrays himself as a model or paradigm of God's entire outreach to a sinful humanity. He has been made 'the greatest evidence of God's inexhaustible patience for all who would come to believe in him for eternal life'. Paul's whole mission is energised by this personal discovery of the nature of God.

The parables making up the Gospel for today, then come as the crowning representation of this revelation of God. They are rightly described as the 'Parables of the Lost' because in each case the focus falls upon a person who loses something precious and responds in a way that is at once foolish and extravagant. The owner of the sheep leaves ninety of them to fend for themselves while he goes after the one sheep that is lost; the woman turns her house upside down to find a small coin. In each case, there fol-

lows a summons to communal celebration. In the third parable, the father, a middle-aged man with a large household, runs out to welcome home, with great display of affection, a son who has coldly demanded his share of the family fortune and then gone on to ruin and disgrace the family. Once again, a celebration must follow – this time on a grand scale, involving the slaughter of the calf specially fattened for just such an occasion.

This sense of celebration addresses the context in which Jesus tells all three parables. He tells them as a defence against the criticism he is receiving for the welcome he is giving to 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners' and his 'eating with them'. His celebration of these lost ones being 'found' or 're-found' by God is nothing other than a reflection on earth of a much greater celebration going on in heaven (v. 7; v.10; vv. 23-24; v. 32).

In each case, then, the behaviour, response and attitude of the person who loses something precious images the behaviour, response and attitude of God towards human beings 'lost' through sin. Taken together, the parables show that the chief issue at stake is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and recovery of human beings, who are so precious in God's sight. The whole mission of Jesus is to reclaim human lives for God and to show people how much God values them by publicly celebrating that reclamation. The 'foolishness' of each of the main actors in the parables images in some way the supreme 'foolishness' of God's love displayed, for that same purpose, in the Cross (cf. 1 Cor 1:21-25).

The third parable (the 'Lost Son') introduces a further character: the older brother, who reacts so angrily to his father's reinstatement of his brother to full status as son. His attitude shows the difficulty human beings have in coming to terms with such a vision of God. Conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt acts of sin. It can also – perhaps even more radically – mean confronting one's own anger and resentment at God's unbounded generosity to others. The older brother did not think his younger sibling deserved to be treated so indulgently. But what human beings might or might not 'deserve' does not control the action of God.

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GRACE AND JUSTIFICATION

422. What is justification? Justification is the most excellent work of God's love. It is the merciful and freely-given act of God which takes away our sins and makes us just and holy in our whole being. It is brought about by means of the grace of the Holy Spirit which has been merited for us by the passion of Christ and is given to us in Baptism. Justification is the beginning of the free response of man, that is, faith in Christ and of cooperation with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

423. What is the grace that justifies? That grace is the gratuitous gift that God gives us to make us participants in his trinitarian life and able to act by his love. It is called habitual, sanctifying or deifying grace because it sanctifies and divinizes us. It is supernatural because it depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative and surpasses the abilities of the intellect and the powers of human beings. It therefore escapes our experience.

424. What other kinds of grace are there? Besides habitual grace, there are actual graces (gifts for specific circumstances), sacramental graces (gifts proper to each sacrament), special graces or charisms (gifts that are intended for the common good of the Church) among which are the graces of state that accompany the exercise of ecclesial ministries and the responsibilities of life.

425. What is the relationship between grace and human freedom? Grace precedes, prepares and elicits our free response. It

responds to the deep yearnings of human freedom, calls for its cooperation and leads freedom toward its perfection.

426. What is merit? In general merit refers to the right to recompense for a good deed. With regard to God, we of ourselves are not able to merit anything, having received everything freely from him. However, God gives us the possibility of acquiring merit through union with the love of Christ, who is the source of our merits before God. The merits for good works, therefore must be attributed in the first place to the grace of God and then to the free will of man.

427. What are the goods that we can merit? Moved by the Holy Spirit, we can merit for ourselves and for others the graces needed for our sanctification and for the attainment of eternal life. Even temporal goods, suitable for us, can be merited in accordance with the plan of God. No one, however, can merit the initial grace which is at the origin of conversion and justification.

428. Are all called to Christian holiness? All the faithful are called to Christian holiness. This is the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of charity and it is brought about by intimate union with Christ and, in him, with the most Holy Trinity. The path to holiness for a Christian goes by way of the cross and will come to its fulfillment in the final resurrection of the just, in which God will be all in all.

Sunday 11 Sep 2022
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Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading

Ex 32:7-11. 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 15:1-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one

till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"

Readings for Next Week 17/18 September

First Reading

Am 8:4-7 The Lord will forget nothing that the wicked do.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7 (R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading

1 Tm 2:1-8 Pray often, free of anger and dissension.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9 Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:1-13 Parable of the wise manager.

Pakistan flood disaster affects more than 33 million people

Devastating floods in Pakistan have left a trail of destruction across the country, claiming the lives of more than 1,100 people. The Pakistan government has declared a state of emergency and the United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis - one in seven people - have been affected by the flooding.

More than a third of the country has been completely submerged by the heaviest recorded monsoon rains in a decade.

Almost all of Balochistan and Sindh, the two worst-hit provinces, are facing an unprecedented humanitarian disaster. Thousands of families remain stranded in Balochistan amid heavy rains and flash floods that swept away houses and inundated entire settlements. The province remained disconnected from the rest of the country with road and rail links cut off.

There are fears that the death toll will rise in coming days as monsoonal rains continue across the country.

Caritas Australia's partners are on the ground assessing communities impacted by the floods. The team are reporting that bridges have collapsed and community infrastructure completely destroyed, hampering relief efforts. Thousands have lost their homes and are currently sleeping without shelter.

The most urgent needs of the communities are

- Food
- Tents/ temporary shelter material
- Safe drinking water
- Mosquito Nets and Repellent
- Health services
- Hygiene Supplies

Your support today can provide urgent assistance to communities affected by the floods.

ACU Online Public Lecture

On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host the Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled ***"Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?"*** Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation. For more information and to register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy.

POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS

Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 4 September 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

Before concluding this celebration, I extend my greeting to all of you and thank you for your participation.

I am grateful to my brother Cardinals, to the Bishops and priests who have come from various countries.

I greet the official delegations who have come here to render homage to the new Blessed. My respectful thought goes to the President of the Italian Republic and the Prime Minister of the Principality of Monaco.

I greet all of you pilgrims, especially the faithful from Venice, Belluno and Vittorio Veneto, the places connected to the human, priestly, and episcopal life of Blessed Albino Luciani.

And now we turn in prayer to the Virgin Mary, so that she might obtain the gift of peace throughout the world, especially for war-torn Ukraine. May she, the first and perfect disciple of the Lord, help us follow the example and holiness of life of John Paul I.

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CatholicCare Christmas Hamper Drive 2022

WE CAN ONLY GIVE WHAT WE RECEIVE



Help us help those in need this Christmas.

CatholicCare is hoping to distribute much needed hampers through our Food Programs across the Hunter-Manning this Christmas, and we need your support!

You can help by donating any of the items listed below:

- Tins of ham
- Fruit mince pies or Christmas puddings
- Fruit juice or tins of stewed fruit
- Jams, cranberry or apple sauce
- Reusable Christmas shopping bags
- Cereal, long life milk or custard
- Sweet or savory biscuits
- Tins of vegetables:
baby potatoes, beetroot, corn, peas or tomatoes
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar
- Chocolates, lilies or pancake mix.



Drop off locations and contact numbers:

Mayfield	58 Church Street	0810 1550
Taree	32-34 Pulteney Street	0810 2000
Forster	33 Lake Street	0810 0810

Financial donations are also welcome!

Each hamper costs \$50, but any amount will make a difference.

Please visit catholiccare.org.au/donate

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

The Chosen Experience – Season One

We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine. We welcome you to join us to view the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ.

The Chosen is a series which brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening during October and November join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on October 6 at 6pm in the Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, we hope to see you there. To register to go: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217

Catholic Theological College - Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation Online Information Session

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation is for those seeking to learn the methods and skills of teaching meditation and prayer in a variety of parish situations. The course focuses on the personal practice and benefits of meditative prayer, and facilitation and discernment approaches allowing students to apply their learning in their own context.

An online information session will be hosted on Monday 12 September at 7pm. For more information contact jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au Register via the college's website: ctc.edu.au/open-days

Art and Spirituality Workshop

An art and spirituality workshop will be held on 15 September at St Joseph's Community Centre, Kilaben Bay from 9am to 3pm. This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit. Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

Cost: \$25 To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-and-spirituality-workshop-tickets-359269162737>

For further information contact Rose McAllister on rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Formation opportunities for RCIA and Sacraments of Initiation ministers

Sundays September 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, Newcastle West, 1pm to 4.30pm – Formation process 'Go make disciples' for new and experienced Christian Initiation ministers. Explore the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) over six Sunday afternoons. Details and registration at go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au Read more at tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd Enquiries to sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1134.

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Dear Friends, Registrations are now open for Evangelise, an online conference for all Catholics, hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. You can find further details about the conference and register at

www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au. Held from 20-22 October, the conference will be hosted in different locations around Australia. Each of the five live sessions will include Australian Catholic speakers proposing ways to Evangelise: leadership, liturgy and sacraments, communities, peripheries, young people, public life, culture, family and more. Our website includes information about the conference presenters and an outline of the event program. Evangelise is for all Catholics, speaking into both leadership and ministry settings, and the role and life of laity in the world. It will be livestreamed over the conference dates and also available on demand in the weeks following. I encourage you to register for this unique event and to be enriched by the wide range of formative and inspirational content that the conference will offer.

With kind regards, Malcolm Hart

Director National Centre for Evangelisation

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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
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Gardening Group

3rd Monday of the month, 8am
Church grounds.
Parish Office 02 6554 6401

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
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Sat 5.00pm, Sun. 8.00am & 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

4.00pm Saturday and during Holy Hour

YOUTH MASS

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



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