



# Bridgeside Bulletin



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

*"Unity in Christ"*

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**SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022,**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

A few weeks ago one of the cupboards in the sacristy broke. Upon investigation I realized that the whole bottom section of one of the cupboards has, overtime disintegrated. Indeed, it is only managing to hold what is on the shelf, because at some distant time in the past the shelf had been covered with contact. With this in mind and with the need for more storage space in the Sacristy, new cupboards will be installed. This will take place on the 1st and 2nd of December. Mass on these days will be in the hall. These cupboards will add extra storage space in the Sacristy which is much needed. It will mean therefore that the setting up for and packing after Mass will run more smoothly. With all this in mind it is important that this happens. If anyone would like to contribute to this, I would be most grateful, please come and see me after Mass, or make contact during the week.

Another thing that needs to be looked at is the installation of hand rails on the Sanctuary. The handrail that was in place was removed for the laying of the new carpet, to get this up some of the bolts needed to be ground away. I think we can all agree that the hand rail that was there was not, in any way aesthetically pleasing. I am therefore trying to find hand rails that will meet WHS standards, and be more aesthetically pleasing. In the mean time until the new rails are in place I ask all people who minister to be extra careful when ascending and descending the Sanctuary steps. If the steps will be difficult for you until the new rails are in place come and see me. I would hate for anybody to fall. If anybody would like to contribute to the new hand rails please see me after Mass.

This Sunday marks the first anniversary of the death of His Lordship, the Most Reverend William Wright. Our Bishop's death has affected all of us in different ways. For me personally the loss of the Bishop who was my ordaining Prelate at such a young age has been a very heavy blow. For the Diocese as we wait for a new Bishop, it seems like an interminable process. For his family, of course the loss is even more deeply felt. Bishop Bill will be remembered at all the Masses this weekend. We will, keep praying the prayer for the appointment of a new Bishop.

As you will have seen in the bulletin there is an exciting opportunity for formation in the RCIA process next year. I encourage all members of the Parish to pray about this and to join this formation. We are commanded by Christ Himself "to go make disciples of all the nations", as Church this is how we do it. Moving forward we will need to become completely and utterly familiar with the RCIA. This formation is open to all people, those involved in the ministry and those who would like to be, it is open to those who have been involved in the past and who would like to become involved again. It is open to those who are curious about it, and to those who have the courage to evangelize and spread the Gospel of Christ. This is about how we spread the Gospel and how we help those we encounter deepen their relationship with the Risen Jesus. I commend this formation to you.

Another way that we spread the Gospel is through the Sacraments of Initiation program in the Parish each year. The young Children in our community are being well prepared for their reception of First Holy Communion. Given the rather large number of young people who are being prepared to receive First Holy Communion, I have taken the decision that this will be celebrated at ALL MASSES over a particular weekend. I have made this decision based on the fact that if we do it at one Mass and each of the Children bring, say 4 people to witness this event, there would then be quite literally no room for anybody else in the Church, that includes the regular Mass goers. By doing this the number of people will be spread out, the parishioners at all the Masses will get to join the celebrations and everyone will be able to fit into what is a rather small Church. I hope this explanation satisfies those who have complained about this decision. It will be a wonderful celebration for the young people and their families and Holy Name Parish, I hope that all parishioners can join in the celebrations instead of complaining about it!

I have no problem with people making complaints or criticisms however, I have been appalled at the tone of some of them of late. The statements in some of the complaints have not only been false and ill informed, they have been of a tone that is unbecoming of a practicing Catholic who is supposedly a disciple of Jesus Christ!

I will further add, that the staff at Holy Name School are one of the most dedicated group of teachers that I have ever worked with. Each and every one of them see teaching, not only as a profession, but also as their vocation! They are, all of them, completely committed to passing on the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ to their students.

Please remember to RSVP for the Parish Christmas Party on the 21st of December. In an attempt to build relationship and community, I ask everyone who come to please bring along one of their own national dishes. I hope that this event may encourage people to meet others that they have not yet, had the pleasure of meeting. This is also the reason that I am trying to build the morning tea and supper after the weekend Masses. It is an opportunity to get to know each other, it is a joy to watch these relationships develop. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, particularly after the Vigil Mass, please do contact the office.

As I write this, I am conscious of the fact that it is Remembrance Day. Let us therefore remember all who have served and are serving our nation in the King's uniform.

With Love.

Fr. Peter.



**Bishop William (Bill) Wright**  
26/10/52 – 13/11/21

## Parish Timetable

<b>Mon 14 NOV</b>	<b>9am</b> Counters– Team 1 <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Tue 15 NOV</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Christian Meditation <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen <b>3.30pm</b> Holy Hour, Benediction & Confession <b>4.30pm Mass</b>
<b>Wed 16 NOV</b>	<b>11am</b> Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Thu 17 NOV</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>12pm</b> Community Kitchen
<b>Fri 18 NOV</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>
<b>Sat 19 NOV</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>4pm</b> Confession <b>5pm Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sun 20 NOV</b>	<b>8am Mass</b> -followed by morning tea in the hall <b>10am Mass</b>

## Parish Notices

- **No Mass Wed 16 Nov as Fr Peter will be away.**
- New cabinetry will be installed in the Sacristy on Thu 1st & Fri 2nd Dec. **Mass on these days will be in the parish hall.**
- **Advent reflection books, Incarnate,** are available in the church for \$5.
- **Columban Art Calendars 2023** are on sale for \$10.

### First Holy Communion

The children enrolled in the Sacramental Program 2022 will complete their First Holy Communion at the weekend Masses on the 19/20 Nov. Please show them your support and pray for the children and their families.

### Go Make Disciples Formation

'Go make disciples' is a formation opportunity for new and experienced Christian Initiation Ministers ministering with adults and children and their families, and any parishioner interested in the ministry of Christian Initiation. Over six weeks participants will explore the entire Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Hosted by the Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum with the Northern Pastoral Region Parish Leaders. Proposed dates for the 'Go Make Disciples' Formation in Forster next year 2023: 7 Feb, 14 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 21 Mar, 28 Mar.

The Catholic Parish of Forster-Tuncurry contributed \$49,400 to the MCCF in the 21/22 FY. The MCCF financially supports the Priests of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to ensure the continuance of religious services to parishioners. If you would like to contribute to this fund in the 22/23 FY please contact the Parish Office.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

Christmas Eve Sat 24th Dec

**5.00pm & 7.30pm**

Christmas Day Sun 25th Dec

**8.00am & 10.00am**



## *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.**

A special Mass for those who have died in the last 12 months will be held on 23rd Nov at 6.00pm in the Holy Name of Jesus Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and show support for the loved ones of the deceased.

### Become an SRE volunteer

Did you know that some 50% of Catholic children are in state schools? Have you ever thought of spreading the good news of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with children? Have you ever thought about becoming a Special Religious Educator?

This could be an opportunity for you to meet new people, discover new friendships and build quality relationships whilst mastering skills and confidence in Catechetics.

You can make a difference in the schools within your parish! For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News to all is a great source of joy and meaning. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Parish Office 0475 242 695.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

**Date: Wed 21st Dec**

**Time: Mass at 5.30pm**

**followed by dinner in the Parish Hall.**

**No cost to attend.**

**Please bring a plate of food to share.**

*Some suggestions are: your national dish, salads, cold cut meats, pastas, tray bakes, desserts.*

**RSVP to Parish Office by 16th Dec.**

If we get enough donations we will hold a fund-raising raffle/silent auction on the night. **Please donate any items for the auction to the parish office.** Items must be new or handmade. Small items can be used as lucky door prizes.



## Saints and Feasts



The Apparition of the Virgin to Saint Albert the Great by Vicente Salvador Gomez

**15 NOVEMBER ST ALBERT THE GREAT**, bishop, doctor one of the church's greatest intellectuals, taking a large role in scientific developments of the age and a passionate advocate for the peaceful coexistence between science and religion. Born in Swabia in Bavaria between 1193 and 1206, he was educated at the University of Padua. During this time he joined the Dominicans, studied and became a teacher of theology. He later travelled to Paris where he obtained a Master's degree in Sacred Theology in 1240. One of his pupils was

St Thomas Aquinas who carried on his work after his death in 1280, and one of St Albert's last missions was to defend St Thomas' writings from attacks. St Albert was called "Magus" or master in recognition of his brilliant mind and work. He remains a role model for all scientists with his pursuit of the truth, eye for details and rigorous examination of facts. In 1941, Pope Pius XII declared St Albert the Great patron saint of all those who devote themselves to the natural sciences and the Church itself honours him as a Doctor of the Church, making him one of only 33 to receive such an honour.

**16 NOVEMBER ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND** St Margaret of Scotland was in fact thought to be born in Hungary and was brought to England as a young girl in 1057. She fled to Scotland after the Norman conquest of England and in 1070 married King Malcolm III. Margaret was a deeply religious woman and as queen she was able to bring about necessary reforms to the Scottish church and in doing so, brought it into line with the Western church. She also used her influence to help ordinary people by establishing schools, hospitals and orphanages.



Image of Saint Margaret in a window in Edinburgh

**17 NOVEMBER ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**, religious, was a princess of the Kingdom of Hungary, Landgravine of Thuringia, Germany and a greatly venerated Catholic saint. Elizabeth was married at the age of 14, and widowed at 20. After her husband's death she sent her children away and regained her dowry, using the money to build a hospital where she herself served the sick. She became a symbol of Christian charity after her death at the age of 24 and was quickly canonized.



Elizabeth of Hungary by Simone Martini

### THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS – 13 Nov 22

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to **older people being aware of the possibility of financial exploitation and how to safeguard against it**. The advice below has been largely sourced from an article by Patricia Howard, a licenced financial adviser, in the 2022 Issue 2 of the 'Over60Sixty' magazine.

According to the *Australian Institute for Family Studies*, as many as 14% of older Australians will fall victim to some form of abuse – psychological, physical, sexual, and **financial**.

These older Australians come from two generational groups:

- The Builder Generation: Born 1928 – 1945 (now 77 – 94)
- Baby Boom Generation: Born 1946–1964 (now 58 – 76)

They've reaped benefits from economically favourable changes in society, low interest rates and inflated housing prices, which increased the value of their assets. As such, many Builders and Boomers have acquired enough to partake in the greatest wealth transfer in modern history, which will go to their children, grandchildren, friends and to philanthropy. They are, however, becoming the target of 'inheritance impatience' due to younger relatives and friends struggling to get started or make ends meet.

Accordingly, it is disturbing to say that most perpetrators of financial elder abuse are close loved ones. There are, however, 5 simple steps to guard against this. These are:-

- Never discuss your financial situation in detail, particularly with family members – when speaking about your assets, merely indicate that you think that, if you are careful with your money, you should have a pleasant retirement.
- Be extremely careful about who you make your enduring power of attorney – this effectively passes control of your accounts to a third party.
- Always ensure you open your own mail if you have a family member living with you – your account and investment balances may tempt a loved one to take advantage of you (same applies for online computer-accessed accounts).
- Be very careful who you give access to your bank accounts and credit cards – keep a close eye on every transaction and don't be afraid to quiz a family member about purchases.
- Finally, if you feel you are a victim of elder abuse, don't hesitate to reach out for help and the sooner you do, the better – doing so will make the perpetrator see that you are aware of abuse.

Elder abuse resources for seniors are available on the parish website: <https://forstertuncurrycatholic.org.au/seniors-resources/>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Recently deceased:** Cath Tully

**Anniversaries:** Most Reverend Bishop William Wright

***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:***

Joseph Barnett, Jane Michie, Imogen Ralph, Robin Koszyk, Maryanne Hall & Joseph Flanagan

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



**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**Sunday 13 Nov 2022**

**Fr Peter:** Dear Brothers and Sisters, with mercy in our hearts, let us bring our intentions before God.

**1. Reader:** That our Holy Father Pope Francis will faithfully lead the Church in times of uncertainty and opposition. In your mercy:

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

**2. Reader:** That war and fighting will be ended through justice and peace. In your mercy:

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

**3. Reader:** That all who encounter difficult conditions at work will be rewarded for their perseverance. In your mercy:

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

**4. Reader:** That our parish community will bear witness to the Word of God and the coming of Christ. In your mercy:

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

**5. Reader:** That, on this World Day of the Poor, we will stand in solidarity with, and work for justice and compassion for, the poor in our world. In your mercy:

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

**6. Reader:** That students who are completing their studies will find meaningful opportunities in the next phase of their lives. In your mercy:

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

**7. Reader:** That the sick and housebound will be blessed with peace, especially all those in our parish bulletin. In your mercy:

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

**8. Reader:** That those who have died will be rewarded for their faithfulness and take their place with God, especially Cath Tully who has died recently, and the Most Reverend Bishop William Wright whose anniversary occurs at this time and all those who have died serving our nation in war. In your mercy:

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

**Fr Peter:** Loving Father, we seek your merciful wisdom in all we do. Hear our prayers and help us to always live with justice and goodness in our hearts as we look forward to the coming of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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**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 13 Nov 2022

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Entrance Antiphon**

*Jer 29:11,12,14*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**First Reading**

*Mal 3:19-20*

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9*

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness (R.)

**Second Reading**

*2 Thes 3:7-12*

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Lk 21:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Lk 21:5-19*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.

**Communion Antiphon**

*Ps 72:28*

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Readings for Next Week 19/20 November**

**First Reading**

*2 Sm 5:1-3* David is anointed King of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2* (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Second Reading**

*Col 1:12-20* We are reconciled in the blood of the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Mk 11:9.* 10 Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

*Lk 23:35-43* The Crucifixion.

# 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 13 Nov 2022**  
**SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY by Brendan Byrne SJ**

We are approaching the end of the Church's liturgical year – that time when – to the terror of preachers – the readings become increasingly 'eschatological'. No wise preacher, of course, would mention the word 'eschatology' from the pulpit. But to remind ourselves what scripture scholars mean by 'eschatology' may be useful when preparing homilies.

'Eschatology' refers to teaching or speculation about what is going to happen in the future. More specifically, it deals with what will take place in that 'final' future (the Greek word *eschaton* means 'limit') when the whole universe will undergo radical transformation at the hands of God. In Judaism at the time of Jesus and indeed for two or three centuries before his birth, the expectation that the world as presently known was coming to an end or about to be radically transformed was widespread. What gave rise to this expectation and tended to sharpen it from time to time was the difficult situation in which the faithful in Israel found themselves, especially situations of oppression and persecution, at the hands of foreign powers. People longed for a time when God would intervene and institute a great judgment, where the oppressors and the wicked would be condemned and the faithful vindicated and saved. All, including the world order, would then be set at rights. The 'Kingdom' or 'Reign of God' would be established.

The hope for such a rescue gave rise to a whole new genre of literature described as 'apocalyptic' because it is normally cast in the form of a 'revelation' (*apokalypsis* being the Greek word for 'revelation'). Apocalyptic literature tends to express the hope for salvation in highly symbolic form, with vivid imagery depicting upheavals and calamities on a cosmic scale (wars, earthquakes, stars falling from heaven, darkness over the earth, moon turning to blood and so forth). The purpose is to allow the faithful to be caught up imaginatively in the ultimate victory of God and to derive encouragement from this in their present trials. In colloquial terms, the essential message is: 'hang in there'. Tough as the present times may be, all has been foreseen by God and is being drawn towards a final vindication.

In many ways, handling the apocalyptic texts of the New Testament in a way that will help them communicate a message of encouragement presents preachers with their most difficult task. The error is to miss the symbolic and imaginative nature of the material: to take the scenarios it describes literally, as though they offered a recognisable and clear 'program' of events, rather

than an affirmation of God's triumph. All through the Christian centuries, sects and millennial movements of every kind have waxed strong – and dangerously – on the basis of a literal reading of such texts.

Today's First Reading, from the late prophetic Book of Malachi (3:19-20), in its brief span provides a classic illustration of apocalyptic eschatology: the sense of a coming day of judgment, which will have divergent outcomes for evildoers, on the one hand, and the faithful (those who 'fear the Lord's name') on the other. In itself, of course, the text is not messianic. But, read in the light of the Gospel, it is hard not to hear in its attractive statement, 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays', a prophecy of the advent and ministry of Messiah Jesus.

The Gospel itself, Luke 21:5-19, comes from the first half of the great discourse on future events that Jesus gives as his days in Jerusalem draw to their inevitable climax. Despite this location in his earthly life, the discourse really looks out beyond his death and resurrection to the time of the Church. It deals with what might be called the 'passion of the disciples', the trials and temptations that await them in the space of time before the Kingdom is finally in place. They would be persecuted, hauled before law-courts, and – most poignantly – suffer inner-community and inner-family division and betrayal. The discourse addresses this situation, showing that Jesus had accurately foreseen all these things and placed them in the context of a sequence of events leading up to the final triumph of God at the time of his own return as cosmic Lord.

The 'time of the Church' addressed in the discourse has extended vastly beyond anything the early believers ever expected or foresaw. But we retain the doctrine of the 'Second Coming' in our creeds, not because we literally believe – as fundamentalists do – that Jesus will one day appear on the clouds of heaven, but because we believe in the eventual triumph of God's sovereignty in the universe. Until then all is provisional. Wars, famines, earthquakes continue. Those who proclaim the Gospel in word and deed, who work for justice and a more human life for all, are reviled, cast into prison and 'disappeared'. Grounds for dismay, disillusionment, loss of faith are always there. The discourse is for our time as much as for early generations of believers.

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### **CatholicCare Christmas Hamper Drive 2022**

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

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

Please visit [catholiccare.org.au/donate](http://catholiccare.org.au/donate)



## 10 key quotes for every Catholic to reflect on from Pope Francis' apostolic letter on the liturgy, "Desiderio desideravi".

The pope's newest apostolic letter reflects upon the meaning of baptism, our understanding of mystery, inadequate liturgical approaches, the art of celebrating the liturgy and more...

### Baptism, not magic

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic.

### Theological sense of Liturgy

With this letter I simply want to invite the whole Church to re-discover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue.

### Observing the rubrics

Let us be clear here: every aspect of the celebration must be carefully tended to (space, time, gestures, words, objects, vestments, song, music...) and every rubric must be observed.

Such attention would be enough to prevent robbing from the assembly what is owed to it; namely, the paschal mystery celebrated according to the ritual that the Church sets down.

### The liturgical reform and Vatican II

It would be trivial to read the tensions, unfortunately present around the celebration, as a simple divergence between different tastes concerning a particular ritual form. The problematic is primarily ecclesiological. I do not see how it is possible to say that one recognizes the validity of the Council — though it amazes me that a Catholic might presume not to do so — and at the same time not accept the liturgical reform born out of Sacrosanctum Concilium, a document that expresses the reality of the Liturgy intimately joined to the vision of Church so admirably described in *Lumen gentium*.

### A celebration that does not evangelise

A celebration that does not evangelise is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of

these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1)

### Symbolic illiteracy

So, the question I want to pose is how can we become once again capable of symbols? How can we again know how to read them and be able to live them?

### Uniformity in worship

Everybody doing together the same gesture, everyone speaking together in one voice — this transmits to each individual the energy of the entire assembly. It is a uniformity that not only does not deaden but, on the contrary, educates individual believers to discover the authentic uniqueness of their personalities not in individualistic attitudes but in the awareness of being one body.

### The art of celebration

We could say that there are different "models" of presiding. Here is a possible list of approaches, which even though opposed to each other, characterize a way of presiding that is certainly inadequate: rigid austerity or an exasperating creativity, a spiritualizing mysticism or a practical functionalism, a rushed briskness or an overemphasized slowness, a sloppy carelessness or an excessive finickiness, a superabundant friendliness or priestly impassibility. Granted the wide range of these examples, I think that the inadequacy of these models of presiding have a common root: a heightened personalism of the celebrating style which at times expresses a poorly concealed mania to be the centre of attention.

### The role of the priest

The priest himself should be overpowered by this desire for communion that the Lord has toward each person. It is as if he were placed in the middle between Jesus' burning heart of love and the heart of each of the faithful, which is the object of the Lord's love. To preside at the Eucharist is to be plunged into the furnace of God's love.

### A call to abandon polemics

Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us. All this under the gaze of Mary, Mother of the Church.

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com>

## BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or scan the QR code below today.



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## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC LITURGICAL ART

A Work of the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council

**Australian.** This website presents a collection of original articles written in Australia by Australians. The content of each article has a clear Australian link. Generally this means that they are about artists, architects and works in Australia. It aims to foster an appreciation of the best church art in the country, past and present.

**Catholic.** This website is managed by the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council, an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Its concerns are broader however than art in Catholic churches. It aims to stimulate reflection on what might be possible to create a sense of the sacred in spaces for worship.

**Liturgical.** This website has as its focus the liturgy of the Catholic Church, not only the celebration of Sunday Eucharist, but also the rites of the sacraments, funerals and other forms of communal prayer. It encompasses not only the architecture and art of church buildings, but also the creation of shrines and images for religious devotion.

**Art.** This website takes art in a broad sense since the Church has not adopted any particular style or form of art as its own (SC 123); what is good and true contributes a noble beauty to acts of worship. Art includes crafting worthy vessels, vestments and objects for liturgical use. Sacred art leads people to the infinite beauty of the Creator God.

<https://art.catholic.org.au/>

## OUR JOURNEY

Holy Name Parish Forster-Tuncurry is formulating a Parish Pastoral Plan to renew our commitment to be the Light of Christ in our community and to build on the services that are already offered by our Parish.

With this in mind we will be holding a Parish Pastoral Assembly on 25th November 2023. The Day will be preceded throughout the year by a series of one day Retreats, preparing us for the Assembly.

All parishioners are encouraged to join us on this exciting Journey as we continue to grow into the Church Christ wants us to be.

**The days to enter into your calendars are:-**

**25<sup>th</sup> February**-The Journey With-In

**27<sup>th</sup> May**-The Journey With Christ

**26<sup>th</sup> August** - The Journey With Others

**25<sup>th</sup> November**- Pastoral Assembly Day

More details will be announced as the days grow closer but it is anticipated each Retreat Day will begin with 9.30am Mass and conclude about 4pm.



GREAT LAKES  
Womens  
Shelter

### GLWS AVATAR 2 Fundrais- ing Movie tickets and Raffle

We are hosting a fun filled family fundraising movie, just for you, our wonderful supportive community, to help raise funds to continue our support with the families in shelter.

Avatar 2 - in 3D for the ultimate cinema experience, has been long awaited, coming 12 years after the original Avatar movie, that we all love.

Come and join us on Thursday 15th December at Great Lakes Cinema 3 in Tuncurry,  
6pm for drinks and nibbles.

**Raffle drawn at 6:45pm. 7pm movie start**

Tickets are available with group discounts:

Individual Tickets (Young and Old )\$25, Large Group of 10 \$230, Family or groups of 6 \$140, Family or group of 4 \$90, Add on : Small Popcorn, drink and choc top pack (1 person)\$12.

Lucky door prizes to be won on the night!

Follow the link to purchase tickets to the movie and raffle tickets. <https://glws.org.au/events>

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Sunday Mass may be at the heart of the parish idea, but no-one will come to Mass unless they are brought to faith and practice by evangelisation, family, culture; and Mass itself should equip and project people back into the world they must influence for the better. Thus, if parishes are to be Mass centres, they must also be centres of evangelisation: the one feeds the other.

ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER OP | ”

The Forster-Tuncurry Community Kitchen supports the Great Lakes Women's Shelter with surplus produce.



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

### **Divine Retreat Centre – Upcoming retreats**

The Divine Retreat Centre has three remaining retreats this month. An Inner Healing Growth Retreat will be hosted from **Friday 18 to Sunday 20 November**, a Spiritual Retreat will be hosted on **Monday 21 November** and a One Day Pilgrimage will occur on **Sunday 27 November**. For more information or to book, call 04 6848 6782.

### **Waiting with Purpose**

Waiting with Purpose is a resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to:

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/)

**For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am.** To register go to:

[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837)

### **Bishop's Award 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. **Applications close on 2 December 2022.**

Find out more: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-youth/bishops-award/>

### **Catholic Women's League Australia: Annual Thanksgiving Mass**

The Catholic Women's League Australia – New South Wales Inc. Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to invite you to their Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon on **Friday 18 November. Mass is at St Paul's Church, Rutherford at 11.30am** and lunch will be at the Telarah Bowling Club at 1pm. Cost for lunch is \$40 per person. For more information contact Margo Nancarrow on 0418 657 989 or [bjmnan4@bigpond.com](mailto:bjmnan4@bigpond.com) or [cwlamn214@bigpond.com](mailto:cwlamn214@bigpond.com)

### **The Healing Power of Art**

Opening on Thursday 3 November at Wallsend Library (30 Bunn Street), the Healing Power of Art is an exhibition of words, textiles, drawings, and photography from work-

shops attended by people impacted by institutional child sexual abuse. These works explore the hopeful and creative capacity of the arts in providing a compassionate space for self-expression and healing. The exhibition is open until 4 December and will include two events:

- **Tuesday 8 November** 1pm: Photography through the lens of Gratitude: a conversation on the healing capacity of art with art therapist Danielle Minett and participants from the Loud Sky Art Workshops
- **Thursday 1 December** 10am: Art and Healing: a conversation with art therapist Dr Helena Bezzina, Jo Davis Public Programs - Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie, and participants from the Loud Sky art Workshops

### **Praying the Gospels**

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

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

Password: pray

For more information contact:

[rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **Applications are now open for the 2023 Pastoral Placement Program**

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

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

**Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>**

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### BAPTISMS

Celebrated most Sundays.  
Bookings via the Parish website

### MARRIAGE

Celebrated by arrangement with at least 6 months notice. Bookings via the parish website

### SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Enrolment via the Parish Website

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Parish Office 02 6554 6401

### CATHOLIC CARE

Phone: 02 6539 5900 for services provided in Forster



### PARISH TEAM

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### 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.  
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  
Barbara Dolahenty 0408 248 018

**The above groups are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions, please enquire before attending.**



### SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm, Sun. 8.00am & 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

4.00pm Saturday and during Holy Hour

### YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month, will resume once restrictions have eased.

### AGED CARE MASSES

(Subject to change)

GLAICA: **1st Thu 10.30am**  
Estia Tuncurry: **2nd Thu 10.30am**  
Estia Forster: **3rd Fri 10.30am**  
Baptistcare: **4th Thu 10.30am**



### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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Davis Street, Taree  
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