



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

"Unity in Christ"

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SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022,

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

This coming Wednesday night the yearly Mass for those who have had their funerals in Holy Name Church in the last 12 months will take place. Their families have been invited. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a parish to show the love of Christ to those who are grieving at this time. Grief, as we all know is a difficult thing particularly in the first period of it. At this time of the year where we are running head long in to the festivities of Christmas, (misguided as they are), grief is even more difficult. Mass is at 6pm on Wednesday, I invite all parishioners who are able to come, to do so to show that love of Jesus to others.

This weekend we welcome the young people from our parish who have been preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, we welcome too, their families and friends. These celebrations will take place at all Masses this weekend. Please note that as well as there being extra people in our Church this weekend, each of the Masses will be live streamed so that family members of our young people unable to attend are able to watch. For those unfamiliar with the live streaming in the Church, the camera will be set up towards the front of the Church on the same side as the Ambo. If you do not wish to be filmed please sit behind the camera.

As has been advertised in the bulletin the last few weeks, I draw your attention to the formation for the RCIA, this is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. It affords us the opportunity to reimagine initiation in our parish. I would encourage all people who wish to be involved in the formation going forward to please join it. It is my wish to have a whole team of people involved in this ministry. Indeed, I wish to change the way that we do this in the parish. Over the next 12 months we will commence a new ministry; a "Ministry of Initiation". This ministry will be for all people, adults who wish to convert, young people who are being formed to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and receive First Holy Communion and indeed families who are bringing their children, regardless of age, to be Baptized.

People often have lamented to me that young people are missing from our Church, well given the fact that less than 10% of Catholics worship, perhaps it is time that we faced the cold hard fact, that largely speaking old people are missing from our Church too, so are those in the other age groups! If we want our parish to survive, if you want your parish to survive, if we want our parish to grow, if you want your parish to grow, then each of us who are baptized need to take ownership and realise that what we are and indeed have been doing in this area has failed! So we need to do something different. We need to be evangelizers of the faith, we need to encourage others to have a deep relationship with Jesus. This is not about imparting lessons or a program, neither is it about belting people over the head with the Catechism. It most certainly is not about berating people for not coming to Mass as often as we think they should! Rather, it is about accompanying people on a journey, firstly to find where God is in their life and what he is saying to them, and then inviting people to Mass. With all this in mind, I invite all people to pray about whether they are called to this ministry. This is the first step, the second step is to undertake the formation for the RCIA, because this is the model for initiation of all people. The third step following on from this, is to then discern who will be part of the team, who will be in the "Ministry of Initiation". However, let's remember, to be an initiating parish we must first be an evangelizing one. If you are in any way interested in this idea or you wish to see the message of the Gospel spread in our parish please contact the office and register for the formation. Further details will be released in the coming weeks.

Please note that Danielle will be away on annual leave, on and off over the next few weeks. During this time the office will be closed. I will, however, have the office mobile with me. If you ring, please leave a message and I will return your call, when I can. Please note, if you have a private number, I will respect your privacy and not answer; so please do leave a message.

Also, I found out the other day that my father will have to go into hospital on the 6th of December for surgery. This means that I will be away for that week. There will be no weekday Masses. I will be back for the weekend Masses on the 10th and 11th of December. I am trying to find a priest who can come and say Mass in the parish on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. I was also meant to be away the week after that to attend a friend's ordination in Wollongong Diocese, my attendance at the ordination will depend on how my father is following his surgery, however, there will be no weekday Masses that week either.

With love.

Fr. Peter.

Parish Timetable

Mon 21 NOV	9am Counters– Team 2 12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 22 NOV	9.30am Christian Meditation 12pm Community Kitchen 3.30pm Holy Hour, Benediction & Confession 4.30pm Mass
Wed 23 NOV	9.30am Mass 11am Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help 12pm Community Kitchen 6pm Mass for the deceased
Thu 24 NOV	9.30am Mass 12pm Community Kitchen
Sat 26 NOV	9.30am Mass 4pm Confession 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 27 NOV	8am Mass -followed by morning tea in the hall 10am Mass

Parish Notices

- **Danielle will be away from the office from 22 Nov until 7 Dec.**
- There will be **No Mass on Friday 25th 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.

Flowers for Christmas

Fr Peter has placed an order of flowers for the Church at the Christmas Masses. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers please place your donation into an envelope labelled flowers and place on the collection plate.

Thank You!

Margaret Orton would like to thank all who helped her when she injured her leg at the 8am Mass on Sun 14th Nov. Margaret was a visitor to the Parish and was overwhelmed by the kindness that was shown to her.

DOCUMENTS OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL

Key documents: **Sacrosanctum Concilium, Lumen gentium, Dei verbum & Gaudium et spes.**

In the coming weeks we will include a link to each of these documents in the parish bulletin. An opportunity to meet and discuss these documents will be available for those who are interested. Please get in touch with the parish office if you would like to the meeting details.

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.

Red Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

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

20 NOVEMBER OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE. Solemnity. Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to the rise of totalitarianism. It celebrates Christ's reign over the human race and human hearts. The feast emphasises God's ultimate forgiveness as well as Christ's eschatological return and final sovereignty over all creation. This last theme is continued during Advent.

21 NOVEMBER PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is a liturgical feast celebrated on November 21 by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, and Orthodox Churches. The feast is associated with an event recounted not in the New Testament, but in the apocryphal Infancy Narrative of James. According to that text, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a heavenly message that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her, when still a child, to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Later versions of the story (such as the

Detail from The Presentation of the Virgin Mary by Titian (1534-38, Gallerie dell'Accademia, Venice).



Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary) tell us that Mary was taken to the Temple at around the age of three in fulfilment of a vow. Tradition held that she was to remain there to be educated in preparation for her role as Mother of God. This feast, however is not

celebrated this year as the 21st is also the feast of Christ the King.

22 NOVEMBER ST CECILIA is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord". She is one of seven women, excluding the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.



Saint Cecilia playing the pipe organ

23 NOVEMBER POPE CLEMENT I was a leading member of the church in Rome towards the end of the 1st century. He was one of the very first bishops of Rome – some lists name him as second in line to St Peter, while others claim he was third or fourth in line. Although little is known about Clement's life, the early Christian writer, Tertullian, wrote that Clement was consecrated by St Peter himself. His letter to the church at Corinth is one of the oldest Christian documents to be written since the New Testament. Tradition suggests that Clement was imprisoned by the Roman Emperor Trajan, during which time he led ministry amongst his fellow prisoners. He was later executed by being tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea.

25 NOVEMBER SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church who, per Christian tradition, was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. Of course, the Church of the first Millennium was undivided. She is also recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS – 20 Nov 22

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to **ways of preventing falls for seniors**.

Falls are a leading cause of injury to seniors. Each year, nearly 30% of adults aged 65 and older experience a fall resulting in an injury. The following points are some simple – and effective – strategies to safeguard against falls.

1. Have a fall assessment – Many falls result from dizziness caused by health issues such as high blood pressure or low blood sugar levels, both of which can be alleviated with medication and medical treatment. A recent fall, fear of falling, feeling weak, unbalanced, lethargic or dizzy should be reported to your doctor with your request for a fall assessment.
2. Stay active – One of the best ways to prevent falls is staying active. This will maintain/improve your strength, balance and flexibility: USE IT OR LOSE IT.
3. Change footwear – Improper footwear (high heels, thongs, slippers without a back, slippery soles) can be a serious fall risk. Opt for properly fitted, secured footwear with non-slip soles.
4. Eliminate home hazards – 50% of falls happen at home. Keep frequently used walking pathways as clear as possible: eliminate pot plants, electrical leads, footwear, bags, doormats and carpet runners.
5. Light up your surroundings – Ensure hallways and stairs are well lit, both night and day. Consider motion sensor night lights and glow-in-the-dark light switches.
6. Make home modifications – Home modifications help you keep your balance and reduce falls e.g. handrails on all stairs/steps, grab rails for your toilet/shower/bath, a seat in your shower, installing a low-step walk-in shower, applying non-slip tape to the edges of steps.
7. Vitamin D supplement – Research has shown that vitamin D supplementation correlates with a reduction in bone fracture rates among seniors.
8. Get your vision and hearing checked – If over 65, you should have vision tests every 6 to 12 months. This especially true if your eyesight is deteriorating over time. Poor eyesight increases chances of tripping and falling. Age-related hearing loss begins at 60. It is recommended that your hearing is checked every 12 months. Poor hearing can be associated with declining inner-ear balance function.
9. Ask for help – Whether changing a light bulb, re-setting clocks relating to daylight saving, crossing wet paths.
10. Medical alert device – Devices can have automatic fall detection, so even if you cannot push the **HELP** button, emergency responders know your exact location.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently deceased: Theeban Eman Figurado

Anniversaries: Janelle Carroll

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:

Jane Michie, Imogen Ralph, Robin Koszyk, Maryanne Hall, Joseph Flanagan & Thelma Lyndon.

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



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C

Sunday 20 Nov 2022

Fr Peter: Dear Brothers and Sisters, through our Lord Jesus Christ, let us bring our prayers before the Lord.

1. Reader: That all members of Holy Mother Church will be united as one true body. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Reader: That those in positions of authority or governance will reflect the service of Christ in all decisions they make. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

3. Reader: That young people will come to recognise God's kingdom in their midst. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

4. Reader: That the Holy Name Parish may demonstrate Christ as truly reigning in our hearts and homes. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

5. Reader: That the children who will receive the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time may love Him with all their hearts and forever live faithfully. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

6. Reader: That the parents, godparents, grandparents, teachers, and all who helped our candidates in preparation for their First Holy Communion enjoy the gift of deep faith and peace in their hearts. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

7. Reader: That each of us gathered here be grateful for the gift of the Eucharist, and experience with faith and love this encounter with our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

8. Reader: That the sick may find relief from pain and sorrow, especially all those in our parish bulletin. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

9. Reader: That those who have died will receive the grace of redemption in Christ's heavenly home, especially Theeban Eman Figurado who has died recently and Janelle Carroll whose anniversary occurs at this time, and for the 200 million Christians persecuted for their faith. In your glory:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Fr Peter: Loving Father, you gave us your only Son as King of the Universe. Hear our prayers, and help us to trust in you with faith that we too will join Christ in your heavenly paradise. 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.

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Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading

2 Sm 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything

in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Readings for Next Week 26/27 November

First Reading

Is 2:1-5 All nations shall stream to the mountain of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1. (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

Rom 13:11-14 Live honourably, the day of the Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8 Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 24:37-44 The Lord is coming when we least expect.

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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POPE FRANCIS

ANGELUS

**Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 13 November 2022**

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno, blessed Sunday!

Today's Gospel takes us to Jerusalem, in the most sacred place: the temple. There, around Jesus, some people speak about the magnificence of that grandiose building, "adorned with costly stones" (Lk 21:5). But the Lord states, "there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down" (Lk 21:6). He then adds to the story, explaining how in history almost everything collapses: there will be, he says, revolutions and wars, earthquakes and famines, pestilence and persecution (cf. vv. 9-17). As if to say: one should not place too much trust in earthly realities, which pass. These are wise words, which can however make us somewhat bitter. There are already many things going wrong. Why does the Lord even make such negative pronouncements? In reality his intention is not to be negative, it is otherwise – to give us a valuable teaching, that is, the way out of all this precariousness. And what is the way out? How can we come out of this reality that passes and passes, and will be no more?

It lies in a word that will perhaps surprise us. Christ reveals it in the final phrase of the Gospel, when he says: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives" (v. 19). Perseverance. What is perseverance? The word indicates being "very strict"; but strict in what sense? With oneself, considering oneself not up to standard? No. With others, becoming rigid and inflexible? Not this either. Jesus asks us to be "strict", uncompromising, persistent in what he has at heart, in what counts. Because, what truly counts, very often does not coincide with what attracts our interest. Like those people at the temple, we often prioritize the work of our hands, our achievements, our religious and civil traditions, our sacred and social symbols. This is fine, but we accord too much priority to them. These things are important, but they pass away. Instead, Jesus says to concentrate on what remains, to avoid devoting our life to building something that will then be destroyed, like that temple, and forgetting to build what will not collapse, to build on his word, on love, on goodness. To be persevering, to be strict and resolute in building on what does not pass away.

This, then, is perseverance: building goodness every day. To persevere is to remain constant in goodness, especially when the reality around us urges us to do otherwise. Let us reflect on a few examples: I know that prayer is important, but, like everyone, I too always have a lot to do, and so I put it off: "No, I am busy now, I can't, I'll do it later". Or, I see many crafty people who take advantage of situations, who dodge the rules, and so I too stop observing them and persevering in justice and legality: "But if these scoundrels do it, so will I!". Beware of this! And again: I carry out service in the Church, for the community, for the poor, but I see that many people in their free time think only of enjoying themselves, and so I feel like giving up and do what they do. Because I do not see results, or I get bored, or it does not make me happy.

Persevering, instead, is remaining in goodness. Let us ask ourselves: what is my perseverance like? Am I constant, or do I live faith, justice and charity according to the moment: I pray if I feel like it; I am fair, willing and helpful if it suits me; whereas if I am dissatisfied, if no-one thanks me, do I stop? In short, do my prayer and service depend on circumstances or on a heart that is steadfast in the Lord? If we persevere – Jesus reminds us – we have nothing to fear, even in the sad and ugly events of life, not even in the evil we see around us, because we remain grounded in the good. Dostoevsky wrote: "Have no fear of men's sin. Love a man even in his sin, for that is the semblance of Divine Love and is the highest love on earth" (The Brothers Karamazov, II, 6, 3g). Perseverance is the reflection in the world of God's love, because God's love is faithful, it is persevering, it never changes.

May Our Lady, servant of the Lord, persevering in prayer (cf. Acts 1:12), fortify our perseverance.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters!

Tomorrow will be the first anniversary of the launch of the *Laudato si'* Platform for Action, which promotes ecological conversion and lifestyles consistent with it. I would like to thank all those who have embraced this initiative: there are around six thousand participants, including individuals, families, associations, businesses, and religious, cultural and healthcare institutions. It is an excellent start to a seven-year journey aimed at responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. I encourage this mission, crucial for the future of humanity, so that it may foster in everyone a genuine commitment to the care of creation.

From this perspective, I would like to recall the COP27 Summit on Climate Change, which is taking place in Egypt. I hope that steps forward will be made, with courage and determination, in the wake of the Paris Agreement.

Let us always remain close to our brothers and sisters in martyred Ukraine. Close in prayer and with concrete solidarity. Peace is possible! Let us not resign ourselves to war.

And I greet you all, pilgrims from Italy and various countries, families, parishes, associations and individual faithful. In particular, I greet the "El Shaddai" charismatic group from the United States of America, the Uruguayan "bandoneon" musicians – I see your flag there, bravo! – the Romanian Greek-Catholic Mission of Paris, the school pastoral representatives from Limoges and Tulle with their respective bishops, and the members of the Eritrean community of Milan, to whom I assure my prayer for their country. I am glad to welcome the altar servers of Ovada, the "Nuova Famiglia" cooperative of Monza, the civil protection of Lecco, the faithful of Perugia, Pisa, Sassari, Catania and Bisceglie, and the boys and girls of the Immacolata.

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

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Calculating Parish Growth

Using the chart to the left, please calculate your Parish Growth contribution.

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Thank you for considering your financial support for the future ministry of the parish. This prayerful consideration continues to see Holy Name Parish promote the kingdom, feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, and live out all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It also enables us to pay the wages of any parish staff, maintain our buildings, fix any WHS and maintenance issues, and most importantly it means that God is worshipped and the Gospel is spread and that we maintain a Catholic presence in Forster-Tuncurry.

Go make disciples

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FORMATION PROCESS

Accompanying seekers journeying into the mystery of God's love.

'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).

There will be opportunities to grow in knowledge and understanding of the RCIA; pray and reflect mystagogically; reimagine and discern the ministry of Christian initiation in the parish community; explore questions and insights; meet other ministers, share experience, strengthen networks, deepen faith, hope and love.

Hosted by the Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum with the Northern Pastoral Region Parish Leaders.



*Go, therefore, make disciples
of all the nations; baptise
them ... and teach them ...
And know that I am with you
always; yes to the end of time.
(Mt 28: 19-20)*

When

Tuesdays 1.00 pm – 4.30 pm
7, 14, 28 Feb, 7, 21, 28 Mar 2023.

Where

Forster Parish Hall,
31 Lake St Forster.

Facilitators

Fr Andrew Doohan,
Louise Gannon rsj,
Christian Initiation Forum members.

Bring

Your copy of "Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults"
[ISBN 9781876295721 RRP \$24.95].
Copies can be borrowed or purchased
for \$20 at first session.

RSVP

by Friday 27 Jan 2023
To Forster Parish Office
0475 242 695

[forster-
tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:forster-tuncurry.parish@mn.catholic.org.au)

Each participant will need a copy of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Copies can be purchased or borrowed from Fr. Peter ahead of the formation OR from Sr Louise at the first session on 7 February.

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

White Ribbon Hunter Networking Breakfast

On **Friday 25 November** you're invited to join White Ribbon Hunter and CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning for the White Ribbon Breakfast. Guest speaker Devon Cuimara will discuss the role men play in preventing violence against women. The event starts at 7am, tickets are \$45. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/white-ribbon-hunter-networking-breakfast-tickets-424853316707 for more information or to book.

Job opportunity: Casual Receptionist

The Sisters of Mercy at Tighes Hill are looking for a Relief Casual Receptionist/Secretary for a short assignment from **8 December 2022 to 6 January 2023**. The days will be each Thursday and Friday from 9am to 5pm. Previous experience and an understanding of Catholic organisation is preferred. If you are interested in this assignment, please call Sister Margaret on 4964 6400

Thanksgiving Mass

The Newcastle Catholic Charismatic community invites everyone to join in celebrations for a Thanksgiving Mass on **Friday 2 December from 7pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church Glendale**. We also want to especially invite all priests and deacons in the Diocese as a way of giving you a special thanks for your service and sacrifice as you have shepherded the community through challenging times. Please contact Wayne Caruana on 0466 631 384 or on wayne.caruana@mn.catholic.edu.au for more details and RSVP.

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/

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

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/>

The Healing Power of Art

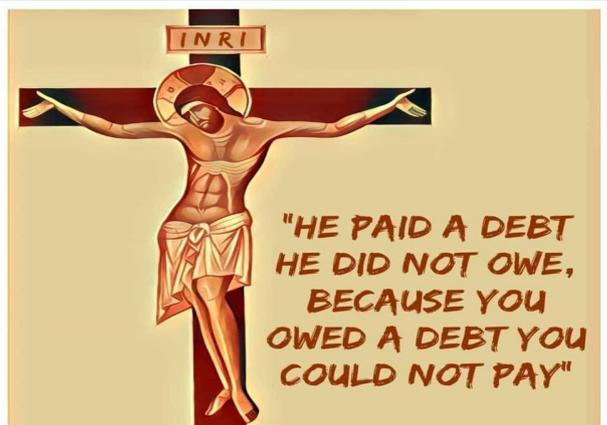
Opening on Thursday 3 November at Wallsend Library (30 Bunn Street), the Healing Power of Art is an exhibition of words, textiles, drawings, and photography from workshops attended by people impacted by institutional child sexual abuse. These works explore the hopeful and creative capacity of the arts 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

Stop looking for a perfect church.

It does not exist.

**Join an imperfect church
and serve in every way you can
to make it nearer perfection.**





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



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Feedback, complaints or concerns can be communicated directly to the Parish Office, through our website (Contact Us) or if the concern is relating to the safety of a child, contact the Office of Safeguarding: 02 4979 1390 childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

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**



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St Clare's High School 7-12

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