**PARISH NEWS**

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**3rd November 2019**

*Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost*.

Luke 19.10

**NEWS FROM SYNOD**

**Uluru Statement From The Heart**

One of the motions that was passed with amendments (we do not yet have a copy of the amendments at this stage) was to support the Uluru Statement From the Heart. Besides acknowledging and celebrating the statement, it asks the Bishop to establish an Indigenous Consultative Group, urges study of the ABM Study Material: ‘A Voice in the Wilderness’ and encourages reading and study of Professor Norman Habel’s study “Acknowledgement of the Land and Faith of Aboriginal Custodians After Following the Abraham Trail “. It also asks that each parish church prominently display a copy of the ‘Statement From the Heart’ – and Parish Council will discuss this next week.

(A full copy of the statement can be found on the internet.)

**Bills in relation to LGBQTI**

Two important bills were discussed and passed at both houses of Synod. They are as follows:

AN ORDINANCE providing for the Trial of Members of the Clergy for Ecclesiastical and Other Offences, and

A BILL FOR A BLESSING OF PERSONS MARRIED ACCORDING TO THE MARRIAGE ACT REGULATION 2019

Debate on these two bills occupied a substantial proportion of Synod time. Whilst the bills were passed, they have yet to be accepted by the Bishop. They will also go to the Appellate Tribunal – so at present there is no change to existing policy and practice. Parishioners are asked to keep these issues and the people involved in resolving them in their prayers.

(From Synod rep, Judy Hall)

**MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS WITH ONGOING NEEDS**

Ella E, Jenny L, Keith R, Lyn, Marion & Peter R, Michelle, Rachael, Peter A, Max S.

We remember particularly those whom we have loved whose anniversary occurs at this time: **Bill Coleman.**

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY**

Our next nursing home service will be at GLAICA Tuncurry, on Wednesday, 6th November, at 2.00pm in the Chapel. It would be great if more people could come and share these services with former parishioners and friends.

**LIGHT LUNCH**

The next Light Lunch will be on Wednesday, 13th November. “Take-aways” available at Midday.

**GAMES AFTERNOONS**

The next table games afternoon will be on Saturday 9th November, 1 – 4pm St Alban’s Hall – with afternoon tea. All ages welcome.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Morning tea and a chat, each Wednesday, 6th November, 10.00am St Alban’s. All welcome.

**PLANTS FOR SALE**

There are still some plants for sale.

**DON’T FORGET** – Parish Lunch today. Club Forster 12 for 12.30pm.

**CANCELLATION –** There will be no Rug Rats next Tuesday, 5th November.

**MISSION FOR NOVEMBER – SAMARITANS**

**History:** The Samaritans Foundation has been supporting Newcastle & NSW with emergency services, [disability support](https://www.samaritans.org.au/ndis/), youth counselling & more since 1984.

Samaritans’ work began as a few key services including [emergency relief](https://www.samaritans.org.au/service/emergencyrelief/), a family centre and op shops. But the organisation has grown significantly since then, and now operates over 100 support services throughout the Central Coast, Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Mid-North Coast regions.

Samaritans offers support to a number of those in need including [young people and families](https://www.samaritans.org.au/service/playgroup/), those with disability or mental health challenges and the wider community. There are now over 700 staff and more than 450 volunteers.

**Vision:** For communities where there is love, peace, justice, reconciliation and dignity for all people, where there is care for the vulnerable and their environment and where each individual has the opportunity to contribute and participate

**Donations for Samaritans**- Christmas goodies and/or bathroom gear.

**BOOKSHOP**

Our Something Special Bookshop has a great range of Christmas cards, gifts and 2020 planners available. These always sell quickly, so parishioners are advised to get in early!

**PARISH NEWS**

Any items for the Parish News for next week and until the end of November should be sent to Lyn Davies: email clivelyn46@gmail.com, phone 0491-136-455, or Parish Office 5543-7683 by noon Wednesday.

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**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**St Alban’s, Forster**: **Sundays** – 8.30am Holy Communion;

10am All Age + Kids’ Church; 5.30pm All Age + Communion. **Thursdays** – 9.30am Holy Communion

**St Paul’s, Nabiac**: 10am All Age Informal **1st & 3rd Sundays**

10am Traditional Communion **2nd & 4th Sundays**

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