



Dungog & Gresford Parishes

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

St Mary's Church, Brown Street, Dungog; **St Patrick's Church**, Rifle Street, Clarence Town; **St Helen's Church**, Park Street, East Gresford; **Sacred Heart Church**, Summerhill Road, Summerhill via Vacy.

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Parish Website: updated regularly with copies of the bulletin and other information and is found at www.dungoggresfordcatholic.org.au.

Safeguarding Promotion: For all safeguarding concerns within the parishes, please contact Fr Andrew.



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A Pastoral Note...

As we gather on this Sunday, we stand just fifteen days from a new beginning. It's now only fifteen days until the two parishes of St Helen's, Gresford and St Mary's, Dungog merge to form the newest parish within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle: St Francis of Assisi Parish, Dungog Gresford.

In one sense, the day of 1 July represents the end of a journey. Yet in a very real sense, the journey will only truly begin once 1 July arrives and the new parish comes into existence.

Because on that day, we have to forge a new identity together, creating our story and, whether we want to or not, our history.

Part of beginning that journey of creating the new story of a new parish can be as simple as joining in the pilgrimage across the four churches that will form part of St Francis' Parish (see the notice below on this page).

I can but encourage you to come together on the morning of Saturday 28 June as we say good-bye to what was and prepare to welcome what is yet to be.

Gather a carload, fill your tank, and come along to pray together.

Have a blessed week...

Fr Andrew

NAIDOC Week Prayer Service

Sacred Heart Cathedral will host the NAIDOC Week Prayer Service celebrating the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy" on Sunday, 6 July at 1.30pm for 2pm.

This year marks the 50th year of NAIDOC Week and will the Prayer Service will feature the burial of a time capsule, a symbolic gesture preserving this legacy for generations to come.

For more information and to register visit the website via the link t.ly/ADOtS.

SRE Reflection Day with Bishop Michael

Are you a teacher of Special Religious Education or someone eager to explore this vital ministry?

Come and be inspired at Bishop Michael's Reflection Day – a special gathering to reflect, learn, and connect. Join us on Thursday 10 July at St Stephen's, Tea Gardens from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Deepen your understanding, share experiences, and be encouraged in your role. For more information and to register visit the website via the link t.ly/Egb5V.

Bishop's Flood Appeal – Manning Community

In direct response to the ongoing need of flood-impacted people in the Manning, Bishop Michael has launched a Flood Appeal to directly support those who have moved into the recovery phase.

The appeal will collect and distribute funds to the local parishes who are providing on the ground support to people as they seek to rebuild their lives.

That link is also available by going to <https://mn.catholic.org.au/bishopsappeal/>.

This link also contains the bank account details for anyone wishing to contribute via direct bank transfer rather than by providing credit card details. The Catholic Community Fund has undertaken to match all donations received up to an amount of \$25,000.

Historical context

The Nicene Creed

The definitive statement of Christian belief is contained within the Nicene Creed that is proclaimed by the community in the Mass. It was developed by the Council of Nicea, held in 325, in response to a variety of teachings (some declared to be heresy) that were circulating at the time and the creed was further revised in 381. The creed declares that Jesus is 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God ... of one being with the Father' and that the Holy Spirit 'proceeds from the Father and the Son'. All of these statements seek to define the oneness of the Trinitarian God.

A Pilgrimage Around Our Parish

On Saturday 28 June, just days before the new parish of St Francis of Assisi, Dungog Gresford comes into being, you are invited to gather at St Mary's, Dungog at 8.30am to embark on a little pilgrimage to the four churches that will be part of that new parish.

From Dungog, we will travel to St Patrick's, Clarence Town, and then to Sacred Heart, Summer Hill (weather permitting – though it looks good at the moment!), before concluding at St Helen's, East Gresford.

Carpooling would be ideal, both for ease and to promote participation. So come along and join your fellow parishioners on this little journey of faith.

Fr Andrew

The End of Financial Year Approaches...

With the arrival of June, we come to that 'funny' period of the year that is the lead up to 30 June and the closing of the 2024-25 Financial Year.

It can be a time of great interest as we prepare to close the financial records for one year and embark on a new set of records, but for us, here in Dungog & Gresford, there is an added dimension for 30 June 2025.

And that is because 30 June 2025 will represent the ending of St Mary's Parish, Dungog and St Helen's Parish, Gresford as separate entities and, just one day later, the emergence of St Francis of Assisi Parish, Dungog Gresford.

In preparation for the end of the 2024-25 Financial Year and the beginning of our new identity, there are a few things that we should all be aware of:

1. Tax Receipts for 2024-25

If you would like to receive a 2024-25 Tax Receipt for your Planned Giving contribution, now is the time to let the Parish Office know.

Please mark your envelope with this request on any weekend this month, send an email to the parish email address (see the front page), or drop a written note to the office any way you can. Please note that this information must be received by 30 June 2025 in order that receipts can be made available in a timely manner after the close of the financial year.

Tax Receipts will only be issued to those who have requested them – late requests may not be able to be accommodated.

2. Future Planned Giving

As decided at the Parishes Assembly held on 30 November 2024, the 2024-25 Financial Year is the last year for our Planned Giving Programme in the parishes (or the new parish).

As a result, there will be no new giving envelopes issued for the 2025-26 Financial Year.

Instead of envelopes, parishioners are simply invited to place their cash in the respective collection baskets each week or, if they are so inclined, to transfer the money electronically using the bank account details found elsewhere in the bulletin with whatever regularity works for them. Either of these two options is perfectly acceptable, and the choice is entirely up to individual givers.

Money contributed to the Second Collection will no longer be recorded individually so there is no need to put cash into an envelope with your name and "number" on it; simply place the cash directly into the appropriate basket.

The removal of the Planned Giving programme will alleviate a financial and administrative burden

from the Parish and the Parish Office, thereby making more of your generous contribution available for parish activities. And your continued generosity in supporting the Parish and its needs is greatly appreciated.

3. The Diocesan App

We've been advised the Diocesan App is being withdrawn *with effect from Tuesday 1 July*, both as a source of information and as a means of enabling financial contributions to be made.

For those who may have used the Diocesan App for this latter purpose, there is now the option of contributing electronically using the bank details found in the bulletin, or via the Parish page on the Diocesan website.

If you require additional information about this, please contact Fr Andrew who will assist in the transition.

4. Transition of Bank Account Details

As you might expect, each of the two current parishes maintains its own bank account for the Second Collection, the account that receives your donations and pays the parish expenses.

With the upcoming merger to become St Francis of Assisi Parish, we will be moving to have only one bank account for the Second Collection – and for largely pragmatic reasons, we will use the existing Dungog account, suitably renamed, for this purpose.

If you are going to set up a new electronic transfer after the merger, please use the bank account number that is currently assigned to Dungog Parish. If you currently have a transfer going to the existing Gresford Second Collection account, it would be appreciated if you could amend your transfer to go to the other second collection bank account number from 1 July 2025.

The current Gresford Second Collection account will not close immediately – we'll keep it open for a few months to ensure an easy transfer of operations and to make sure nothing is lost during the merging.

Electronic Banking Details

BSB: 066 739
A/c Name: Catholic Development Fund
Reference: Your Surname and/or Envelope No., or other reference.

Account Nos:

First collection: 100 029 440

Second collection:

Dungog:	100 005 170
(Gresford)	100 005 173)

Today's Liturgy:

Today's Scripture Readings:

First: Proverbs 8:22-31
Second: Romans 5:1-5
Gospel: John 16:12-15

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.



In Your Charity, Please Pray For:

Those Who Have Died: Janet Lawrence.

Those Whose Anniversary of Death Is In June: Nora Enright, Tom Richardson, Mary Clayden, Rudd Convery, Laura Black, Daphne Oades, Bede Johnson, Bruce Ralstone, Tom Stone, Noel Smith, Meryl Ryan, Edward Kealy, William Hudson, Sydney & Zita Osmond, Helen Collins, Gisela Kirston, Joan Oliver, Fr Brian Bailey, Kenny Barry, Roy Preece, Ken Cooper, Cheryl Maytom, Margaret Mary Dooley.

Those Who Are Sick: Maryann Smith, Daphne Bond, Leonie Young, Lisa Reid, Bev Herbert, Warren Wade, Irene Robinson, Luke Barry, Kathie Maynard, Kevin Ward, David Loudon, Michaela Brown, Phillip Hartup, Anne Newman, Graham McCarthy, Keith Edwards, Neville Barry, Susan Barlow, Allwyn Gippel, Christine Elliott, Jean Robertson, Jessica Byron, Gwen Trappel.

Papal Prayer Intention for June: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

The Parish Diary (for the week ahead...)

Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 16 June

Tuesday 17 June

8.30am Mass @ Dungog

Wednesday 18 June

8.30am Mass @ Dungog

Thursday 19 June

9.30am Mass @ East Gresford

Friday 20 June

9.30am Mass @ Dungog (joined by Kinder, Years 1 & 2 from St Joseph's School)

Saturday 21 June

Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

5.30pm Mass @ East Gresford

Sunday 22 June

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8am Mass @ Clarence Town

9.30am Mass @ Dungog

Morning Tea at Dungog

The next morning tea at St Mary's, Dungog will take place after the 9.30am Mass TODAY (15 June) in the Parish Hall. Please join us to enjoy refreshment, conversation and company.

Safeguarding in our Parishes means ...

The Parishes of Dungog & Gresford hold that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.

In line with the Safeguarding Policy of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, our parishes have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding all who interact with the parishes through our activities, ministries and services, especially children and adults at risk.

For more information and resources, please visit the website of the Office of Safeguarding [here](#).

The Catholic Parishes of Dungog and Gresford acknowledge the people of the Worimi and Wonnarua nations, on whose traditional lands we gather, live, and work. We acknowledge their continuing deep and abiding attachment to the land.

We acknowledge their cultural heritage and beliefs, pay our respects to their Elders – past, present, and emerging – and commit ourselves to working together for reconciliation and justice.