



St. Brigid's Church
Raymond Terrace



St. Christopher's Church
Medowie



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Mallabula

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH - RAYMOND TERRACE

Sunday, 15th October 2017 ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"Our Parish will be a vital, caring and welcoming community, living the Gospel of Jesus in word and action."

PARISH INFORMATION

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Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

ST. BRIGID'S

69 William St, Raymond Terrace

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 5.30pm & Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7.00am, Wednesday 7.00am &
Friday 9.15am

Liturgy of the Word (& Communion):

Monday 9:15am & Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.00pm

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

775 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

Weekend Mass:

Sunday 7.30am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Liturgy of the Word (& Communion):

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8.00am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00 - 7.15am

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office.
make arrangements.

Thoughts on the Gospel



The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of

dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10 ~ The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 ~ I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14 ~ Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Jill Taylor, Bernice Malone, Peter Gowing, Lorraine Farrell,
Peter McMahon, Eileen Considine, Kathleen Panton
and Nanny Miller.

The Recently Deceased

Michelle Moffat (QLD)

Anniversaries

Gerald Hughes, Lily Hughes and Aubrey Rice

Special Intention

Mildred and John Rice

Blue Knot Day 2017

Blue Knot Day is Blue Knot Foundation's national awareness day celebrated in October every year. This year it will be held on Monday 16th October. On this day, all Australians are asked to unite in support of the five million Australian adult survivors of childhood trauma and abuse. The theme for Blue Knot Day 2017 is "Unite in Support of Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma", encouraging widespread, visible community support across Australia. This year's theme builds on the Blue Knot Day 2016 campaign of collaboration, "Together we lead the way to survivor recovery". This year we encourage all Australians to unite. The theme "Unite in Support of Adult Survivors of Childhood Trauma" highlights the strength there is in unity, and that healing and recovery cannot occur in isolation.



S.C.A.E Roster

Sunday, 22nd October @ 7.30am at Mallabula

Sunday, 5th November @ 9.30am at Raymond Terrace

Saturday, 11th November @ 7.00pm at Medowie

St. Brigid's Church Cleaning Volunteers

Thank you to all those who volunteer on our church cleaning roster. We are pleased to advise that we have organised for a private contractor to vacuum the carpet downstairs and upstairs in the church once a month. This will mean that volunteers are not required to vacuum as part of their church cleaning routine.

St. Brigid's School News



Kindergarten will attend the Parish Mass at St. Brigid's Church at 9.30am on Sunday 22nd October and participate in some of the ministries during the Mass. Please note changes to roster.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News



The new Medowie Vinnies Shop in Ferodale Plaza at Medowie is now open. The shop is still in need of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or would like to know some more details please ring Rosemary Tucker on 0419 994 260.

Diocesan Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The diocesan RCIA team extends an invitation to all clergy and parishioners to attend an in-service day to be held on Saturday 28th October at the Abermain School Hall. The theme for the day is "Back to Basics in our Diocese". There will be presentations by June Dunn, the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, Vivien Williams, the Diocesan Adult Faith Formation and from members of various parishes around the diocese. There will also be panel discussion on the issues we face in the 'Real RCIA World'. For further information and to RSVP please contact Daphne Peterson on 0412 318 074 or daphne.peterson68@gmail.com prior to 23rd October.

Leaving a Bequest to St. Brigid's Parish or the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Many of the Maitland-Newcastle diocesan and parish works that are currently helping those in need are made possible by the bequests that have been received. Each one of us finds different ways to make our mark on the world. One way of doing this is by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift left in a will. When you leave a bequest to the church, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered. After providing for your family, a bequest to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or the St. Brigid's Parish is a special way of ensuring the work of the church continues. Some bequests are large and some are small but all are vital to the work of the church. You may like to take home one of the pamphlets from your church this weekend.

First Reconciliation Program ~ 18th October 2017

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation program will be held this year for Catholic children in Year 2 through to Year 6. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing and is held after Baptism but before Confirmation and First Holy Communion. An information evening for parents will be held on Wednesday, 18th October 2017 at 7.00pm in the St. Brigid's Parish Hall. The Rite of First Reconciliation will be held on Wednesday, 29th November 2017.

Faith Formation Opportunity ~ Dr. John D'Arcy May

500 years after the reformation....is ecumenical identity a real possibility? After centuries of ecumenical dialogues why has so little changed? There are no longer any doctrinal reasons why Catholics and Protestants cannot achieve visible unity. All are invited to a seminar presented by Dr. John D'Arcy May which provides a framework for making sense of what we are already doing, examining factors which have influenced the progress - or lack of it - of the ecumenical movement. In particular, Dr. John will explore the social structures of the churches, the ways we see ourselves, and how that influences the journey. The seminar will be held on 16th November from 3.30pm to 7pm in the Victor Peters Suite. The cost is \$20 p/p. To book call 49 79 1134.

SRE Weekend of Prayer

As part of the upcoming SRE Weekend of Prayer 2017 you are invited to a prayer afternoon. Visit the Macquarie Life Church in Cardiff any time between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 21st October to receive a prayer for yourself and for your SRE activities. There will be refreshments as well as the opportunity for private prayer. You do not need to RSVP. For further details contact Sally Smith on 49 206 852 or see the poster on the notice board.



Vocation Views

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.



NURSING HOMES

The next Nursing Home Anointing Mass will be:

Tanilba Shores Nursing Home
Wednesday, 18th October at 10.30am.

Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home
Friday, 27th October at 10.15am

ROSARIES

Tuesday, 17th October 2017 @ 7.00pm
St. Christopher's, Medowie

Monday, 23rd October 2017 @ 4.00pm
D & M Applebee
12 Macquarie Close, Raymond Terrace

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at
St. Brigid's every Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

The Rosary is prayed before the Liturgy at
St. Brigid's every Monday and Thursday.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at Our
Lady Help of Christians at 7am on Sundays.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at
St. Christopher's every Saturday evening.

We welcome into our
faith community



Abigail Hades

Abigail was Baptised on
8.10.2017 at St. Brigid's
Church, Raymond Terrace

Feast Day ~ St. Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius was a Bishop of Antioch. He died a martyr in Rome in 107. He is remembered for the seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist. He called himself the 'God-bearer'. His feast day is 17th October.



St. Vincent de Paul Society: Raymond Terrace Conference Ph. 49 875 889 (Tony) and Mallabula Conference Ph. 0402 087 401 (Brian)

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Ministers of Communion	Altar Server	R.T.G.N.H	Ministers to the Sick	Counters	Hospitality
14-10-17 SCAE	D Lloyd A Lloyd	C Halverson M Smith Gospel: L Teah-Wilson	P Edstein B Edstein	Comm. Leader: G Hughes Comm. Assist.: (TBA)					
Leader:	T Edstein								
15-10-17	Volunteer Please	S Giggins A Wheeler	C Dobson M Saunderson	A Hartcher L Waanders S Blyton	T Dolstra A Dolstra	V McLeod	P Hickling S Hickling	C Halverson M Hastie	
21-10-17	R Standing	C Dawson W Pracy	P Boots L Holdom	D Lloyd A Lloyd G Hughes	J Abela				
22-10-17	Kinder School Children	Kinder School Children	Kinder School Children	V McLeod T North V Shrimpton	T North	L Waanders	C Halverson V Shrimpton	P Hickling B Woodard-Knight	Parish Team

Church Cleaning: Wednesday 18th October ~ Shirley Sullivan, Mary Hurren, Patsy Boots and Pat Rippon.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Collectors	Ministers of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Commentator	SCAE Gospel	Oct. Church Cleaning
15-10-17	M Trivers P Harrigan	B McClenaghan J Edwards	V Betwell J Carroll	J Scott K Walker	Clem, Marie and Albert				V Betwell J Reid
22-10-17 SCAE	V Scott J Scott	M Wilkinson C Wilkinson	S Dallas E Currie	L Dolbel J Reid	I Gover J Bailey	G Patteson	K Walker	A Cheetham	E & L Dolbel M & C Wilkinson

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Opening/ Closing	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Minister of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Gospel
14-10-17	Rosary Group	M Johnson B Priestly	A Byron P Byron	V Sultana		
21-10-17	Rosary Group	S Shields N Shields	C Green M Johnson	B Priestly		

New volunteers are always welcome and most appreciated! Please contact the Parish Office to express your interest in taking on a ministry role at your Mass centre.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Ref: We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly,
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love!

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TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
Here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table,
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely,
To share the cup of my love.

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit,
With faith and fullness of life.

My bread will ever sustain you,
Through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness,
To flood the depths of your soul.

Your fields will flower in fullness;
Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
Will send my rain on the soil.

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd
And I want to follow
Wherever he leads me,
Wherever her goes.
Over the mountains,
The waters and by-ways,
Valleys and highways,
He's waiting for me.

**I want to go to meet him there,
To lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my Shepherd
And I want to follow
Wherever he leads me,
Wherever he goes.**

And while on the journey
To where we are going,
He promised to be there
To help us along.
And over the mountains
We'll walk on together
To know all the wonders
He's given to me.

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NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ~ I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 ~ We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-21 ~ Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

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JESUS CHRIST IS WAITING

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets.
No-one is his neighbor, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the kingdom's causes, let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets,
Curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets
Where each sign of hatred, he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard, let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace,
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space,
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

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