



**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, 10th February 2019 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

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

### **PARISH INFORMATION**

#### **Parish Office:**

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**Administrator:** Fr Joyce Sebastian

**Resident Priest:** Fr Philip Doyle CSSp

**Parish Office Secretary:** Kate Allen

**Financial Secretary:** Greg Hickling

**Sacramental Co-ordinator:**

Mary-Jane Malone

**Office Hours:** Monday: Office Closed  
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

### **ST. BRIGID'S**

69 William St, Raymond Terrace

#### **Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 5.30pm (3rd Weekend SCAE)

Sunday 9.30am (1st Weekend SCAE)

#### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday 7.00am, Wednesday 7.00am &  
Friday 9.15am

#### **Liturgy of the Word (& Communion):**

Monday 9.15am & Thursday 9.15am

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4.30pm  
(except when there is a SCAE)

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S**

775 Medowie Rd, Medowie

**Saturday Vigil:** 7.00pm  
(2nd Weekend SCAE)

### **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

#### **Weekend Mass:**

Sunday 7.30am (4th Weekend SCAE)

#### **Weekday Mass:**

Thursday 9.15am

#### **Liturgy of the Word (& Communion):**

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8.00am

**Reconciliation:** Sunday 7.00am  
(except when there is a SCAE).

## **Thoughts on the Gospel**



Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

*A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.*

### **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 6:1-8 ~ Here am I! Send me.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 5:1-11 ~ They left everything and followed him.

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

**The Sick**

Martin Stockford, John O'Neil, Peter Gorrington, Lee Davidson, Joan Harding, Tony Seesink, Ann Burr, Michael Cunningham, Bernice Malone, Alan Dallas, Joan Mitchell, Shelley Rice, Isabel Knight, Gerry Hughes, Bob Priestly, Bev Priestly, Therese Krick, Jonathan Godwin and Jean Jackson.

**The Recently Deceased**

Jill Green

**Anniversaries**

George Gray, David Maddison, Cecil Purdy & Mildred Rice.

**Welcome to Father Joyce Sebastian**

We welcome Father Joyce as the Administrator of our parish. Father Joyce has most recently served six months as the Administrator at the Chisholm Parish while the parish priest was on leave and prior to that was the Assistant Priest. Father Joyce looks forward to meeting all parishioners at Raymond Terrace and Mallabula this weekend and our Medowie parishioners at Mass on Saturday 23rd February. Please remember him in your prayers.



**2019 World Day of Prayer**

This year St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace has the privilege of hosting the Raymond Terrace World Day of Prayer. This annual event is held each year on the first Friday in March. This year the World Day of Prayer Service will commence at 10.00am on Friday 1st March at St. Brigid's Church. Everyone is urged to participate and demonstrate the wonderful hospitality for which St. Brigid's is renowned by bringing a plate of food to share for morning tea in the parish hall after the service.

**Change to Mass Time on Friday 1st March**

Please note that Mass will be held at 7.00am on Friday 1st March rather than 9.15am. This will allow for the setting up of the World Day of Prayer service which will commence at 10.00am.

**Project Compassion and Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 2019**

The Project Compassion 2019 Launch will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019. A Liturgy will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 10.30am followed by pancakes at the Victor Peters Suite. Please RSVP to 49 79 1111.

**International Woman's Day Magdalene Award**

International Woman's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 10th March with the presentation of the annual Magdalene Award. This year one of our parishioners, Lidy Waanders, is nominated. Please gather for Mass at 9.30am, to be celebrated by Bishop Bill, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome to stay after Mass for morning tea and the award presentation in the Toohey Room.

**Palms Australia Newcastle Information Session**

Are you ready to give back? Would you like to discover how sharing your skills in a community abroad could make a difference? Palms Australia is recruiting again to fill more requests from overseas communities. An information session is being held on Sunday 10th March at The Resistance Centre at 472 Hunter Street Newcastle from 3.00pm-4.30pm. The session is being conducted by Cheree and Michael Flanagan who will provide insights from their experience volunteering in Comoro and Timor Leste. For more information please visit their website [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 5333.

**St. Brigid's Playgroup Raymond Terrace**

The St. Brigid's Playgroup meet in the St. Brigid's Parish Hall every Tuesday (in School Terms) from 9.30am through until 11.00am. All children aged 0-5 years are welcome to attend along with their parent, grandparent or caregiver. Each child should bring a piece of fruit and a water bottle for morning tea while the adults enjoy a cuppa. The St. Brigid's Playgroup is a place for children to have fun whilst developing new skills through informal play and an opportunity for the parents to meet others and share their stories and experiences. A gold coin donation is suggested for the craft activities and annual membership is just \$2. For more information please contact Raelene on 0403 879 738 or Tamara on 0477 292 385.



**Vocation Views**

Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8).



**WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY!**



**11th February ~ Rosary at Nursing Home**

The Rosary will be prayed with the residents of the Opal Aged Care Home at Raymond Terrace on Monday 11th February at 2pm. All are welcome.

**15th February ~ 2019 Catechist Mass**

The 2019 Annual Catechist Mass will be held on Friday 15th February 2019 at 2.00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. We congratulate our parishioners Kathy Weir, Patricia Simpson and Helen Gibson who will all receive an award at this Mass.

**16th February ~ Rev. John Lovell Ordination**

You may recall that we had John Lovell visit our parish a few years ago. John has now completed his formation and you are invited to attend his Ordination to the Priesthood at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Ordination will take place on Saturday 16th February 2019 at 10.00am and will be conducted by Bishop Bill Wright. Rev. Anthony Coloma will also be ordained at the ceremony.

**16th February ~ David Parkes Concert**

Irish singer, David Parkes, will perform at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 11 Macquarie Street Wallsend on Saturday 16th February from 2pm - 4pm. David is a renowned international singer and witness on the great mercy of Our Lord through the intercession of Our Lady. He is a great believer in the message of Divine Mercy. David's concerts are unique, humorous and spiritually inspirational. There is no charge to attend the concert, however, a donation on the day would be appreciated. See flyer on the notice board.

**21st February ~ Ecumenical Conversation Dialogue**

This dialogue, with the theme, "Why the Cross?" will be held at Adamstown Uniting Church at 228 Brunner Road Adamstown from 6pm-9pm on Thursday 21st February.

**23rd February ~ Triduum Take 3 Workshop**

All interested members of our parish community are invited to attend the Triduum Take 3 Conversation and Workshop. This will be held on Saturday 23rd February 2019 in the Toohey Room at 841 Hunter Street Newcastle from 9.30am - 1.00pm. This workshop will focus on Good Friday. Participants will be engaged in conversation about the many pastoral and liturgical issues that parishes face regarding Good Friday.

## **NURSING HOMES**

The next Nursing Home Anointing Mass will be:

**Tanilba Shores Nursing Home**  
Wednesday 20th February at 10.30am

**Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home**  
Friday, 22nd February at 10.15am

To have a notice published in our Parish Bulletin please ensure that it is received by the Parish Office by 2pm on Tuesdays. To have a name placed on the anniversaries or sick list please ensure that you phone the office on 49871888 by 11.30am on Wednesday. The bulletins are printed at 12pm on Wednesdays.

## **ROSARIES**

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 and at 7pm every Tuesday.

If you would like to have a home rosary please contact Val McLeod on 49 872 818 or Cath O'Brien on 49 874 472.



## **Plenary Council 2020**

**A reminder to have your say!** Your anonymous written submission can be left in the box marked "Plenary Council Submissions" at each Mass centre or they can be submitted online at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) by 3rd March 2019.

Over the past 8 months more than 40,000 people have generously shared their stories and experiences of life, faith and the church with the Plenary Council. These stories will help shape this historic process by forming the agenda for the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Raymond Terrace Conference Ph. 49676277 (Clare) 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
9-2-19	J Pracy	D Lloyd A Lloyd	S Sullivan C O'Brien	A Townsend C Halverson C Warby	J Abela B Abela				
10-2-19	A Dolstra	I Knight H Wheeler	V McLeod V Shrimpton	L Waanders V Shrimpton P Hickling	E Dolstra E Dolstra	F Clarke	D Lloyd A Lloyd P Hickling		Cursillo
16-2-19 SCAE Leader:	R Standing C Standing L Teah-Wilson	K Olden T Edstein Gospel: T Edstein	G Kime A Kime	Comm. Leader: W Pracy Comm. Assist.: P Edstein					
17-2-19	M Pryer	S Giggins L Waanders	M Saunderson I Knight	B Searl C Kilpatrick T North	A Dolstra			B Townsend P Edstein	

**Church Cleaning: Wednesday 27th February ~ Shirley Sullivan and Mary Hurren**

### **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Collectors	Ministers of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Commentator	SCAE Gospel	Feb. Church Cleaning
10-2-19	V Betwell J Carroll	J McDonald M Wilkinson	L Went A Went	B Marshall P Trappel	Brian, Ralph and Jenny D				Helen Gibson Jane Dorney Elizabeth Currie
17-2-19	E Dolbel L Dolbel	J Edwards R DeVillie	M Wilkinson J Nederlof	F Morrissey R Smith	Albert, Jenny B and Irene				

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE**

	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Minister of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Gospel
9-2-19 SCAE	I Cacciato Y Carolan	Sultana Family	N Shields	C Worthington	K Weir
16-2-19	M Bernadette G Diggins	S Shields N Shields	V Sultana		

New volunteers are always welcome and most appreciated! Please contact the Parish Office on 49 871 888 to express your interest in taking on a ministry role at your Mass centre.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!  
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

### HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
 Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
 All on earth thy sceptre claim,  
 All in heav'n above adore thee.  
 Infinite, thy vast domain,  
 Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! The loudest celestial hymn.  
 Angel choirs above are raising;  
 Cherubim and Seraphim.  
 In unceasing chorus praising;  
 Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Holy Father, holy Son,  
 Holy Spirit, three we name thee;  
 While in essence only One,  
 Undivided God we claim thee;  
 And adoring, bend the knee,  
 While we own the mystery.

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### SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
 Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
 This is the day the Lord has made.  
 Let all the earth rejoice.*

I will give thanks to You, my Lord.  
 You have answered my plea.  
 You have saved my soul from death.  
 You are my strength and my song.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.  
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
 Let us be glad and rejoice.  
 He has turned all death to life.  
 Sing of the glory of God.

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### GALILEE SONG

Deep within my heart I feel  
 Voices whispering to me,  
 Words that I can't understand,  
 Meanings I can't clearly hear,  
 Calling me to follow close,  
 Lest I leave myself behind,  
 Calling me to walk into  
 Evening shadows one more time!

*So I leave my boats behind,  
 Leave them on familiar shores,  
 Set my heart up on the deep,  
 Follow you again, my Lord!*

In my memories I know  
 How you send familiar rains,  
 Falling gently on my days  
 Dancing patterns on my pain.  
 And I need to learn once more,  
 In the fortress of my mind,  
 To believe in falling rain  
 As I travel deserts dry!

As I gaze into the night,  
 Down the future of my years,  
 I'm not sure I want to walk  
 Past horizons that I know.  
 But I feel my spirit called  
 Like a stirring deep within,  
 Restless 'til I live again  
 Beyond the fears that close me in!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah  
 17:5-8 ~ A curse on those who  
 trust in humanity; a blessing on  
 those who trust in the Lord.

**SECOND READING:** 1  
 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 ~ If  
 Christ is not raised from the  
 dead, your faith is in vain.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 6:  
 17, 20-26 ~ Happy are the poor.  
 Woe to the rich!

### **Raymond Terrace Hymns**

#### THE SUMMONS

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?  
 Will you let your life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare.  
 Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
 and admit to What I mean in you and you in me?

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#### I HAVE LOVED YOU

*I have loved you with an everlasting love.  
 I have called you and you are mine.  
 I have loved you with an everlasting love.  
 I have called you and you are mine.*

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
 He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
 He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
 He will bring you his care and his love.

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