



**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, 13th January 2019 ~ The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)**

**"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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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



A great tragedy of Christmas is that for many, it is a religion of one night, however lovely and shining it may be. The Incarnation of Jesus is reduced to mere sentimentality, tradition or a cultural feast. But Jesus is not a meteor. It is not enough to come to the manger and get stuck there; we must turn from it. And then, accepting what the occupant of the manger means, we must begin to live out that meaning, choosing what may be new directions, challenging previous ways and assumptions, continuing the journey of our life with the knowledge that something has changed. One person has made a huge difference in our life and has literally changed history.

The theme of Christ's epiphany – of Jesus inaugurating his divine mission on earth – reaches its fulfilment in today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The beautiful text from Evening Prayer on the feast of the Epiphany reads: "Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation." Each event is accompanied by a theophany, by startling evidence of divine intervention: the star, the water into wine, the voice from heaven and the dove. Today we witness the baptism of the Lord, the one into whom we ourselves are baptised.

*From a homily by Fr Thomas Rosica, on the Salt & Light TV blog.*

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 ~ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**SECOND READING:** Titus 2: 11-14, 3:4-7 ~ He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 ~ When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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

**The Sick**

John Worthington, Martin Stockford, John O'Neil, Peter Goring, Lee Davidson, Joan Harding, Tony Seesink, Ann Burr, Michael Cunningham, Bernice Malone, Alan Dallas, Joan Mitchell, Shelley Rice, Isabel Knight & Gerry Hughes.

**Recently Deceased**

Fina Lee and Eileen Cunningham

**Anniversaries**

Ronald Gooi, Cecilia Corbett, Arthur O'Keefe, Merle O'Keefe, Gladys O'Keefe and Pat O'Keefe.



**What are the steps of preparation towards the Plenary Council sessions?**

A Plenary Council is held in three stages: preparation, celebration and implementation.

Preparation is what we are doing now and there are three steps during this stage. The first is Open Listening and Dialogue, which began at Pentecost. This will continue to be the focus until Ash Wednesday (6th March 2019). During this time, all people are invited to share and reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

The second step in our preparatory journey will commence after Easter in 2019. We will have discerned the emergent themes from all of the stories that we have shared during the Open Listening and Dialogue stage, and we will move into Dialogue and Discernment. It is a time to continue in the way of dialogue and to gather together to listen, pray and speak with one another and move forward—with focus—towards the future God is calling us to. We will be called to listen to what has been shared and reflect on this in light of the Gospels, church teachings and good practice from inside and outside of the Church. In this way, we will continue to listen to the Spirit.

Thirdly, in early 2020, the draft Plenary Council papers written during the discernment stage will provide us with an opportunity for the final stage of preparation, Dialogue and Formation. Together, we will read and learn, speak with one another, reflect, take time to listen deeply to the emergent questions and themes, and continue to grapple with what future God is calling us toward. The stories expressing our sense of faith shared during the Open Listening and Dialogue stage will have shaped the program and the discernment of the Plenary Council.

These three steps of preparation will take us toward the celebration of the Plenary Council, which will begin with the first Council session in October 2020.



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

**Farewell to Father Kevin**

A farewell morning tea will be held for Father Kevin on Sunday 27th January at the St. Brigid's Parish Hall after the 9.30am Mass. This will be Father Kevin's last weekend in the Parish and an opportunity to thank him for his ministry in our parish and to wish him well in his retirement. If you are able to bring a plate to share it would be most appreciated.



**Anointing Mass Cancelled at Tanilba Shores Nursing Home**

Please note that the Anointing Mass that had been scheduled for 10.30am on Wednesday 16th January at Tanilba Shores Nursing Home has been cancelled.

**Lenten Discussion Group Books**

This year we will order the 2019 Lenten Discussion group resources from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. The full-colour book titled "Trust" will include Sunday gospel reflections and spiritual directions from Father Sean Cullen and Sister Hilda Scott OSB along with shorter daily reflections that have been written by various other clergy, religious and lay contributors. To order a book please write your name and "Lenten Book" on an envelope and enclose \$8. You can place your envelope on the collection plate at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office (Tuesday - Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm). We must receive your order by Thursday 17th January 2019.

**Lenten Discussion Group Leaders**

Would you like to lead a Lenten Discussion group within our parish? If so, please contact Father Kevin or Kate in the Parish Office on or before Thursday 17th January 2019. We will order each group a Leader Pack which includes a triple CD set.

**Catholic Development Fund 2019 Calendar Magnets**

The Catholic Development Fund have provided us with complimentary 2019 calendar magnets. Please take one home from Mass this weekend.

**2019 Catechist Mass**

The 2019 Annual Catechist Mass will be held on Friday 15th February 2019 at 2.00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**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.

**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.

**Project Compassion & 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 by 25th February 2019.

**Vocation Views**

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood from religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).



## NURSING HOMES

The next Nursing Home Anointing Mass will be:

**Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home**  
Friday, 25th January at 10.15am

**Tanilba Shores Nursing Home**  
Wednesday 22nd February at 10.30am

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

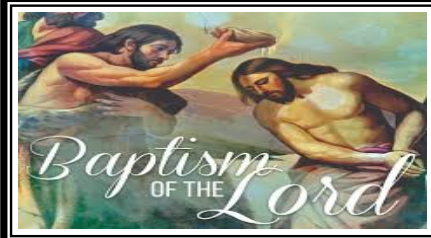
The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Brigid's every Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

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 3/3/19.



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
12-1-19	D Lloyd A Lloyd	K Olden T Edstein	L Holdom J Bunt	D Lloyd A Lloyd J Sullivan	J Abela B Abela				
13-1-19	M Saunderson	S Blyton A Hartcher	V McLeod V Shrimpton	I Knight B Searl C Kilpatrick	E Dolstra E Dolstra	V McLeod	P Hickling L Waanders		St. Brigid's Family Group
19-1-19 <b>SCAE</b>  <b>Leader:</b>	K Bellamy  K O'Brien	C Halverson W Pracy <b>Gospel:</b> M Smith	W Pracy J Pracy	<b>Comm. Leader:</b> C Dawson <b>Comm. Assist.:</b> P Edstein					
20-1-19	I Knight	L Waanders A Skillen	M Saunderson I Knight	T North P Hickling S Hickling	A Dolstra			C Halverson M Hastie	

**Church Cleaning: Wednesday 16th January ~ 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	January Church Cleaning
13-1-19	J Edwards H Gibson	L Went B McClenaghan	C Walker K Walker	B Marshall P Trappel	Jenny B, Irene & Albert				Val Betwell E & L Dolbel Marie Wilkinson G & N Papalia
20-1-19	P Harrigan M Trivers	I Gover J Bailey	P Harrigan J Solway	A Went K Walker	Dianne, Marie & Nino				

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Minister of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Gospel
12-1-19 <b>SCAE</b>	M Molloy N Hammond	D Dawe A Kayser	S Shields	J Banville	B Worthington
19-1-19	A Byron P Byron	C Green M Johnson	B Worthington		

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:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Song of God.

### JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
let earth receive her King.  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;  
let us our songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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G.F Handel (1685-1759)  
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### LIVING WATER

*I will give you living water!  
Shade to rest under; strength to your heart!  
Grow deep within me filled by my Spirit,  
my burdens are easy, my life it is yours!*

We have been with the lonely,  
to the hungry we've given Your Bread.  
We now come with all our hopes and dreams  
to rest awhile with you!

To the empty we've carried  
Your Word of hope and of life.  
Build us now beyond our hopes and dreams,  
'till we live in you!

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### COME TO THE WATER

Come to the water, you who are thirsty!  
Though you have nothing, I bid you come  
And be filled with the goodness  
I have to offer. Come! Listen! Live!

Why spend your money on what cannot fill  
the emptiness deep in your heart?  
Listen to my word and you will enjoy:  
goodness and peace in your heart!

Just as the heavens are high above earth;  
my ways and thoughts beyond you!  
Call me your Father and know I am near!  
I will be Father to you.

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;  
Just as a seed becomes bread,  
my word upon you can never return  
until my longing is filled!

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## Raymond Terrace Hymns

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 62: 1-5 ~ As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ~ One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

**GOSPEL READING:** John 2: 1-11 ~ The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

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### GATHER US TOGETHER

*Lord, Jesus Christ, gather us together.  
Make us one bread, one body in your love.*

Gather your people who long to be one,  
One with you, O Lord, in truth and love.

We do proclaim you the Saviour of all,  
Lord of all the earth and sea and sky.

Forgive our failings, create us anew.  
Speak your words of peace into our hearts.

Into your hands, Lord, we place all our cares,  
Trusting in your love which never fails.

Within your temple your praises we sing.  
Glorious is your name o'er all the earth.

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### SING A NEW SONG

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
Let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
Singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for Him on glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
Your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord!  
The trumpet sounds,  
the dead shall be raised:  
I know my Saviour lives.

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