



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, 17th February 2019 ~ Sixth 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

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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



Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS 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!

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

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, Bob Priestly, Bev Priestly, Jonathan Godwin and Jean Jackson.

The Recently Deceased

Therese Krick and Eileen Riordan.

Anniversaries

Francis William Edstein



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.

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.

- What to do in parishes with multiple Churches?
- Who presides?
- What Liturgy is used?
- What is celebrated in addition to the Passion of the Lord at 3pm?

Please RSVP to Sharon Murphy on 49 79 1134.

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.



Ash Wednesday ~ 6th March

The following Masses will be held on Ash Wednesday:

- 9.15am at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace
- 11.00am at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

Please also refer to the cancelled Masses below.



Cancelled 7am Mass at Raymond Terrace on Ash Wednesday

Please note that the 7.00am Mass at St. Brigid's, Raymond Terrace will be cancelled on Ash Wednesday. We invite all parishioners to attend the later Mass at 9.15am.

Cancelled Mass at Mallabula on Thursday 7th March

Please note that the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians will be cancelled on Thursday 7th March. We invite all parishioners to attend the weekday Mass that will be held on Ash Wednesday instead.

2019 Raymond Terrace 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.



2019 Tilligerry Peninsula World Day of Prayer

A World Day of Prayer service on the Tilligerry Peninsula will this year be hosted by the Anglican Church Community. The service will be held at the Holy Name Anglican Church at 8 Strathmore Road, Mallabula on Friday 1st March commencing at 11.00am. The service will be followed by refreshments and fellowship - a plate of light refreshment will be appreciated. The service has been written by the women of Slovenia. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in.



Change to Mass Time on Friday 1st March

Please note that Mass at St. Brigid's 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. For more information please visit their website www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333.

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 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
16-2-19 SCAE Leader:	R Standing C Standing L Teah-Wilson	D Lloyd A Lloyd 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	
23-2-19	D Lloyd A Lloyd	C Halverson W Pracy	K Bellamy M Thorpe	D Lloyd A Lloyd J Sullivan	J Abela B Abela				
24-2-19	E Dolstra	S Blyton A Hartcher	Dolstra Family	P Hickling S Hickling C Kilpatrick	I Knight	V Shrimpton	S Hickling L Waanders		Parish Team

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
17-2-19	E Dolbel L Dolbel	J Edwards R DeVile	M Wilkinson J Nederlof	F Morrissey R Smith	Albert, Jenny B and Irene				Helen Gibson Jane Dorney Elizabeth Currie
24-2-19 SCAE	P Harrigan M Trivers	L Went J Bailey	V Betwell J Carroll	J Solway A Cheetham	M Wilkinson E Currie	I Gover	J Nederlof	R DeVile	

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Ministers of the Word	Gifts (Candle Bearers)	Minister of Communion	SCAE Leader	SCAE Gospel
16-2-19	M Bernadette G Diggins	S Shields N Shields	V Sultana		
23-2-19	M Molloy C Worthington	K Weir J Joans	P Byron		

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: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

OUT OF DARKNESS

*Out of darkness God has called us,
claimed by Christ as God's own people.
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
walking in God's marvellous light.*

Let us take the words you give,
Strong and faithful words to live,
Words that in our hearts are sown,
Words that bind us as your own.

Let us take the Christ you give,
Broken body, Christ we live.
Christ the risen from the tomb,
Christ who calls us as your own.

Let us take the love you give,
That the way of love we live.
Love to bring your people home,
Love to make us all your own.

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SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD

*Seek, O seek the Lord while he is near;
trust him, speak to him in prayer, and he will hear.*

God be with us in our lives,
Direct us in our calling;
Break the snares the world contrives,
Keep us from falling.

God, increase in us the life
That Christ by dying gave us.
Though we faint in mortal strife his
Blood will save us.

Strengthen in our hearts the love
We owe to one another;
How can we love God above
And not our brother?

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CITY OF GOD

*Awake for your slumber! Arise from you sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in the darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.*

*Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing.
For the Lord our light and our love has turned
the night into day.*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of the day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
A light for all people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in God there is no darkness.
Let us walk in the light. God's children one and all.
O comfort my people make gentle your words,
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness now lift up your voice,
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel
26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 ~ The
Lord has put you in my power,
but I will not raise my hand
against you.

SECOND READING: 1
Corinthians 15:45-49 ~ Just as
we have carried the earthly
image, we must carry the
heavenly image.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:
27-38 ~ Be merciful as your
Father is merciful.

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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?

Text & Arrangement: John Bell b.1949 and Grahame Maule b.1958
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AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.*

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