



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, 2nd December 2018 ~ First Sunday of Advent (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

The Presider blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water, using these or similar words:

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord now and for all time.

The Presider or an assistant lights the first candle.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Jeremiah's words "the Lord our integrity".

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again as the fulfilment of all prophecy with power and great glory.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider. Grant your faithful, we pray, Almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at your right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever.

R. Amen



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 ~ When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36 ~ Your redemption is near at hand.

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, Bishop Bill Wright, Fina Lee and Isabel Knight.

Anniversaries

George Anthony Kime, John O'Keefe, Christine O'Keefe, John O'Donoghue, Stephen Burke and John Baker.

"The Swag" Magazine

The National Council of Priests of Australia (NCP) an association of Bishops, Priests and Deacons



The Swag

Quarterly Magazine of the
National Council of Priests of Australia

publishes a quarterly magazine called, "The Swag". We have complimentary copies of the Summer 2018 edition of this magazine available at your church this weekend. As we only have limited copies we ask that you might return it to the church after you have read it so that other parishioners have a chance to enjoy it too. This is the first time that we have ordered these magazines so please give Father Kevin your feedback about it. You may even find it helpful in providing food-for-thought as part of your preparation for the Plenary Council 2020.

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER!



4th December: Tilly Travellers ~ Meet at 11.30am for a picnic at the Foreshore Park at Lemon Tree Passage.

5th December: Anointing Mass ~ St. Brigid's Church at 10.00am to offer thanks to all of our parish volunteers. Hospitality will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please note that the 7.00am Mass will be cancelled today.

7th December: Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass ~ St. Brigid's Church at 9.30am. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy hospitality in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please note that the 9.15am Mass will be cancelled today.

7th December: St. John's Carols ~ Annual Christmas message, carols and the lighting of the Christmas Tree at St. John's Anglican Church Raymond Terrace. Starts at 6pm. All welcome.

9th December: Christmas Volunteers ~ Last day to put your name on the Christmas volunteer sheets for Raymond Terrace and Mallabula.

15th December: Simbang Gabi ~ In preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's birth, Novena Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Merewether tonight at 7pm and every night at 7pm up to and including Sunday 23rd December. These Christmas Novena Masses are also known as Simbang Gabi to Filipinos and they honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and serve as preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Our Lord.

Communion Ministers to the Sick

Unfortunately we only have a very small group of parishioners that take Communion to the sick at the Raymond Terrace Nursing Home and to those in our community that are sick and/or housebound. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of either of these ministry rosters could you please contact Father Kevin or Kate in the Parish Office this week!

Home Rosaries

Unfortunately, as of 2019, we will no longer have home rosaries. There will be two more occasions this year. The rosary will be prayed at the Raymond Terrace Nursing Home on 10th December and the final home rosary will be at Mr & Mrs Bull's residence on Friday 14th December. These will both be advertised on page three of the bulletin in the week prior. 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 and they will organise a suitable time for you.



Christmas Ministry Volunteers at Raymond Terrace

We are calling for volunteers to assist in the various ministries at the Christmas Vigil Mass and the Christmas Day Mass at St. Brigid's, Raymond Terrace. Please place your name on the sheet provided on the notice board in the side porch of the Church on or before Sunday 9th December so that the completed rosters can be published in the Sunday bulletins.

Christmas Ministry Volunteers at Mallabula

We are calling for volunteers to assist in the various ministries at the Christmas Vigil Mass and the Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula. Please place your name on the sheet provided on the notice board on or before Sunday 9th December so that the completed rosters can be published in the Sunday bulletins.

Scripture Teachers for Tanilba Bay Public School

We are seeking volunteers to teach interdenominational scripture lessons at Tanilba Bay Public School in 2019. You will use the God Space material and will teach classes with children ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6. We require volunteers to teach 2 or 3 classes each week in the school term. You will need to obtain a Working With Children Check and undertake some basic scripture training. If you are interested or would like to know more please ring Helen Gibson on 0412 993 488.

Columban Calendars

The St. Vincent de Paul Raymond Terrace Conference will be selling 2019 Columban Calendars at Mass every weekend. The calendars are \$9 each. Any parishioners from St. Christopher's Medowie that would like to purchase a calendar should send in \$9 in an envelope marked with their name and "Columban Calendar".

Vocation Views

Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. God is calling you to serve. (Jeremiah 33:14-16)



Christmas 2018 Mass Times



St. Brigid's School Hall, Raymond Terrace
Monday, 24th December @ 7.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula
Monday, 24th December @ 8.00pm

St. Christopher's, Medowie
Monday, 24th December @ 9.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula
Tuesday, 25th December @ 8.00am

St. Brigid's Church, Raymond Terrace
Tuesday, 25th December @ 8.30am

NURSING HOMES

The next Nursing Home Anointing Mass will be:

Tanilba Shores Nursing Home
Wednesday, 19th December at 10.30am

Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home
Friday, 28th December 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

Tuesday, 4th December @ 7.00pm
St. Christopher's, Medowie

Monday, 10th December @ 2.00pm
Raymond Terrace Nursing Home
Sturgeon Street North, 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



Estelle Louise Brown

Estelle was Baptised on
25.11.2018 at St. Brigid's,
Raymond Terrace.



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 |
|--|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1-12-18 | R Standing C Standing | L Teah-Wilson A Teah-Wilson | C O'Brien K Bellamy | D Lloyd A Lloyd T Edstein | J Abela B Abela | | | | |
| 2-12-18 SCAE Leader: | M Saunderson S Blyton | S Giggins B Searl Gospel: A Hartcher | Hickling Family | Comm. Leader: L Waanders Comm. Assist.: S Hickling | | | | | |
| 8-12-18 | K Bellamy | K Olden T Edstein | C Halverson and Family | R Lee J Sullivan A Townsend | J Abela B Abela | | | | |
| 9-12-18 | I Knight | S Blyton A Hartcher | Volunteers Please | C Kilpatrick B Searl V McLeod | E Dolstra E Dolstra | F Clarke | S Hickling L Waanders | B Townsend P Edstein | Cursillo |

Church Cleaning: Wednesday 5th December ~ Maria Applebee and Isabel Knight

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

| | Welcomer | Ministers of the Word | Gifts (Candle Bearers) | Collectors | Ministers of Communion | SCAE Leader | SCAE Commentator | SCAE Gospel | Dec. Church Cleaning |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|--|
| 2-12-18 | J Edwards H Gibson | J McDonald M Wilkinson | V Betwell J Carroll | J Solway A Cheetham | Elizabeth, Greg and Lucy | | | | Shonnie Dixon Nelin Zorzi Virginia Burke Ann Patteson |
| 9-12-18 | P Harrigan M Trivers | J Edwards A Cheetham | V Scott J Scott | B Marshall P Trappel | Albert, Jenny B and Irene | | | | |

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

| | Ministers of the Word | Gifts (Candle Bearers) | Minister of Communion | SCAE Leader | SCAE Gospel |
|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1-12-18 | M Morad M Johnson | N Hammond G Hammond | V Sultana | | |
| 8-12-18 SCAE | I Cacciato S Shields | A Kayser J Jones | C Worthington | B Worthington | 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: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

O EMMANUEL

*O Emmanuel, come into our hearts
O Emmanuel, were waiting for your light.
O Emmanuel, God is with us now.
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.*

We your people are waiting for you,
Lord, waiting all throughout the earth.
We your people are waiting for you
Lord, waiting to celebrate your birth.

We your people are longing for you,
Lord, longing with hope and with joy.
We your people are longing for you
Lord, longing for the sign to rejoice.

We your people are ready for you,
Lord, ready to change and repent.
We your people are ready for you.
Lord, ready for you to come again.

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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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JESUS, COME TO US

*Jesus, come to us, lead us to your light.
Jesus, be with us, for we need you.*

Lord, we come before you: listen to our prayer.
Fill us all with hope and your love.

Lord, we come to praise you
For your faithfulness through the night.
You will be with us, this we know.

Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all.
We believe in you, come to us.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1 –
9 ~ Jerusalem - God will show
your splendour.

SECOND READING:
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 ~ Show
yourself sinless and without
blame in the day of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3: 1
-6 ~ All people shall see the
salvation of God.



ADVENT CHANT

Twilight, then darkness, night falls and candles glow.
Gently surrounding us, a new birth of hope.

Watching, waiting, awak'ning a new birth of hope.

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BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

You are salt for the earth , O people;
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life O people;
Life in the Kingdom of God.

*Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God!

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