



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, 23rd August 2020 ~ Twenty-First 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

Parish Office:

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Parish Priest: Fr Joyce Sebastian
Assistant Priest: Fr Graham Fullick
Parish 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 & Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00am
Thursday & Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

775 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5.45pm & 7.00pm

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday & Friday 8.00am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

Weekend Mass:

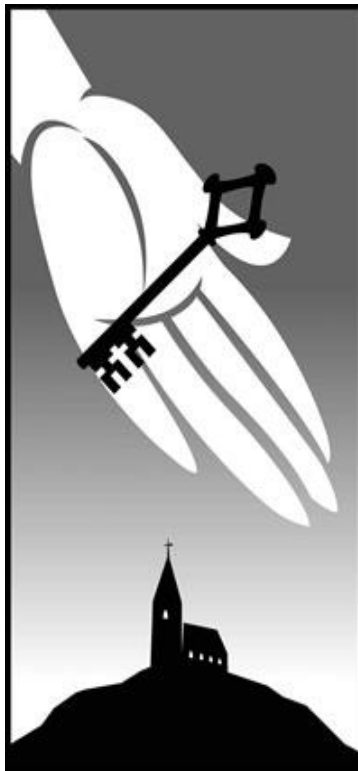
Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

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Wednesday & Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23 ~ I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36 ~ From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20 ~ You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Peter Gorring, Lee Davidson, Hugo Rice, Bob Priestly, Bev Priestly, Ozzie Dixon, Jonathan Godwin, Jean Jackson, Frances Zuiderwyk, Anthony Driver, Lucy Went, Fred Stanwell, Bernie O'Brien, Tracy Dawson, Kevin Burns, Maureen Moule, Tony Murphy, Jim Ferrier, Kevin Walker, Joyce Byron, Jo Pointing, Peter Betwell, Doug Hickling, Cheryl Crane, Marilyn Nightingale and Alicia Proctor.



Safeguarding Training for all Parish Volunteers

In September 2019 the senior leadership of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, including the Council of Priests and Diocesan Leadership Group, signed off on new safeguarding training standards. As part of these standards, a specialised four-hour training package was developed specifically to support paid and unpaid workers undertake a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training will be delivered by one or more Family Ministry Coordinators of the Pastoral Ministries Team. The training will be delivered in a COVID-safe way with social distancing maintained and screening questions to check on potential exposure.

Who is this Safeguarding Training for?

If you are a paid or unpaid worker/volunteer of St. Brigid's Parish then you need to attend. This includes everyone who is on a ministry roster and SRE Teachers and Sacristans. However, if you have completed Safeguarding Training (formerly known as Child Protection Training) within the last 6 years you do not need to attend.

When and where will the training be held?

There will be four sessions held in the St. Brigid's School Hall
10am - 2pm Monday 14th September
10am - 2pm Tuesday 22nd September
10am - 2pm Tuesday 13th October
10am - 2pm Tuesday 20th October

You only need to attend one session, choose the date that suits you best and register. For alternate dates and locations please ring Rebecca Mahony on 49 79 1322.

How do I register to attend the training session?

You need to register by calling Rebecca Mahony on 49 791322 or by emailing Rebecca at: hr_training@mn.catholic.org.au

I have a question, who should I contact?

You need to ring the Office of Safeguarding (at the Diocese) on 49 791390 or email them at: oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au



Changes to Mass on Thursday 27th August

On Thursday 27th August the Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula will be celebrated at 7.30am and unfortunately the 9.15am Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace will be cancelled as all Clergy will be participating in a Parish Leadership Day run by the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist Feast Day Mass

A Mass will be held at 9.15am on Saturday 29th August at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace to commemorate The Passion of Saint John the Baptist. Please ring or email the Parish office to book your seat.

Aid to the Church in Need

National Emergency Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on 4th August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, *Aid to the Church in Need*, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. The explosion killed at least 135 people, injured more than 5000 and decimated the capital city. There are now more than 300,000 people without homes. The funds raised will be used to support the most immediate needs. Please see the flyer at your church this weekend with details on how to donate. Alternatively please visit the website www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call 1800 101 201.



Sea Sunday Donations

Thank you to those parishioners that gave so generously to the Mission to Seafarers on Sea Sunday. Our parish donated \$406.85.

Father Graham Annual Leave

Father Graham is currently on Annual Leave and will return on Friday 28th August. We pray that he is having a safe and enjoyable break. We thank Father Arthur Cook for assisting us in Father Graham's absence.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

Special Religious Education (SRE) is an important ministry within our Diocese which supports parents, students, clergy and parishes in the religious education of approximately 2500 students attending government schools. The SRE ministry exists to promote the Kingdom of God on earth through parishes, into schools and homes, by proclaiming Christ's Gospel of justice, peace, love and forgiveness. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has had an impact on this ministry. On March 23rd the NSW Department of Education provided advice that all SRE was to pause. As we emerge out of restrictions SRE is now allowed back in schools. The current concern is many of those involved in the SRE ministry fit into the vulnerable category according to the NSW Health guidelines and the AHPPC guidelines.



We need your help! Do you have a calling to spread the good news and joy of the Gospels to children? Are you able to be there to support the children in the SRE classroom and the Catechists who are unable to return? Can you assist with Special Religious Education in the short and/or long term? For more information on how to become a trained Special Religious Educator visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/childrens-ministries/sre-scripture/> and for more information regarding SRE in our Parish, please contact Vynette Shrimpton via the Parish Office on 49871 888.

We're COVID Safe

We have registered our parish with the NSW Government and are officially recognised as a "COVID Safe Business". We thank you for your support and we are committed to keeping you safe. In all of our Mass centres you need to maintain physical (social) distancing, practice good hygiene and record your details for contact tracing.



NURSING HOMES

The next Nursing Home Anointing Mass will be:

Tanilba Shores Nursing Home

- Cancelled Until Further Notice -

Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home

- Cancelled Until Further Notice -



Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you to Greg Hickling, our finance secretary, for organising and distributing our Planned Giving Envelopes to all three Mass centres. If you would like to participate in our weekly planned giving please call the office.

ROSARIES

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

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Brigid's on Thursday and Friday.

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.

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.



ADORATION

1st Friday of the Month at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace at 8.30am.

1st Friday of the Month at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula at 9.15am

Prayers for the Sick

We are always happy to take names to include on our prayer list for the sick. However, after 1 month, we will remove the name unless you inform us otherwise. Thank you for your understanding. We pray that those who are sick find strength in God's word.



St. Vincent de Paul Society: Raymond Terrace Conference Ph. 49676277 (Clare) and Mallabula Conference Ph. 0402 087 401 (Brian)

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

| | Usher | Welcomer | Ministers of the Word | Gifts | Ministers of Communion | Altar Server | R.T.G.N.H | Ministers to the Sick | Counters |
|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------|---|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 22/8/20 | K O'Brien M O'Brien T Edstein | M Thorpe | D Lloyd A Lloyd | | C Halverson C Warby | | | | |
| 23/8/20 | C Hickling S Hickling A Hartcher | M Saunderson | S Blyton C Kilpatrick | | S Blyton T North | | | | |
| 29/8/20 | K O'Brien M O'Brien T Edstein | D Lloyd A Lloyd | M Saunderson <i>Volunteer please</i> | | C Kilpatrick <i>Volunteer please</i> | | | | |
| 30/8/20 | C Hickling S Hickling A Hartcher | V Shrimpton | L Waanders S Giggins | | V McLeod <i>Volunteer please</i> | | | | R Rae B Woodard-Knight |

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

| | Ushers | Minsters of the Word | Ministers of Communion |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 22/8/20 5.45pm | Sue Shields Norm Shields | Leonie White Norm Shields | |
| 22/8/20 7.00pm | Ann Byron Pat Byron | Mary Sultana Kath Weir | |
| 29/8/20 5.45pm | Sue Shields Norm Shields | John Flynn Sue Shields | |
| 29/8/20 7.00pm | Nina Hammond Greg Hammond | Ingrid Cacciato Jenny Garrett | |

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: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save your servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

A notice from the Raymond Terrace & District Historical Society Inc.

As Time Goes By Help Us Create a 2020 Time Capsule

How Things have Changed!

The Raymond Terrace & District Historical Society Inc planned to host an event in April 2020 with the above title. Now we plan to put together a time capsule on Sunday 27 September at Sketchley Cottage & Museum. The intention is to open this again in five years in 2025 to see what has changed.

You Can Help Us by Submitting Your Story

Send us one page (max 500 words) of what 2020 means to you.

What has changed for you personally? What are you looking forward to?

What changes would you like to see by 2025?

This can relate to shopping, doing business, work, meetings, learning, celebrations, attending events, family visits. Your choice.

We would like to print the page for display at the cottage with your first name only. Your submission by email also needs to include your name and surname, suburb, phone number and email before 17 September. You will be invited to attend the review in 5 years time.

Sketchley Pioneer Cottage & Museum
1 Sketchley St, Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324
For enquiries Pia: 0428 886 170
Email ryelandb@bigpond.net.au

There are copies of this notice at your church this weekend for you to take home.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9 ~ The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2 ~ May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-27 ~ Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.