



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, 30th August 2020 ~ Twenty-Second 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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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

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday & Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

READINGS FOR THIS 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.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Peter Goring, 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, Alicia Proctor, Tony Press & Linda Birt.

The Recently Deceased

Eileen Considine, Peter O'Brien and Daisy Hughes.

Death Anniversaries

Callum Currie, Joseph Buttigieg, Grace Buttigieg, Fr. Patrick Flynn and Jean Ann Walker (Mullumbimby)

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



Social Justice Sunday

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30th August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. To read the Social Justice Statement please visit the website: http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

The Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Father Andrew Doohan, has issued a document to all parishes in the diocese titled, "COVID-19 Pandemic Event - Advice, Guidance and Instructions to Parishes" dated 24th August 2020. There has been one very important change, this being that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not to be used. The document also details the following in relation to Communion:

- Because of the increased infection risk, Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue, with those attached to this pious practice being asked to adjust their usual practice for the sake of the fellow parishioners.
- Communion is only to be distributed by the presider.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not to be used.**
- Presiders are encouraged to wear a mask for the distribution of Communion.
- Care you should be taken to ensure that appropriate physical distancing is maintained during the Communion procession. This may involve modifying the usual practice around the Communion procession. Parishioners should be reminded regularly of this particular requirement.

Therefore we will no longer have Extraordinary Ministers of Communion rostered at any Masses across all three Mass centres effective immediately.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day Mass

The following Masses will be held on Tuesday 8th September to celebrate the Feast Day of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

- 7.00am ~ St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- 8.00am ~ St. Christopher's Medowie
- 9.15am ~ Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

**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.

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 -

Thank you to George & Paul!

Thank you to **George Kime** and **Paul Edstein** for painting the steel grill in front of the Grotto at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace. We appreciate it!



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
29/8/20	K O'Brien M O'Brien T Edstein	D Lloyd A Lloyd	M Saunderson C Dawson						
30/8/20	C Hickling S Hickling A Hartcher	V Shrimpton	L Waanders S Giggins						R Rae B Woodard-Knight
5/9/20	K O'Brien M O'Brien T Edstein	J Pracy	C Warby C Halverson						
6/9/20	C Hickling S Hickling A Hartcher	V McLeod	A Skillen S Blyton						

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Ushers	Minsters of the Word	Ministers of Communion
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	
5/9/20 5.45pm	Sue Shields Norm Shields	Leonie White Yvonne Carolan	
5/9/20 7.00pm	Nina Hammond Greg Hammond	Mary Sultana 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: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.



Prayer for Mental Health

A simple action that all of us can take is to pray. The prayer to accompany the Social Justice Statement picks up its key concerns and assists us to place them before God.

Jesus, you invite us all into the fullness of life.

May we support one another to flourish in body, mind and spirit.

Strengthen our commitment to ensure that nobody falls through gaps in our systems of care.

People called you mad.

Help us to recognise you in those who suffer mental ill-health today.

Show us how to eliminate stigmatisation of mental ill-health from our parishes, schools, communities and organisations.

You drew near to those who were suffering in body or mind.

May we too feel your nearness when we struggle with mental health challenges.

May we be one as members of Your Body.

You invite us to share in your ministry of love and true compassion.

May we be empowered by your Spirit to reach out to all people in need.

May we build communities of welcome and inclusion.

Amen

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9 ~ If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10 ~ Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20 ~ If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

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