



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 January 2021 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

"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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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

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00am

Friday 9.15am

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

775 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 7.00pm

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday & Friday 8.00am

Reconciliation: 1st Tuesday of the

Month at 8.30am

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

Weekend Mass:

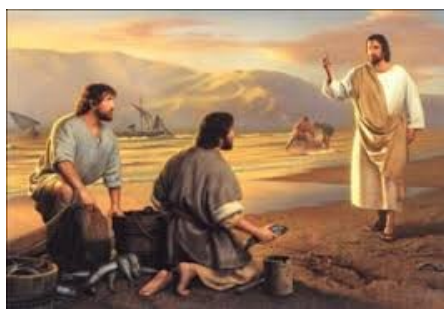
Sunday 7.30am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Thoughts on the Gospel



Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 ~ Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 ~ Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: John 1:35-42 ~ They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Jonathan Godwin, Frances Zuiderwyk, Anthony Driver, Lucy Went, Fred Stanwell, Kevin Burns, Maureen Moule, Tony Murphy, Kevin Walker, Joyce Byron, Jo Pointing, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Doug Hickling, Cheryl Crane, Marilyn Nightingale, Alicia Proctor, Brenda Turnbull, Desmond Balsdon, Hugo Rice, Wil Waanders, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Gloria North and Ann Burrs.

Death Anniversaries

Una Gault, Barry Taylor, Vivian Murphy, Ronald Gooi and Colin Bailey.



Lenten Books

This year we will order the Lenten Discussion group booklets from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. The full-colour book titled "Comfort" includes Sunday Gospel reflections, spiritual direction, Responsorial Psalms, prayers and reflection questions.



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 payment/envelope by 10am on Wednesday 27th January.

Lenten Discussion Groups

Our parish will host two Lenten Discussion Groups. Lidy Waanders has kindly offered to run an evening group (Thursday's in the St. Brigid's Parish Hall) and it is hoped that a daytime group might also be available (please check next weeks bulletin). If you would like to attend Lidy's evening group then please register by either writing your name on the list in the side porch of St. Brigid's Church or ring the Parish Office. Alternatively you can contact Lidy directly on 0425 212 142.

SRE Meeting

A meeting will be held at 10am on Monday 18th January in the St. Brigid's Parish Hall to welcome back all of our SRE teachers and assistants and to plan for the year ahead. Please bring morning tea to share.

Australia Day Mass

A special Australia Day Mass will be held on Tuesday 26th January at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace. Please note that the usual 7am Mass will be cancelled on this day.



Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

There is an annual group program called RCIA which meets at the Therry Centre, East Maitland one evening a week between 7pm - 8.30pm. The group will encourage and answer any questions 'enquirers' might have about the Catholic faith. Often people have been thinking about this for a long time. People are free to leave the program at any time if they feel this is not for them. For more details call Lidy on 0425 212 142 or email Lidy at: waanders.lidy@gmail.com

SRE Volunteers Needed!

Each week our small group of dedicated Catechists teach Scripture (SRE) in our local public primary schools. On Wednesdays they visit Seaham Public School, on Thursdays they visit Medowie and Wirreanda Public Schools and on Fridays they visit Raymond Terrace and Grahamstown Public Schools. These Catechists have an incredible impact on the faith journey of the children that they teach. Is this ministry your calling? If so, then please make contact with the Parish Office on 49 871888 and we will put you in touch with our SRE coordinator, Vynette Shrimpton, so that you can learn more.

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.

Sunday Mass Live Stream from Cathedral

The 9.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral is still being 'live streamed' during the COVID pandemic. To watch the Mass please visit the website: www.mn.catholic.org.au and click on the link to 'Watch Now'.

We're COVID Safe

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



Art Competition

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. The works can be two or three dimensional and must be no larger than 1m x 1m. You should give your work of art a title. Write the title, your name, your school or parish name and your contact phone number on the back of the art. You are also required to write a 150 word (maximum) artist statement and this should accompany your work. The Social Justice Statement 2020-2021 "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today". The statement encourages and invites us to accept that we all have frailties and limitations, and to embrace 'those who are sick or who have disabilities, those who are marginalised or despised'. Please see the poster on your church notice board. Entries close on Friday 18th June 2021 and should be delivered to the Catholic Schools Office Reception Building at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. For more information please call Rose McAllister on 4979 1200.



NURSING HOMES

Tanilba Shores Nursing Home

- Cancelled Until Further Notice -

Raymond Terrace Gardens Nursing Home

- Cancelled Until Further Notice -

PARISH BULLETIN

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 before 11.30am on Thursday. The bulletins are printed at 12noon on Thursdays.

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 Friday.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians at 7am on Sundays.

The Rosary is prayed after Mass on Tuesday and Friday at St. Christopher's.

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. All welcome.

To see what's on in our Diocese visit the website www.mn.catholic.org.au, phone 49 7911 00 or sign up to the Diocesan weekly email update.



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	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
16/1/21	Kevin O'Brien Michelle O'Brien Tracey Edstein	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	Carmel Warby Colin Halverson	Clare Dawson	Cath O'Brien	
17/1/21	Catherine Hickling Stephen Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Vynette Shrimpton	Moira Saunderson Catherine Kilpatrick	Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Phil Hickling Richard Rae
23/1/21	Kevin O'Brien Michelle O'Brien Tracey Edstein	Jan Pracy	Maureen Smith Clare Dawson	Paul Edstein	Mary Thorpe	
24/1/21	Catherine Hickling Stephen Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Margaret Pryer	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Usher/Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator
17/1/21	Sue Dallas, Frank Morrissey and Peter Trappel	Anne Cheetham	Irene Gover
24/1/21	Val Betwell and Jenny Ryan	Irene Gover	Anne Cheetham

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Ushers	Minsters of the Word
16/1/21		
23/1/21		

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: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Hello Hunter

Hello Hunter is a joint church initiative of 'neighbours helping neighbours'. Hello Hunter has partnered with local churches to mobilise volunteers to help people in need, regardless of their faith background, commitment or other social standing or identity. Hello Hunter is for any person experiencing hardship due to social isolation, poverty, disease, disaster, disability, illness, age, mental health, family, or community network breakdown. Hello Hunter can provide referral to other services, prayer, deliveries or even a friendly chat. To find out more please visit their website <https://info.hellohunter.org.au> or call them on 49 486 837 or see the postcards at your church.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Raymond Terrace Conference

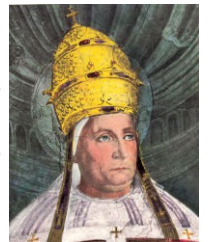
In the 2019-2020 Financial Year, the dedicated members of the St. Vincent de Paul Raymond Terrace Conference were responsible for making 460 visits to 240 households. Approximately \$60,000 worth of assistance was provided to people living in the community. The Raymond Terrace Conference is urgently seeking individuals who are passionate about providing a hand up to those that are disadvantaged. Without new members, the Conference is at risk of closing and the valuable service will no longer be available to the community. If you can help in any way for any amount of time, please call Sarah Kemp on 49 221 801 or email her at: sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au to discuss how you can make a difference.



Feast Days

Pope Saint Fabian ~ 20th January

Pope Fabian was the Bishop of Rome from 10th January 236 until his death on 20th January 250. A dove is said to have descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope. Fabian divided Rome into diaconates and appointed secretaries to collect the records of the martyrs. He sent out seven 'apostles to the Gauls' as missionaries.



Saint Sebastian ~ 20th January

Sebastian was an early Christian saint and martyr. According to traditional belief he was killed during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He was initially tied to a tree and shot with arrows but this did not kill him. It is said that he was rescued and healed by Saint Irene of Rome. He was regarded as a saint with a special ability to intercede to protect from the plague and devotion to him greatly increased when the plague was most active. He was born in 256 and died in 288. He is the patron saint of Soldiers, the plague-stricken, athletes and archers.



Saint Agnes ~ 21st January

Agnes was born in 291 and died in 304 in Rome. She was one of the most widely venerated of the Roman martyrs. According to early accounts she gave her life to preserve her virginity consecrated to Christ. She is remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer. She is the patron saint of betrothed couples, chastity and the Girl Guides.



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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ~ The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ~ The world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20 ~ Repent, and believe the Good News.