



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, 26th September 2021 ~ Twenty-Sixth 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

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Parish Priest: Fr. Joyce Sebastian
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St. Christopher's Oratory

Catherine McAuley Catholic College

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00am

Friday 9.15am

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

775 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5.30pm & Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Friday 5.30pm

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

1193 Lemon Tree Passage Rd, Mallabula

Weekend Mass:

Sunday 7.05am & 7.40am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Thoughts on the Gospel



Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.

At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.

On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.

On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity'. When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

A reflection by Nick Brodie.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29 Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

SECOND READING: James 5:1-6 Your wealth is rotting.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Jonathan Godwin, Anthony Driver, Lucy Went, Kevin Burns, Fred Stanwell, Tony Murphy, Kevin Walker, Joyce Byron, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Doug Hickling, Cheryl Crane, Marilyn Nightingale, Alicia Proctor, Brenda Turnbull, Hugo Rice, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Gloria North, Ann Burrs, Fay Cunningham, Andrew Pelley, Kerryn Reid, Ron Simpson, Alan James, Cyril Shafer, Marie Carmody, Michael Johnson, Ken Mitchell, Kathy Bellamy and Mark Melia.

The Recently Deceased

Desmond Bellamy, Warren Bailey and Andor Toth

Death Anniversaries

Lionel John Edstein, Kathleen Iris O'Brien and Phyllis Crowfoot.

During the lockdown please email us with any names for prayers (Sick, Recently Deceased and Death Anniversaries). Your Mass Offering can be given to Fr. Joyce when Masses resume.

(Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.)

NSW Government Lockdown

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are currently subject to the NSW Government lockdown due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

This means that all our Mass Centres are closed. There will be no Public Masses or Baptisms.

The lockdown commenced at 5pm on Thursday 5th August 2021 and has now been extended.

All Masses in our Parish are cancelled until the lockdown ends.

Our Parish Office is closed. If you need to contact us, please do so via email or ring and leave a message on the answering machine.

Prayers for your good health and stay safe.

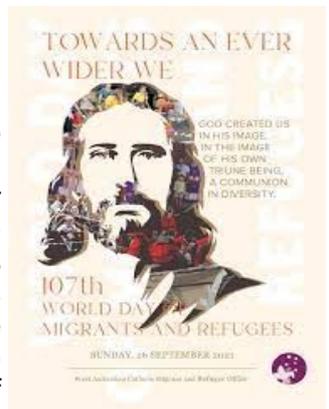
Prayerful wishes,
Fr. Joyce Sebastian

Amen Camino

Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022. Dates for 2022 are May 28th - June 1st, June 18th-22nd, July 2nd-6th, July 9th -13th and August 6th-10th. For more information and to register your interest, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-camino/> or email: formed@mn.catholic.org.au

Sunday 26th September ~ 107th World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Sunday 26th September 2021 is the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Towards An Ever Wider We". He chose this theme after he expressed a concern and hope, in the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, that remains in his uppermost thoughts and that is "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only in terms of 'us'." You can watch a livestream of the Multicultural Mass live from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Adelaide on Sunday 26th September at 2.30pm by visiting the website: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKe4cMXvyY. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) have produced a "Migrant and Refugee Kit 2021" and this is available to download from their website: www.acmro.catholic.org.au.



Parishes in Harmony with Creation

You are warmly invited to the Parishes in Harmony with Creation to be held on Wednesday 6th October from 10am to 11am and repeated from 7pm to 8pm. Eventbrite Registration is open now at: <https://eventbrite.com.au/e/parishes-in-harmony-with-creation-tickets-169193336825>. The presentation and discussion will explore how parishes can best respond to Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical *Laudato si'*: On Care For Our Common Home. On 4th October 2021, the Vatican will release resources for its *Laudato si* Action Platform. With the expected media coverage, some parishioners might want their parish to commit to the *Laudato si* Action Platform. Parish Priest and Parish Leaders are aware of this initiative. The Parishes in Harmony with Creation session will include:

- a brief overview of the main teaching in *Laudato si'*
- an overview of the *Laudato si* Action Platform
- an overview of the Catholic Earthcare Parishes option and other resources
- an introduction to the Diocesan Environmental Sustainability Manager
- small group discussion of the hopes and challenges of developing Parishes in Harmony with Creation

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Plenary Conversations

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has already begun a six-week process of discussing each of the six themes, leading up the first assembly. How are you and your friends, family or community responding to the agenda's 16 questions? You can join the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Plenary Conversations with Fr. Andrew Doohan VG, Bernadette Gibson and Helen Belcher every Thursday between 7pm-8.30pm up until 30th September by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/plenary-council-lead-up-conversations-tickets-168063956819>.

Volunteer for Parish Finance Council

We are seeking a volunteer from Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula to join the Parish Finance Council.

Volunteer to join Raymond Terrace Parish Pastoral Team

We are seeking a volunteer to join the Raymond Terrace Parish Pastoral Team.

Volunteer to join the Safeguarding Team

We are seeking a volunteer from St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace Mass to join our parish Safeguarding Team.

MASS AT HOME

Live stream Sunday Mass from the Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle

You can watch the live stream from the Sacred Heart Cathedral every Sunday at 9.30am by visiting the website: www.mn.catholic.org.au and clicking on "Sunday Mass Live Streams".

Watch Mass on TV

You can watch *Mass for You at Home* on Channel Ten (WIN) at 6am on Sundays or on Foxtel's Aurora Channel (173) at 10am on Sundays.

Watch Mass Online

Visit these websites: www.10play.com.au or www.massforyou.com.au to watch *Mass for You at Home* at a time convenient to you.

NO ROSARIES DUE TO THE NSW LOCKDOWN

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 before Mass on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at St. Christopher's.

ADORATION

Cancelled during the NSW Government lockdown.

PARISH BULLETIN

To have a name placed on the death anniversaries or sick list prayer list please ensure that you phone the office before 11.30am on Thursday.



The Office of Safeguarding Phone Number is: 4979 1390

DIOCESE To see what's on in our Diocese visit the website www.mn.catholic.org.au, sign up to their weekly Diocesan Update or call them on 49 791111 during office hours.

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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Welcomers	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Music

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 that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Catholic Mission

The second reading offers us a salutary reminder about the importance of always looking beyond this world, and this life, as men and women of faith. Wealth and material possessions are temporary – the call to build the kingdom of God is permanent. As Christians, and as members of the Catholic Church, we are baptised with the Holy Spirit, in preparation for our foray into the world around us. This is what it means to be on Mission and this reading urges us not to forget that storing up “treasure for the last days”, when others around us are going without and are suffering, is not the Christian way. As we prepare to enter the month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world, including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. One of the latest appeal letters distributed by Catholic Mission focuses on the story of Kusa, a 5-year-old boy whose mother Samorn* is being supported by a kindergarten centre in Bangkok, in Thailand. The kindergarten is an initiative of the Good Shepherd Sisters who, like Jesus reminds his followers, affirm the importance of “receiving one child” in His name.

As World Mission Month, approaches, let us turn our hearts and minds – and perhaps our financial assistance – to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world, including Thailand. Jesus puts one child in “their midst” – there are many like Kusa, in the midst of our , who need us to provide them with hope for their long-term future, through education, food, uniforms and health care.

For more information about the vital, life-giving work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand visit the websites listed below.

Thailand Appeal: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/mothers?&utm_term=parish

For a short video clip, focusing on Kusa and his mother Samorn* (not her real name) visit: <https://youtu.be/pbZkDejKzHY>

To support Catholic Mission’s annual World Mission Month appeal, please visit their website: www.catholicmission.org.au and type the name Kusa into the search bar.

To follow up Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work or your support and contact details, please call the Diocesan Director in Maitland/Newcastle, David McGovern on 0488 115 401 or email him at: dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24 ~ They were two in one flesh.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11 ~ He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:2-16 ~ What God has joined together, no one must divide.