



St. Brigid's Church
Raymond Terrace



St. Christopher's Oratory
Medowie



Our Lady Help of Christians Church
Mallabula

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH - RAYMOND TERRACE

Sunday, 16th January 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (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 & Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Wednesday 7.00am

Friday 9.15am

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

507 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 5.30pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday & Friday at 5.30pm

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's first reading from Isaiah is one of several references in the Old Testament that use wedding imagery - bride and groom - to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. The imagery is never that of an 'old married couple' but rather young lovers entering into a new life together full of hope; full of romance; and full of passion.

This image of God and the people as bride and groom would not have been lost on the first audiences of today's gospel passage. Immediately, they would have recognised the significance of Jesus' first outing in public ministry being at a wedding feast - at the coming together of God and God's people, Jesus is present! It is a very neat and quite deliberate follow on from the prologue of the Gospel of John where the gospel writer uses the image of 'the Word made flesh who lives among us' to describe Jesus. The Word has come into the world and the first public appearance is at an event that symbolises the relationship between God and God's people.

The interplay between Jesus and his mother is very interesting in this gospel event. In this particular gospel it is one of only two occasions that Mary is mentioned: this event at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and then at the foot of the cross as he is crucified. Mary does not ask Jesus to do anything. She simply states, 'They have no wine', but one can almost hear the motherly tone with which it was said. I'm sure Jesus was left in no doubt that he was expected to do something about it. When he tries to avoid the issue, Mary apparently ignores his objections and instructs the servants to do whatever Jesus tells them. No fuss; no argument. How do mothers do it?

A reflection by Greg Sunter.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ~ One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11 ~ The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

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, Kerry Reid, Ron Simpson, Alan James, Cyril Shafer, Marie Carmody, Michael Johnson, Ken Mitchell, Kathy Bellamy, Robyn Turner, Robyn Blanch and Colleen Borham.

Death Anniversaries

Ronald Gooi

Australia Day Mass

An Australia Day Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 26th January at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace. Please note that the 7am Mass at St. Brigid's will be cancelled on this day.



Sacramental Program Information Night

A Sacramental Program to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion (for those children who are Baptised Catholic or Baptised children with at least one Catholic parent) will commence with an information evening at St. Brigid's Church on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.00pm. Parents are required to attend the information night and register their child/ren. If you have any further questions please contact Maryjane on 0499 824 130.

The Parish Office opens on Tuesday 18th January at 9.30am.

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: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 ~ They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 ~ Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 ~ The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
15/1/22	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	Carmel Warby	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	
16/1/22	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Vynette Shrimpton	Phil Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Sharon Blyton	Val McLeod	Brue Townsend Richard Rae
22/1/22	Tracey Edstein	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	Hughes Family	Anne Lloyd	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein	
23/1/22	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Raelene Fogarty Sharon Blyton	Tony North	Vynette Shrimpton	

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	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
16/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Val Betwell	Ralph DeVille	Anne Cheetham	Nino and Grace Papalia
23/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Jenny Ryan	Brian McClenaghan	Ralph DeVille	Ralph & Jenny DeVille

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Welcomers/ Ushers	Ministers of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Music

ADORATION

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

Every Friday after the 5.30pm Mass at St. Christopher's, Medowie.