



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, 19th December 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

"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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Rector & Chaplain: Fr. Anthony Coloma
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

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

The Presider, or an assistant, lights the fourth candle.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Micah as coming from the house of David and who will rule over all Israel and be peace.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you make us holy by the offering of your body made once and for all.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you are the blessed fruit of the womb of she who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: (Collect Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C)

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen



READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4 ~ Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10 ~ I am coming to do your will.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-44 ~ Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord.

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, Robyn Turner, Robyn Blanch, Colleen Borham and Anna Vingerhoed.

The Recently Deceased

Bernie O'Brien and John Moule.

Death Anniversaries

Ken Hickling, Dulcie Standing, Marjorie Bendeich and William John Mickelson.



Merry Christmas

Fr. Joyce, Kate, Greg and Mary-Jane would like to wish all of our parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a prayerful and prosperous New Year.



Retirement of David Palmer, Principal

On behalf of the parish we would like to thank David Palmer, Principal of St. Brigid's School, for guiding the school for so many years. We wish him good health and lots of happiness as he retires from this position.



Thank you!

Thank you to Pat Byron, Ann Patteson, Pauline Trappel and Vynette Shrimpton for organising Fr. James' farewell. Thank one and all for your support and cooperation towards the farewell of Fr. James Odoh.

Changes to Covid Restrictions

The NSW Government recently eased many of the Covid restrictions that were previously in place. The following applies to all of our Mass centres:

- You are not required to wear a mask.
- You must continue to check-in using the QR code or by handwriting your name on the Covid Register.

Masses at St. Christopher's Oratory

Masses will be held on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 5.30pm during December except for the following changes and one additional Mass:

- Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve). Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm and not 5.30pm.
- Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day). Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am and not 5.30pm.
- Sunday 26th December (Boxing Day). Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am.
- Friday 31st December (New Years Eve). Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm and not 5.30pm.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday 18th January 2022. If you need to speak to Father Joyce during this time please leave a message on the answering machine and he will return your call.



Christmas 2021 Mass Times



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

St. Brigid's School Hall, Raymond Terrace
Friday, 24th December at 7.00pm

St. Christopher's Oratory, Medowie
Friday, 24th December at 6.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula
Friday, 24th December at 8.00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Brigid's School Hall, Raymond Terrace
Saturday, 25th December at 8.30am

St. Christopher's Oratory, Medowie
Saturday, 25th December at 9.00am

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula
Saturday, 25th December at 8.00am

Cancelled Masses at St. Brigid's

Please note that the following Masses at St. Brigid's are cancelled:

- 9.15am Mass on Friday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
- 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Christmas Mass Set-up in St. Brigid's School Hall

We are calling for volunteers to meet at the St. Brigid's School Hall at 9.00am on Friday 24th December to help set-up the chairs, the Altar, etc ready for the Christmas Masses. Many hands make light work!

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Masses will be held at all three Mass Centres on Saturday 1st January to acknowledge Mary's role in the mystery of the incarnation and to provide a solemn beginning to the new year.

- Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula at 7.30am
- St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace at 9.15am
- St. Christopher's Medowie at 9.00am

Volunteer for Parish Finance Council

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

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.

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 before Mass on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 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.

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

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
18/12/21	Tracey Edstein	Don & Anne Lloyd	Maureen Smith Volunteer Please	Colin Halverson	George Kime Anne Kime	
19/12/21	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Vynette Shrimpton	Phil Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Bruce Townsend Colin Halverson
24/12/21 Christmas Eve Vigil 7pm	Kevin O'Brien Michelle O'Brien	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson	Astrid Hartcher Phil Hickling Volunteers Please	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein	Altar Server: Stephen Hickling
25/12/21 Christmas Day 8.30am	Tracey Edstein	Volunteers Please	Tracey Edstein	Volunteers Please	Val McLeod	
26/12/21	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Volunteer Please	Raelene Fogarty Sharon Blyton	Vynette Shrimpton	Vynette Shrimpton	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
19/12/21	Frank Morrissey	Sue Dallas	Elizabeth Currie	Judy McDonald	Anne Cheetham
26/12/21	Frank Morrissey	Val Betwell	Josephine Nederlof	Elizabeth Currie	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Welcomers/ Ushers	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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord; may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Sacramental Program

All parents of Catholic children: This is to advise you that the 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 for parents in the St. Brigid's Church, William Street Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 7.00pm. Any parents who would like their child/ren in years 2,3,4,5,6 or High School to participate in this program are required to attend the information night and register their child/ren. If you have any further questions please contact me on 0499 824 130.

Maryjane Malone

Sacramental Coordinator

Postage Stamps St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

As Christmas mail arrives, please save the stamps and leave them at St. Brigid's Church or at the Parish Office. They are passed on to the Dominican Sisters who use them to fund missionary efforts.

Postage Stamps Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

It is the season of Christmas cards! As yours arrive, please remove the postage stamps and place them in the box at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula. The stamps are sold to collectors to benefit the Catholic Mission efforts.

"Amoris Laetitia Family Year" 19th March 2021- 26th June 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives. This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection. To access this resource visit: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

Faith Matters: Share your story

Each fortnight Faith Matters aims to explore individuals and communities rich experience of their faith. We invite you to share your faith story. Everyone has a story.

No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it. We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters. You could use the following questions as a guide.

- Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?
- Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?
- How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?
- In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime?
- How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

For more information or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au or send your story to shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 ~ For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 ~ He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52 ~ His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.