



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, 26th December 2021 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (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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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Joyce Sebastian

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St. Christopher's Oratory

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**Parish Secretary:** Kate Allen

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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

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



Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?'

Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt.

By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know I must be about *my* Father's business?'

What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys.

But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians - the Church.

We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'.

*A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.*

### READINGS FOR THIS 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.

**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 and Colleen Borham.

**Death Anniversaries**

Margaret Dwyer, Des Dwyer, Jeff Rice, May Sullivan, Yelande De Bourbel and Pearl Pryer.

**Thank you!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners who have helped out in some way during the year, including at the recent Christmas Masses. Your generosity ensures that we continue to be a vital, caring and welcoming parish.

**Thank you to Fr. Arthur Cook**

We thank Fr. Arthur for presiding at the 8.00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and the 8.00am Christmas Day Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians.

**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

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 ~ The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 2:1-12 ~ We have come from the East to worship the King.

**ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE**

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
<b>Sunday 26/12/21</b>	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	<i>Volunteer Please</i>	Raelene Fogarty Sharon Blyton	Vynette Shrimpton	Vynette Shrimpton	
<b>1/1/22 5.30pm</b>	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson Tracey Edstein	Anna Townsend	Rodney & Pauline Trappel	
<b>2/1/22 9.30am</b>	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Lidy Waanders Bernadette Searl	Steve Hickling	Moira Saunderson	Paul Edstein Phil Hickling

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
<b>26/12/21</b>	Frank Morrissey	Val Betwell	Josephine Nederlof	Elizabeth Currie	Sue Dallas and Elizabeth Currie
<b>2/1/22</b>	Frank Morrissey	Jenny Ryan	Irene Gover	Brian McClenaghan	Judy McDonald

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE**

	Welcomers/ Ushers	Minsters 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.