



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, 5th December 2021 ~ Second 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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St. Christopher's Oratory

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Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

Financial Secretary: Greg Hickling

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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

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

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Baruch when he proclaimed that God will show your splendour.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will bring us to the perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you call us to repentance and to prepare the way for you so that all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider (*Collect Second Sunday of Advent Year C*)

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, May no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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: Baruch 5:1-9 ~ Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 ~ Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6 ~ All people shall see the salvation of God.

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 and Kathy Bellamy.

The Recently Deceased

John Moule

Death Anniversaries

John Leo O'Brien, Arthur Edward Giggins, Ivy May Gooi, Anthony George Kime, Frith Sisters, James Beckhaus, Freda Beckhaus, Louis Beckhaus, Deborah Beckhaus, George Gray, Mary Cox and Sister Betty O'Hearn.

Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

A Mass will be held at 9.15am on Friday 10th December at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace to offer thanks to all of the volunteers within our parish. There is no need to ring the office to book a seat to attend this Mass.

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.

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

Cancelled Mass at St. Brigid's

Please note that the 9.15am Mass on Friday 24th December at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace will be cancelled.

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!

Diocesan Advent Reflection Group at St. Brigid's Parish Hall

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, *Waiting with Purpose* has been created for our diocese. *Waiting with Purpose* resources are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>. You have the option to participate via Zoom or attend the reflection program in person at the St. Brigid's Parish Hall on Tuesdays (7th Dec., 14th Dec., and 21st Dec.) at 10am. You may like to bring a plate of food to share. You will need to use the QR code to check-in when you arrive and wear a mask. To participate via Zoom you need to register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

Christmas Ministry Volunteers

We are calling for volunteers to assist in the ministries at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and the Christmas Day Mass at St. Brigid's School Hall Raymond Terrace. Please place your name on the sheet provided on the notice board, in the side porch of the Church, on or before Sunday 5th December so that the completed rosters can be published in the Sunday bulletins in the lead up to Christmas.

Bulletins Printed in Advance

As has been procedure in past years, the Sunday bulletins for 26th December 2021, Sunday 2nd January 2022, Sunday 9th January 2022 and Sunday 16th January 2022 will be printed in advance as the office will be closed at this time. We ask that if you would like to have a notice published or a name printed in any of these bulletins for the sick list or for a death anniversary that you please call Kate in the office on 49 871 888 on or before Friday 10th December.



Christmas 2021 Mass Times



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

St. Brigid's School Hall, Raymond Terrace (Capacity: 135)
Friday, 24th December at 7.00pm

St. Christopher's Oratory, Medowie (Capacity: 100)
Friday, 24th December at 6.00pm

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula (Capacity: 51)
Friday, 24th December at 8.00pm

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The capacity limits shown are based on the current Covid "1 person per 2 square metre rule". However, the NSW Government have announced that a further easing of restrictions is expected to take place when the state reaches 95% double vaccination or on 15th December 2021—whichever happens first. The easing of restrictions include "no density limits". This means that no bookings will be required to attend Mass. We will continue to update this notice as further information becomes available.

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
4/12/21	Tracey Edstein	Volunteer Please	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	Paul Edstein	Des & Maria Applebee	
5/12/21	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Val McLeod	Lidy Waanders Bernadette Searl	Phil Hickling	Moira Saunderson	Phil Hickling Richard Rae
11/12/21	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe	Hughes Family	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe	
12/12/21	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Moira Saunderson	Moira Saunderson Shane Giggins	Lidy Waanders	Hickling Family	

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
5/12/21	Frank Morrissey	Val Betwell	Jenny Ryan	Greg Patteson	Jo Nederlof
12/12/21	Frank Morrissey	Jenny Ryan	Cynthia Rogers	Cynthia Rogers	Jeanette Solway

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 to express your interest in taking on a ministry role at your Mass centre.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

November Mass Offerings

All offerings have been documented and a list of November Mass Offerings (names only) are on display at each Mass Centre this weekend.

Catholic Care Community Food Program Christmas Appeal

We are holding a Christmas Appeal to support the Catholic Care Community Food Program. They would welcome the following donations: 1 litre UHT Custard, Christmas Puddings, Lollies and Chocolates. Please bring your donation/s to your Mass Centre and they will be collected by Vynette Shrimpton (St. Brigid's), Mary Sultana (St. Christopher's) and Elizabeth Currie (Our Lady Help of Christians). This is the last weekend for donations to be collected. Donate online: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/community-programs/community-food-programs/>

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.

Caritas Australia Christmas Appeal

Please support the Caritas Australia Christmas Appeal "Global Gifts" by purchasing their Christmas cards for your family and friends. The proceeds will go towards the world's most vulnerable. You can order your Christmas cards by visiting www.globalgifts.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Christian Formation Course (CFC) 2022

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022. The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. For more information please visit: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/. Expressions of interest close on 10th December 2021.

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 the Safeguarding Team

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

"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>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18 ~ With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7 ~ The Lord is near.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:10-18 ~ What, then, must we do?