



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, 9th January 2022 ~ The Baptism of the Lord (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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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Joyce Sebastian

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St. Christopher's Oratory  
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**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

## Thoughts on the Gospel



What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense God's delight and joy sounding, reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate his followers into such wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

*A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.*

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ~ The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**SECOND READING:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 ~ He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 ~ When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

**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.

**St. Brigid's Parish & Maitland-Newcastle Diocese Websites**

While the Parish Office may be currently closed, our website is always open! Visit [www.stbrigidsraymondterrace.com.au](http://www.stbrigidsraymondterrace.com.au) and you will be able to view the Sunday Bulletin and other helpful contact information. The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle also has a website, [www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au) which includes, latest media releases, employment opportunities, weekly bulletin notices and much more.

**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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**READINGS FOR NEXT 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.

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

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
8/1/22	Tracey Edstein	Don & Anne Lloyd	Carmel Warby Maureen Smith	Don Lloyd	Hughes Family	
9/1/22	Catherine Hickling Astrid Hartcher	Moira Saunderson	Moira Saunderson Shane Giggins	Val McLeod	Hickling Family	
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

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

	Usher	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
9/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Sue Dallas	Anne Cheetham	Irene Gover	Albert Went
16/1/22	Frank Morrissey	Val Betwell	Ralph DeVille	Anne Cheetham	Nino and Grace Papalia

**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.