



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, 15th May 2022 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter (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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St. Christopher's Oratory

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Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

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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 and Friday at 5.30pm

Reconciliation: Friday 5.00pm

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



'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27 ~ They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5 ~ He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35 ~ I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Jonathan Godwin, Anthony Driver, Lucy Went, Kevin Burns, Tony Murphy, Kevin Walker, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Doug Hickling, Cheryl Crane, Marilyn Nightingale, Alicia Proctor, Brenda Turnbull, Hugo Rice, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Gloria North, Alan James, Fay Cunningham, Marie Carmody, Michael Johnson, Ken Mitchell, Robyn Turner, Robyn Blanch, Colleen Borham, Mike Stanwell, Farrah, Brooke, Anna Vingerhoed and Cath Beazley.

Death Anniversaries

Vera Hammond



(Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.)

“Let me see again” Online Scriptural Reflection

Facilitated by Catholic Mission this one hour scripture reflection and dialogue will be held online on 26th May between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. To register visit: www.catholicmission.org.au.

Plenary Coffee Conversation

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and its Plenary Council members invite you to engage in a series of open conversations around the four papers for the second General Assembly, papers will be made available prior to the conversations. A different conversation will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 9th June from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.
- Thursday 16th June from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.
- Thursday 23rd June from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.
- Thursday 30th June from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.

Please contact the Diocese on 49 791111 to register or scan the QR code on the flyer on the church notice board.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 7pm Fr. Greg Barker, Administrator of our Diocese, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the children of our parish at St Brigid's Church, Raymond Terrace. Please pray for the Children, Parents, Sponsors and the members of the Sacramental Team.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Presence and Power Conference 2022

The Presence and Power conference is being held on 21st and 22nd May. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together again. For more information contact email@ccrnsw.org.au. To register: <https://form.jotform.com/220861063612852>

Laudato Si' Week Australia: 16th – 24th May

A message from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference: *Why are the dates for the celebration of Laudato Si' Week in Australia different from those on the international Laudato Si' Week website?* Last May the Australian Bishops decided to celebrate Laudato Si' Week from 16th – 24th May during each year of their seven-year Laudato Si' Action Plan journey. These dates allow both Laudato Si' Week and National Reconciliation Week from 27th May – 3rd June, to be celebrated appropriately by Australian Catholics. The dates were announced in the Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*. Previously, Laudato Si' Week was celebrated internationally to mark the first anniversary of the encyclical. The next Laudato Si' Week was not celebrated until the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si' in 2020. This was part of the Laudato Si' Special Anniversary Year. The third international Laudato Si' Week marked the end of that Special Anniversary Year.



Catholic Earthcare - Laudato Si' Week ~ 16th - 24th May

Caritas is encouraging you to take a look at the Catholic Earthcare process via the green button at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>. Catholic Earthcare has made it easy to take up the Bishops' invitation to journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. As part of Catholic Earthcare's celebration of Laudato Si' Week, they are hosting an online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia' short film. The event will be joined by Bishop Ken Howell. After the film, there will be a panel discussion. You are welcome to join by yourself, or register as a group for the viewing. Please note that if you are registering for a group, only 1 person needs to register via the Trybooking website. The video will be streamed via zoom. The online event will be held on Tuesday 17th May from 6pm - 8pm. Bookings can be made by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT>

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and runs from 16th-22nd May 2022.

Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. The theme for Volunteer Week 2022 is "Better Together". The Diocese and its agencies have more than 6000 volunteers who contribute their time each and every day, without volunteers some of their programs and services would not operate.



Fr. Joyce Annual Leave

Fr. Joyce is currently on annual leave and returns on 19th May. We thank Fr. Arthur for being available to say Mass this weekend (and last weekend) in our Parish. The following Masses will be cancelled in Fr. Joyce's absence:

- Tuesday 17th May 7am Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- Wednesday 18th May 7am Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- Thursday 19th May 9.15am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians M/Bula

Fr. Joyce will celebrate Mass on Friday 20th May at 9.15am at St. Brigid's.

Rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace and Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

We are in the process of preparing the ministry rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace and Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula for the period July to December 2022. If you would like to volunteer to be on a ministry roster we ask that you contact the Parish Office to express your interest on or before Friday 3rd June. If you are currently on a ministry roster, are happy with your current commitment and are prepared to remain on that roster for the six months from July to December 2022 then you do not need to do anything! However, if you would like to be taken off a roster, then please call the Parish Office on or before Friday 3rd June 2022.



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 before 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 Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Office of Safeguarding: 4979 1390

DIOCESE: To see what's on in our Diocese visit their website www.mn.catholic.org.au, call them on 49 791111 or get the App!



St. Vincent de Paul Society: Newcastle Office Ph. 49676277 and/or Mallabula Conference Ph. 0402 087 401 (Brian)



ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Gifts	Counters
14/5/22	Don Lloyd Anne Lloyd	Hughes Family	Paul Edstein	Mary Thorpe	
15/5/22	Moira Saunderson	Raelene Fogarty Sharon Blyton	Astrid Hartcher	Vynette Shrimpton	
21/5/22	Mary Thorpe	Hughes Family	Tracey Edstein	George Kime Anne Kime	
22/5/22	Vynette Shrimpton	Raelene Fogarty Sharon Blyton	Vynette Shrimpton	Moira Saunderson	Paul Edstein Phil Hickling

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
15/5/22	Sue Dallas	Jo Nederlof	Irene Gover	Volunteer Please
22/5/22	Val Betwell	Irene Gover	Anne Cheetham	Jo Nederlof

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop

We are in a liminal space framed by the death of Bishop Bill Wright on 13th November 2021, and the appointment of a new bishop. Like Advent, liminal spaces invite us to wait with purpose and hope, and to prepare the way. One of the ways we the faithful wait with purpose is through prayer.

*Shepherding God you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd,
who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them.*

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle are without a bishop to shepherd us.

*We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land,
inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love.*

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us

Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.

Electronic Planned Giving

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please be generous towards the first and second collections as we have resumed all Masses as it was prior to Covid. Those interested in Electronic Payment, the details are as follows:

- **First Collection: money goes towards the Maitland Clergy Fund for the Clergy.**

- You can contribute to the First Collection by visiting the Diocesan website, www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/ and entering your details. In the "Payment Notes" enter the purpose of your payment (ie. First Collection).

- Using your own online banking you can make a contribution: BSB 062-815, Account No. 00328161 and use the reference 5138 as well as your surname.

- **Second Collection: money goes towards the maintenance of the Parish.**

- You can contribute to the Second Collection by visiting the Diocesan website, www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/ and entering your details. In the "Payment Notes" enter the purpose of your payment (ie. a general donation or planned giving and specifying your envelope number).

- Using your own online banking you can make a contribution: BSB 062-815, Account No. 00328161 and use the reference 5137 as well as your surname and your planned giving envelope number.

Volunteer to join the St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace Parish Pastoral Team

We would like one member to join the Raymond Terrace Parish Pastoral Team. Please ring the Parish Office if you are interested.

Volunteer to join the Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula Parish Pastoral Team

We need a Secretary for the Parish Pastoral Team at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula. Those interested are requested to come forward to give your name either to Fr. Joyce or to Ann Patteson. Your service will be of great help.

Volunteer for Parish Finance Council

We are seeking a volunteer from Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula and St. Christopher's Medowie to join the Parish Finance Council.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 ~ It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 ~ He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:23-29 ~ The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.