



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, 7th August 2022 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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



This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the Parousia at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing - it could be sooner or it could be later ('It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the Parousia will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as *if* the Parousia were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the Parousia, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

A reflection by Greg Sunter.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9 ~ Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ~ We will look for the city designed and built by God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-48 ~ See that you are prepared.

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, Rachael Hill, Gloria North, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Alan James, Fay Cunningham, Ken Mitchell, Marie Carmody, Michael Johnson, Robyn Turner, Farrah, Brooke, Robyn Blanch, Cath Beazley, Anna Vingerhoed, Patricia Simpson and Sarah Carter.

The Recently Deceased

Rose Theelan, Keith Osborn and David Huck.

Death Anniversaries

Wal Pracy, Mary Doris Vella, Margaret Elaine Hughes and Michael Keegan.



(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.)

Caritas Australia ~ Africa Food Crisis

After three years of poor rainfall, some of the worst locust plagues in decades, ongoing conflict and now the impacts of the war in Ukraine, the Horn of Africa is currently facing what is potentially the worst food crisis seen in our lifetime. Over 14 million people across Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia are on the verge of starvation and this number is rising rapidly. Please donate to Caritas Australia's by calling 1800 024 413 or visit: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/africa-food-crisis/>.

Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

Fr. Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome everyone to this special celebration. The Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18th September at 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie. An afternoon tea will be hosted after Mass, no RSVP is required. For more information please contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000. See flyer on the notice board.

Knowing Jesus Daily Devotional Videos

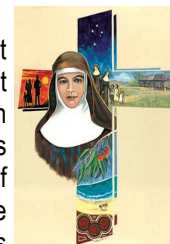
Join Bruce Downes as he dives deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This free Daily Devotional series is presented by Bruce Downes, who is also known as The Catholic Guy, and starts on Monday 15th August. You can receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore. Sign up today by visiting: <https://brucedownes.org/>

Fr. Joyce Annual Leave - Weekday Masses (Cancelled)

Fr. Joyce will commence his annual leave on Tuesday 16th August and he will return on Wednesday 14th September. We wish him an enjoyable and relaxing break and pray for his safe return. While Fr. Joyce is on his Annual Leave the weekday Masses at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace (Tuesday 7am, Wednesday 7am and Friday 9.15am) and at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula (Thursday 9.15am) will be cancelled. The weekend Masses will be covered by Fr. Anthony & Fr. Arthur.

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross

Mass will be celebrated on Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.00am at St Brigid's Raymond Terrace to mark the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 and died on 8th August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be celebrated on Monday 15th August to mark the Feast Day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at:

- 7.30am Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula
- 8.00am St. Christopher's Medowie
- 9.15am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

First Holy Communion

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be Administered to the Children of our Parish on 13th and 14th August 2022 during the following Masses:
13/08/22 at 5.30pm St Brigid's Church
13/08/22 at 5.30pm St Christopher's Oratory
14/08/22 at 9.30am St Brigid's Church
Prayerful Wishes,
Fr. Joyce

Come Rest a While ~ Christian Initiation Reflection Day

All parishioners with an interest in the ministry of Christian Initiation are invited to a reflection day hosted by the Diocesan Christian Initiation Forum in appreciation for all that Christian Initiation Ministers do in accompanying those who seek Jesus and initiation into the Catholic community. There will be opportunities to be still with God; to listen to and reflect on God's Word, the Liturgy and our Catholic life. The reflection day 'Come Rest a While' will be held on Saturday 10th September from 10am-3.30pm at the Corcoran Centre in Morpeth. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register visit: come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au. Please RSVP by 2nd September.

Go Make Disciples ~ Christian Initiation Formation Process

'Go Make Disciples' is a formation opportunity for new and experienced Christian Initiation Ministers and any parishioner that is interested in this ministry. Over six weeks participants will explore the entire Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). There will be opportunities to grow in knowledge and understanding of RCIA; pray and reflect mystagogically; reimagine and discern the ministry of Christian Initiation in the parish community. This formation opportunity will be held on the following dates: 18th September, 25th September, 9th October, 16th October, 30th October and 6th November from 1pm-4.30pm in the Toohey Room at 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West. The Facilitators will be Fr. Andrew Doohan, Louise Gannon rsj and Christian Initiation Forum members. Please bring a copy of "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" alternatively copies can be borrowed or purchased (\$20) on the day. To register visit: go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au. Please RSVP by 9th September.

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
6/8/22	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Brendon Mannyx	Paul Edstein	Mary Thorpe	
7/8/22	Val McLeod	Sharon Blyton Lidy Waanders	Phil Hickling	Val McLeod	
13/8/22	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson Maureen Smith	Carmel Warby	Mannyx Family	
14/8/22	Moira Saunderson	Bernadette Searl Moira Saunderson	Astrid Hartcher	Vynette Shrimpton	Bruce Townsend Richard Rae

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	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Gifts
7/8/22	Sue Dallas	Brian McClenaghan	Greg Patteson	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie
14/8/22	Val Betwell	Greg Patteson	Catherine Kilpatrick	Anne Cheetham & Albert Went

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open and Close and Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts
6/8/22	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Anne Spooner	Leonie White Mary Sultana	Mary L Sultana Kath Weir
13/8/22	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Yvonne Carolan	Barry Worthington Christine Worthington	Mary Sultana Vince Sultana

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND AT ST. BRIGID'S RAYMOND TERRACE

Sing to the Mountains ~ Hymn 92.

Come to the Water ~ Hymn 74.

Open My Eyes ~ Hymn 166.

Be Not Afraid~ Hymn 114.

A Message from the Plenary Council Facilitation Team

When the Plenary Council process began, it was always spoken of as a three-stage journey: Preparation, Celebration and Implementation. Well, after four-and-a-half years, the People of God in Australia have reached that third stage. Even so, there is still much to be said about the celebration phase, which concluded when Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB celebrated the Council's closing Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney on July 9th. That was itself the culmination of an intense, prayerful and Spirit-filled second assembly, which we know most of you will have followed closely.

So, what happens now? We have moved into the Implementation Phase and the work continues with a plan, over the next five years, to regularly review the "taking action" in parishes, dioceses and organisations the decisions of the Plenary Council journey. The steps in the next few months, through to November, will include the finalising of the Acts of the Plenary Council and the sending of the Decrees to Rome for approval. The Facilitation Team has begun the process of attending to what we are calling "tying up the loose ends" before we finish in our role at the end of August. Please pray that this Implementation phase will continue to strengthen the seed of hope that has been planted. We look forward to seeing the seed blossom and flourish as we work together to be a more synodal, Gospel-focused community.

A frequently asked question is: "The celebration phase of the Plenary Council is over. What now?"

The Plenary Council has three phases: preparation, which took place over more than three years; celebration, which included the two assemblies and the nine months between them; and implementation, which started after the second assembly and will unfold in coming years. At the second assembly, the following motion passed:

That the Plenary Council adopt the following steps for ensuring the effectiveness and accountability of the Implementation phase, to take place over a period of five years:

- the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council will be responsible for establishing terms of review for the Plenary Council's implementation;
- a roundtable body such as that proposed in Decree 7, Article 2, will be responsible for co-ordinating the review;
- interim reports will be published in 2023 and 2025; and
- the final review report will be published five years after the Second Assembly, in 2027.

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 unflinching 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.



READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ~ You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4 ~ Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:49-53 ~ I have come not to give peace, but discord.