



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 19th November 2023 ~ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"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

Catherine McAuley Catholic College

Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

Financial Secretary: Phil 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 and Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Wednesday 7.00am

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm

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

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



This Gospel, Pope Francis says, highlights that 'not doing good is not good'.

The Pope points out that goodness is more than the absence of harm. Burying our talent and passively neglecting our gift is not what God wants. And, the Pope adds, we have been given many gifts: Faith, the Gospel, the Sacraments, even the Holy Spirit!

We Christians cannot, therefore, be a people who respond to God by turning in on ourselves and burying our treasures because we are fearful of losing them. Having been 'entrusted' with God's property - the Church, the Earth, even our very lives - we will be called to account for our custodianship of it.

But as this Gospel indicates, our judgment will not be measured by numbers, be they five or two talents (or converts!). Rather, the biggest question is whether we recognise the reality of being God's servants. As the Pope noted, the man in the parable was very quick to characterise the master as 'a hard man', justifying inaction. But with gifts already in hand our options are simple: we can make the excuse that God will be more concerned with punishing us for what we might do wrong and therefore do nothing; or we can try doing the best we can to do good and do something.

A reflection by Nick Brodie.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ~ Give her a share in what she has worked for.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ~ The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30 ~ Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Lucy Went, Kevin Burns, Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Alicia Proctor, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Alan James, David Ross, Marie Carmody, Cath Beazley, John Flynn, Michael Johnson, Robyn Turner, Anna Vingerhoed, Sarah Carter, Yvonne Bailey, Hugo Rice, Christine Natson, Karen O'Brien, Kylie Scott, Andrew Pelley, John Francis O'Hea, Gerry Hughes, Lila Lineham, Keith Smith, Justen Bailey, Patricia Bowmaker, Christine Worthington, Johanne Kenning, Michael O'Halloran, Matthew Carter, Terry Godfrey, Margaret Spooner, Christine, Kerrie and Carmel Walker.

The Recently Deceased

Peter McCarthy

Death Anniversaries

Harry Search, Dorothy Search and Imelda Thomson.



(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.)

Bulletin Notices

More important notices are on the back page of this Bulletin.

Church Open to Pray for Peace

St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace will be open from 8am-4pm and Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula will be open from 10am-3pm for those that would like to pray for peace in the places that are affected especially Israel and Gaza (Palestine).

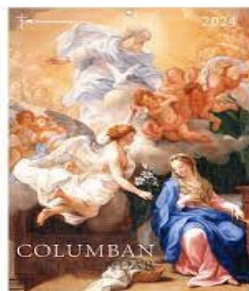
November Mass Offerings

November Mass Offering envelopes are available for collection from your Mass Centre this weekend. All offerings will then be documented and a list of November Mass Offerings (names only) will be displayed at each Mass Centre in December.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." (11 Machabees 12:46)

2024 Columban Art Calendars

2024 Columban Art Calendars are for sale at St. Brigid's Church for \$10 each. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic calendar well known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. This year a healing Bible quote as been included for each month.



Fr Peter Thoai's 15th Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Peter will celebrate his 15th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Wednesday 22nd November. Congratulations on this special day. Prayers and best wishes from everyone at St. Brigid's Parish.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal 2023

This year's Christmas Appeal is focused on the current cost of living crisis. There are many in our communities of Raymond Terrace and Medowie who are struggling and the demands on the Society are increasing. From November 2021 – January 2023 Maitland-Newcastle Central Council provided \$428,542.00 worth of assistance to people experiencing disadvantage, \$346,772.00 of which was food (including Christmas hampers). Your generosity at this time allows our local conference to continue this support. Next weekend there will be envelopes on the pews at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace and St. Christopher's Medowie, so please come prepared to donate via cash or card. There are also some envelopes near the collection baskets if you would like to take one this weekend and return it next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

We are in the process of preparing the ministry rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace for the period January-June 2024. 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 January-June 2024) then sit back and relax because you do not need to do anything! However, if you would like join, be taken off or alter your commitment on a roster then please contact Kate in the Parish Office by phone or email on or before Tuesday 28th November. Note: to volunteer you must be registered with the Diocese.



Rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians

We are in the process of preparing the ministry rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula for the period January-June 2024. 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 January-June 2024) then sit back and relax because you do not need to do anything! However, if you would like join, be taken off or alter your commitment on a roster then please contact Kate in the Parish Office by phone or email on or before Tuesday 28th November. Note: to volunteer you must be registered with the Diocese.



Change to Mass Time at St. Brigid's on Friday 24th November

Please note that Mass will be celebrated at 8.15am on Friday 24th November, rather than at the usual time of 9.15am, so that St. Brigid's School can host the Religious Education Coordinators for Mass in our Church.

Cancelled Mass at St. Christophers on Friday 24th November

Please note that the 5.30pm Mass at St. Christopher's Medowie on Friday 24th November will be cancelled.

Farewell & Thank You Morning Tea for Val McLeod

Our very faithful and dedicated parishioner, Val McLeod, from St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace is leaving the Parish and relocating to Port Macquarie. We would like to thank Val for all her services rendered to the Parish and the various groups. A farewell morning tea will be held, after Mass, on Sunday 26th November at the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food.

Anointing Mass

An Anointing Mass will be held on Wednesday 6th December at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace and on Thursday 7th December at 9.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula. Please note that the 7am Mass on Wednesday 6th December at St. Brigid's will be cancelled.

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 Raymond Terrace every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Rosary is prayed at 7am every Sunday at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Christopher's Medowie every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.



ADORATION

First 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 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	Presentation of Gifts
18/11/23	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Carmel Warby	Paul Edstein	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
19/11/23	Val McLeod	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Sharon Blyton	Eleona Cutmore Vynette Shrimpton
25/11/23	Mary Thorpe	Claire Mannyx Maureen Smith	Tracey Edstein	George Kime Anne Kime
26/11/22	Vynette Shrimpton	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Phil Hickling	Desie Erhart Catherine Hickling

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
19/11/23	Carmel Volker	Jeremy Clark	Jenny Ryan and Val Betwell
26/11/23	Greg Patteson	Carmel Volker	Jo Nederlof and Jeanette Solway

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close and Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts
18/11/23	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Yvonne Carolan	Ingrid Cacciato Leonie White	Kath Weir Anne Kayser
25/11/23	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Gloria Gomes Jenny Garrett	Yvonne Carolan Ann Haynes

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Catholic Care Christmas Hamper Drive 2023

This weekend is the last weekend for donations to Catholic Care's Christmas Hamper Drive. You can help by donating any of the following items:

- ★ Tins of Ham, Fruit Mince Pies or Christmas Puddings
- ★ Fruit juice or tins of stewed fruit or Jams, Cranberry or Apple sauce
- ★ Cereal, long life milk or custard or Sweet or Savory biscuits, chocolates,
- ★ Lollies or pancake mix or Tins of vegetables: baby potatoes, beetroot.
- ★ Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate or sugar
- ★ Reusable Christmas bags or a financial donation (in a sealed envelope)

Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am on Friday 8th December at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace to offer thanks to all of the volunteers within our parish.



Aid to the Church in Need Prayer Cards

In light of the devastating situation in Israel and Palestine, Aid to the Church in Need have provided prayer cards for Peace in the Holy Land. Please collect a prayer card from your Mass Centre this weekend.

Sacred @ Seven – Emmanuel Worship

Experience the divine at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday 27th November from 7.30pm as Emmanuel Worship hosts Sacred @ Seven. Join them for a free BBQ dinner at 6.30pm. All are welcome for an evening of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

St Joseph's Men Newcastle

Join the St. Joseph's Men's Group on Saturday 16th December from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Mackillop Parish 17 Milson Street, Charlestown for a fun evening of free pizza, drinks and games. Connect with fellow men in the community and enjoy a great time together. Contact Curtis on 0477 106 108 for more information.

Vintage Doll Sale

The Calvary Mater Auxiliary Cancer Carers are running a Vintage Doll Sale from Monday 20th November to Friday 24 November from 9am to 2pm on the third floor of the Calvary Mater Hospital. This is a great opportunity to support a good cause – you might even find a Christmas gift.

Novena Event

The Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The morning will start at 8.50am with the Rosary and Procession, followed by Mass at 9:15 am and the Novena at 9.45am followed by Benediction at 10.15am. Morning tea will be provided.

Exuberant Catholic Praise & Worship Group

If you have a passion, talent, or simply a strong desire to be part of something meaningful, the Exuberant Catholic Praise and Worship Group want you to lead or join their teams: * Music (musicians, singers) * Research, * Marketing, * Hospitality, * Presenters, * Logistics and * more... The time is ripe to make your mark by shaping an exciting new Praise and Worship event for our vibrant faith community. All are welcome to attend the final planning meeting for the year on Wednesday 22nd November from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Refreshments are provided from 5:30pm. Meeting commences at 6pm. The meeting will be held in the function room at MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown. Phone 0466 140 066 for further details.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 ~ You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 ~ He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:31-46 ~ He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.