



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 11th February 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

"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 Victor

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Chaplain: Fr. Anthony Coloma

Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

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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:

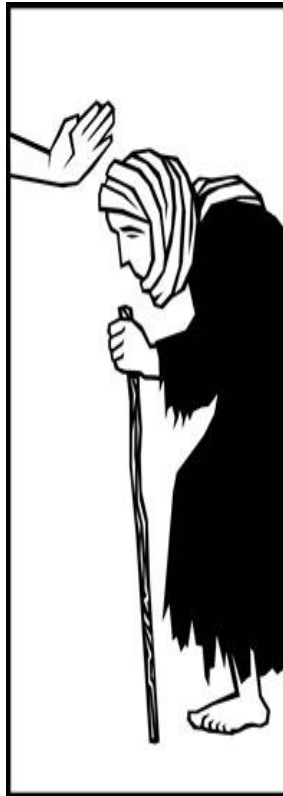
Sunday 7.30am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 ~ As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 ~ Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:40-45 ~ The leprosy left him and he was cured.

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, 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, Johanne Kenning, Michael O'Halloran, Matthew Carter, Terry Godfrey, Kerrie, Christine, Margaret Spooner, Carmel Walker, Eileen Mullen and Andrew Trivers.

The Recently Deceased

Myree Clark and Carmel Ashton.

Death Anniversaries

Ignatius Bartolo



(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.)

Farewell to Irene Gover

Irene Gover, a parishioner from Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula and very dedicated former Parish Team and Finance Team Member is leaving the Parish. We would like to thank Irene for her service to the Parish and wish her all the best. A farewell morning tea will be held on Sunday 18th February after the 7.30am Mass at OLHC Mallabula. All welcome.



Project Compassion 2024 Appeal Launch

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Appeal. The theme this year is "For All Future Generations". The launch will be held on Tuesday 13th February at 10.15am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, pancakes will be served in the Southern Cross Hall. Please register by visiting the website: pc2024.eventbrite.com.au



Rite of Election

Humans are seekers of purpose and meaning. This search brings many to faith, to Christianity and to the Catholic Church. As a church community we welcome these people through the celebration of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is important that we gather to support and pray for our catechumens on Sunday 18th February at 2.30pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Please RSVP for catering purposes to: sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au or call 49 79 1134.

Project Compassion Sunday

The theme for Project Compassion 2024 is "For all Future Generations". Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday. As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter, Project Compassion gives us the chance to act as Jesus did. To reach out to those in some of the most challenging situations imaginable. For decades, Project Compassion has been the heart and soul of Caritas Australia and has touched the lives of so many. Donation boxes and envelopes will be available at your Mass Centre this weekend.

Ash Wednesday ~ 14th February

The following Masses will be held on Ash Wednesday:

- ✠ 7.00am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- ✠ 9.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula
- ✠ 5.30pm at St. Christopher's Medowie



Lenten Programme

A Lenten Programme will be held in the St. Brigid's Parish Hall at 7pm on Thursday evenings commencing on 15th February. All welcome.

One Cross, One School, One Church

All are invited to One Cross, One School, One Church: a series of gatherings within the Port Stephens Pastoral Region aiming to bring together the Catherine McAuley Catholic College community with parishioners local to their area in celebration of the Eucharist. During Mass, different symbols and prayers will be shared, reinforcing the connection between the parish and its school. This is a fantastic opportunity for families attached to the college to meet with parishioners and hear about their worshipping community.

- ✠ Friday 16th February at 5:30pm at St Christopher's, Medowie
- ✠ Sunday 25th February at 7:30am at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula and at 9:30am at St Brigid's, Raymond Terrace

Parish Secretary on Annual Leave

Our Parish Secretary, Kate, will be on Annual Leave for two weeks from Tuesday 20th February. We pray that she has a safe journey and enjoys a well deserved break with her family. Kate will produce and print the bulletins for Sunday 25th February and Sunday 3rd March in advance. Therefore, if you have any bulletin notices or death anniversaries for those weekends could you kindly inform Kate by phone or email prior to 14th February.

Sacramental Journey

The Sacramental Journey to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion (for those who are Baptised Catholic) will commence with an information evening for parents at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm. Parents who would like their child/children in years 2-6 at primary school or for those in high school to participate in this Sacramental Journey are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism certificate to the information evening. Please contact St. Brigid's Parish Sacramental Coordinator Maryjane Malone on 0499 824 130 for further information.

Lenten Reflection Group - Transformation through Revelation

You are invited to participate in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Lenten Reflection group which will be held each Friday, starting on 23rd February and concluding on Friday 22nd March, in the Diocesan Library at from 9am - 10am. To register please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/Jrj4Ngi1vu> To access Lenten resources please visit the website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6680/0003733-dio-2024-lenten-program-06.pdf>

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.

ROSARY

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
10/2/24	Mary Thorpe	Claire Mannyx Clare Dawson	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe
11/2/24	Elenoa Cutmore	Lidy Waanders Bernadette Searl	Sharon Blyton	Linda Birt Elenoa Cutmore
17/2/24	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Clare Dawson	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
18/2/24	Vynette Shrimpton	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton Desie Erhart

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
11/2/24	Jeremy Clark	Greg Patteson	Jenny Ryan and Val Betwell
18/2/24	Jenny Ryan	Catherine Kilpatrick	Jo Nederlof and Jeanette Solway

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close and Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts
10/2/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Leticia Wakely Noel Tucker	Denise Dawe Anne Kayser
17/2/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Yvonne Carolan	Ann Haynes Jill O'Dell	Kath Weir Mary L Sultana

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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

Here I am Lord ~ *Hymn 90*

Hosea ~ *Hymn 30*

We are many parts ~ *Hymn 86*

Sing a new Song ~ *Hymn 80*

Bruce Downes 'The Catholic Guy'

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is free and you can sign up by visiting: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Help my unbelief! Searching for God in a Secular Age ~ 12th February

Monsignor Professor Tomas Halik, the 'underground priest' who converted to Catholicism as an adult and was secretly ordained a priest, in 1978 during the communist rule of then-Czechoslovakia, is in Australia to give a series of lectures as part of the Bishop Vincent Presents series. The conversation will be moderated by leading academic and priest, Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. A renowned public intellectual, philosopher, sociologist and priest, Halik is known for being a leading voice against Soviet communism in the 1980s (he was persecuted by the secret police as an "enemy of the regime") and was co-responsible for the revival of the Czech Catholic Church after the fall of communism. You can register to attend in-person at the Diocesan Resource Centre Library on Monday 12th February from 6pm-8pm by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/help-my-unbelief-searching-for-god-in-a-secular-age-tickets-814673709997> or if you would like to watch the livestream, register by visiting the website: <https://events.humanitix.com/bishop-vincent-presents-a-conversation-with-tomas-halik-livestream>

Pints with a Purpose ~ 13th February

You are invited to Pints with a Purpose at the Sydney Junction Hotel Beaumont Street Hamilton, featuring Bishop Michael Kennedy as the guest speaker, on Tuesday 13th February. 5pm to 6:30pm is an opportunity for dinner (at your own expense) and 6.30pm-7.30pm is an opportunity for conversation (held in the Hudson Room). Please visit the website to register: <https://PintswithaPurpose.eventbrite.com.au>

Praise and Worship Gatherings ~ 16th February

The Friday Praise and Worship Gatherings will return for 2024 on Friday 16th February at Holy Cross Catholic Church Glendale from 7pm and will be preceded by 6:30pm Mass. The evenings will also offer teachings and talks on different topics related to growing in the Faith by different presenters as well as the opportunity for healing prayer and fellowship afterwards. There will be a free pizza dinner on this occasion.

Inner Healing Growth Retreat ~ 16th February

From 5.30pm on Friday 16th February through until 4pm on Sunday 18th February 2024, join the Divine Retreat Centre for their Inner Healing Growth Retreat. For more information and bookings, please contact 4372 1598 or drcretreatrego@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer ~ 1st March

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Throughout the entire day, prayer is collectively said all over the world, in 170 countries, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. The prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. World Day of Prayer's motto is "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action." Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. **This year St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March, with the focus and donations for this year being Palestine. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the 9.15am Mass with the World Day of Prayer service to commence at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. Further information and resources are available on the World Day of Prayer website: www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org.**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-15 ~ I will recall the covenant between myself and you.... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22 ~ The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:12-15 ~ He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.