



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 31st March 2024 ~ Sunday of the Resurrection (Year B)

"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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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



Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43 ~ We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 ~ Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-9 ~ The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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, Andrew Trivers, Ted Lyons, Jan, Bishop Michael Malone and Fr. Maurie Cahill.

Death Anniversaries

Jim Worthington, Kathy Bellamy, Ruth Dixon and Valmae Mumberson.

(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.)

Amen Camino Information Session

An Amen Camino information session will be held on Saturday 27th April commencing at 8.30am at St Columba's Parish Hall, Lockyer St, Adamstown

Happy 91st Birthday Jim



We would like to wish Jim Ferrier a very Happy 91st Birthday! Congratulations and Best Wishes from everyone at St. Brigid's Parish.

Fishing Weekend: God for Blokes

If you're looking for an opportunity to think about God, hear from other men, do some fishing and relax then you should attend the God for Blokes Fishing Weekend from 3rd to 5th May in Forster. For more information or to book, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092382> or 0466 631 394.

Easter 2024

St. Brigid's, Raymond Terrace

Sat. 30th March	Holy Saturday Vigil	7.45pm
Sun. 31st March	Easter Sunday	9.30am

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula

Sat. 30th March	Holy Saturday Vigil	7.45pm
Sun. 31st March	Easter Sunday	7.30am

St. Christopher's, Medowie

Sat. 30th March	Holy Saturday Vigil	7.45pm
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Happy Easter

Fr. Joyce, Fr. Peter, Fr. Arthur, Kate, Phil and Maryjane wish all parishioners and their families a Happy and Holy Easter. May the Risen Lord Jesus fill us with a lot of peace and happiness.



Easter Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

Please visit this website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ6gB20YsOA> to watch Bishop Michael's Easter Message.

Easter Offering Envelopes

Easter Offering envelopes are available from your Mass Centre.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered, to the children participating in the Sacramental Journey, by Bishop Michael Kennedy on Tuesday 14th May at 7.00pm at the St. Brigid's School Hall.

St. Brigid's Church Works

Please refer to the back page of this bulletin to read an important letter from Fr. Joyce relating to the completed and upcoming works at St. Brigid's Church.

Change to Mass Time at OLHC Mallabula on Thursday 4th April

Kindly note that Mass will be celebrated at 8.30am on Thursday 4th April so that Fr. Joyce can attend the Official Blessing and Opening of Stage 1, Block A and Stage 2 Blocks C & D at Catherine McAuley Catholic College.

An event celebrating the Ministry of Teresa Brierley

You are invited to join in celebrating the ministry of Teresa Brierley on Friday 12th April from 2pm-4pm in the Southern Cross Hall (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West). After almost 20 years with the Diocese, Teresa has resigned from her role as Director Pastoral Ministries. The Diocese looks forward to recognising Teresa and acknowledging her significant work for the diocese and our community. Please RSVP by 4th April, at <https://teresabrierley.eventbrite.com.au>

Principles of Social Teaching (Pre-Assembly Opt-in Seminar)

As part of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle's participation in the Hunter Community Alliance Founding Assembly, they are providing a seminar on Principles of Social Teaching. The recent Synod of Bishops wrote in their Synthesis Report: "Christians have a duty to commit themselves to active participation in building up the common good and defending the dignity of life, drawing inspiration from the Church's social doctrine." Come and be a part of this historical gathering at the University Great Hall. The seminar will be followed by the celebration of Mass before walking on pilgrimage to the university. The Workshop will be held at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, Shortland (enter parking from Lovell Pde) on Wednesday 10th April from 2.30pm for a 3.00pm start. Mass will be celebrated at 4.30pm. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/5C3pY78tsw> The Founding Assembly will take place from 6.30pm - 8.30pm (Food trucks available 5.30pm - 6.30pm). To register: <https://events.humanitix.com/hca-founding-assembly>

Save the Date – The Magdalene Award is back!

The Magdalene Award recognises a woman living in, and committed to, the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. This is a public affirmation of a life lived in ways that echo the spirit of Mary Magdalene. This Award is being relaunched in 2024, after last being presented in 2020, to coincide with the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene. In 2024, the recipient of this Award will have an opportunity for spiritual nourishment, a retreat experience, or a faith formation opportunity to an agreed value. Nominations will open on Monday 8th April and the winner will be announced on Sunday 28th July at the 9.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Presentation of Gifts
30/3/24	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein Claire Mannyx	Paul Edstein	George Kime Anne Kime
30/3/24	Epistle Reading: Clare D Commentary/All Responses: Brendon M Altar Servers: Paul E & Bethany M			
31/3/24	Vynette Shrimpton	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton	Catherine Hickling Linda Birt
31/3/34	Altar Server: Steve Hickling			
6/4/24	Mary Thorpe	Brendon Mannyx Clare Warby	Tracey Edstein	Mannyx Family
7/4/24	Margaret Pryer	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Astrid Hartcher	Elenoa Cutmore Vynette Shrimpton

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
31/3/24	Jeremy Clark	Carmel Volker	Anne Cheetham & Albert Went
7/4/24	Anne Cheetham	Jenny Ryan	Jenny Ryan & Val Betwell

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Communion Minister
30/3/24	Norman Shields Sue Shields	Mary L Sultana	Ann Byron, Sue Shields, Norman Shields and Jill O'Dell Epistle: Jenny Garrett Prayers of the Faithful: Kath Weir	Ann Kayser Christine Green	Patrick Byron
6/4/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Yvonne Carolan Noel Tucker	Giovanni Cacciato Ingrid Cacciato	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia , alleluia.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Come as you are ~ *Hymn 31* Come to the water ~ *Hymn 74* I have loved you ~ *Hymn 126* Sing to the Mountains ~ *Hymn 92*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

13th March, 2024

Praise be Our Lord Jesus Christ and Mother Mary.

As we have moved to the Fifth Sunday of Lent and within a week's time we will be entering Holy Week. I wish each and everyone of you a wonderful Spiritual experience and God's blessings. On behalf of the Parish I wish the parents and young people preparing for the Sacraments lots of happiness and blessings.

First, I would like to thank you All for the prayers and wishes. I would like to bring it to your notice that some of the works that have been completed at St Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace namely: Electrical Wiring and the Lights, Air Conditioners, Guttering and the down Pipes in the Church and the Parish Hall.

We have also got the Approval for the following too :

Bathroom Renovations works at the Units

Painting Works at St Brigid's Church

Window Frames and Two Stain Glass Works at St Brigid's Church

We have got the Report from Jasper Swann Pty Ltd, Heritage Masonry and Façade Consultant Heritage Projects Management ABN 30 095 438 609 PO Box 263 Annandale NSW 2038. E : jasperswann@jasperswann.com.au
W : www.jasperswann.com.au

He has given us the Schedule of External Masonry Conservation Works and Repairs at St Brigid's Church, Raymond Terrace. We have received Three Quotes towards St Brigid's Church External Masonry Conservation & Repairs.

Quote One : Hunter Heritage Stone Masonry Pty Ltd 19 The Esplanade, Lorn NSW = \$ 576,250.00

Quote Two : Heritage Stone Masonry Pty Ltd 14 Argyle St Singleton NSW 2330 = \$ 598,230.00

Quote Three : E.H. Stone Masonry Services Pty Ltd 71 Elvy's Ave, Yattalunga NSW = \$ 721,920.00

We have to get the External Masonry Conservation and Repairs done prior to our Painting Works.

We shall be sending the Quotes to the Bishop's Office for the Approval.

As this involves a lot of money for the works towards the Church we would be happy for your generous contributions to:

St Brigid's Parish Account BSB NO: 062815 A/C NO: 00328161 AGENT NO: 5137

Kindly find the details of the schedule of External Masonry Conservation Works and Repairs on the Notice board. Please pray for the Parish Works.

Wish you All a Nice Week.

Thanking You

Prayers and Wishes

Fr Joyce Sebastian Victor

Parish Priest

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 ~ The whole group was united, heart and soul.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 ~ Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 ~ After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.