



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 27th October 2024 ~ Thirtieth 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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Myall Deanery

Catherine McAuley Catholic College

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



Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9 ~ I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6 ~ You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46-52 ~ Master, grant that I may see.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Lucy Went, Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Alicia Proctor, Rachael Hill, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Alan James, David Ross, Cath Beazley, John Flynn, Michael Johnson, Robyn Turner, Sarah Carter, Yvonne Bailey, Hugo Rice, Christine Natson, Karen O'Brien, Kylie Scott, Andrew Pelley, Lila Lineham, Keith Smith, Justen Bailey, Patricia Bowmaker, Kerrie, Christine, Johanne Kenning, Michael O'Halloran, Ita Giggins, Matthew Carter, Margaret Spooner, Carmel Walker, Eileen Mullen, Andrew Trivers, Ted Lyons, Jan, Elaine Margery, Bishop Michael Malone, Fr. Maurie Cahill and Coral McCaull.



(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.)

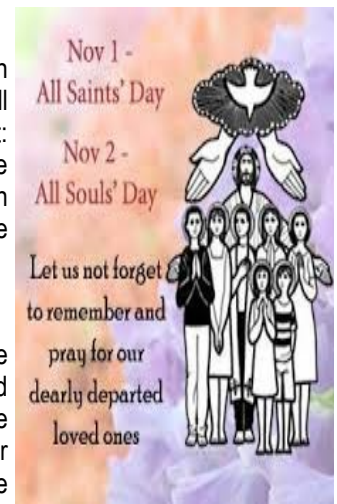
All Saints' Day ~ 1st November

We celebrate the Feast Day of All Saints' on Friday 1st November. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am at St. Brigid's.

All Souls' Day ~ 2nd November

This day of commemoration for all of the faithful departed is celebrated on Saturday 2nd November. It expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory. Mass will be held:

- 7.00am St. Brigid's Parish Hall Raymond Terrace
- 7.00am St. Christopher's Oratory Medowie
- 9.15am Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula



Catholic Care Christmas Appeal 2024

The time has arrived for our annual Christmas Appeal to Catholic Care. We have been fortunate to have very generous support from our parishioners for this appeal the past few years and all donations are received with gratitude for the people in the Newcastle area who are in need this Christmas. As in previous years, our donations will be added to hampers that will be made up which will include pantry staples and the donations from our parish will bring a nice Christmas spirit to the hamper that they receive. The following is a list of donations that Catholic Care are seeking for this year: Christmas Puddings, Christmas Cakes, Custard, sweet or savoury biscuits, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, chocolates, lollies, candy canes, chips, popcorn and Christmas treats! Donations can be left at your Mass Centre for collection by 30th November. Thank you in advance for your support. Your Christmas Appeal team is Vynette Shrimpton (St Brigid's) Ann Patteson (Our Lady Help of Christians) and Mary Sultana - (St Christopher's).

*** Change of Date for Dr Dan White Tea Gardens ***

NEW DATE Tuesday 29th October please arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start. Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch afterwards (11.30am). St Stephen's Parish Hall Tea Gardens.

Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido's Ordination

Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido will be Ordained as a Priest by Most Reverend Michael Kennedy on Saturday 23rd November 2024 at 10am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

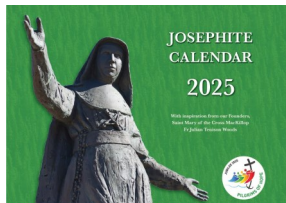
November Mass Offerings

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." (2 Machabees 12:46)

Josephite Calendar 2025

2025 marks 15 years since Australia gained its first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Josephite Calendar provides the opportunity to learn from our Australian Saint and our co-Founder Fr Julian Tenison Woods with different words of wisdom provided for each month. The monthly reflections are all based on hope to fit in with the Jubilee year theme Pilgrims of Hope. The cost of the calendar is \$10.00 plus postage. Order online at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKEgNwh8w7xJHEdChTrM1xtvpMvwbLoPpj6SIAOdposH-I_Q/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0



Job opportunity at the Bishop's Office

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking a dedicated, faith-driven individual to join the Bishop's Office as the Bishop's Office Executive Assistant Support. This permanent, full-time unique role provides invaluable assistance to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, ensuring the Bishop's pastoral and administrative responsibilities are met with efficiency, professionalism, and discretion. To apply please visit the website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions. For further information, please contact Christopher Voigt at: christopher.voigt@mn.catholic.org.au

Bulletin Notices

Please note that the Bulletins for Sunday 10th November and Sunday 17th November will be printed in advance. Any death anniversaries, hymns or bulletin notices for those two bulletins must be received by Kate at the Parish Office no later than 2.30pm on Wednesday 30th October.

Advent 2024: Awaiting Hope

We are called during this holy time to wait with hope knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. Awaiting Hope is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. To access the resource, please visit the website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/advent-christmas-1/>

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 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
26/10/24	Mary Thorpe	Claire Mannyx Carmel Warby	Paul Edstein	George Kime Anne Kime
27/10/24	Vynette Shrimpton	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton	Vynette Shrimpton Linda Birt
2/11/24	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Clare Dawson	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
3/11/24	Margaret Pryer	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Astrid Hartcher	Catherine Hickling Elenoa Cutmore

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
27/10/24	Carmel Volker	Anne Cheetham	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
3/11/24	Greg Patteson	Cynthia Rogers	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Acolyte
26/10/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	John White Leonie White	Leticia Wakely Gloria Gomes	Jill O'Dell Yvonne Carolan	Noel Tucker
2/11/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Anne Spooner	Ann Byron Kath Weir	Denise Dawe Anne Kayser	

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

All the Earth ~ *Hymn 184*

Isaiah 49 ~ *Hymn 89*

Hail Mary Gentle Woman

Galilee Song ~ *Hymn 5*

Announcements from Bishop Michael Kennedy

• **Fr John Lovell**

"After several months of prayer and discernment, and having kept me informed, Fr John Lovell has decided to retire from active ministry effective from the end of this year. He will be moving to Sydney to be closer to family and friends. Fr John has taken on very substantial areas of responsibility in his parish appointments since ordination for which I am extremely grateful."

• **Fr Phil Doyle CSSp**

"Fr Phil Doyle CSSp will be returning to his Religious Congregation – The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). His last Sunday in the parish of Myall Coast will be November 24, the Feast of Christ the King. Initially Fr Phil will reside in the Spiritan Community at Strathpine QLD and then take up a residential pastoral care role in a nursing home. I wish to thank Fr Phil for his time and ministry in the Diocese. We all wish him the best and assure him of our prayers."

• **Fr Joyce Sebastian Victor**

"Fr Matthew Muller has been in consultation with the parish leadership of Myall Coast about the next step after Fr Phil's departure. Fr Joyce has agreed to undertake a shared Parish Priest role for both Raymond Terrace and Myall Coast. I am grateful to him."

• **Review of Perpetual Day of Remembrance**

"It is now some time since my predecessor, Bishop William Wright, established the Perpetual Day of Remembrance in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to remember those who have suffered abuse at the hands of people who were entrusted with their protection. It is an occasion when we come together in prayer for all those affected by abuse and commit to ensuring that the past failings are never repeated. The purpose for which this day was established remains ever important. Nevertheless, the way in which it is commemorated may be subject to change to ensure that its purpose is best achieved and that it remains meaningful. To this end, I invite you to complete a brief survey to help inform this process, so that we can make informed decisions about how the Perpetual Day of Remembrance might most effectively be commemorated into the future." Link to the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkEkMO6p1j2g-rKGw3FMgElsb6gNjVIUNE1KVUEyVFILNDVENDhJUKVQTzU4Tzk2TyQIQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl>

Diocesan Resource Centre Events October & November

Diocesan Resource Centre, Corner of Tudor & Parry Streets, Newcastle West Upcoming events:

BBI Short Course: "Catholics Faith & Science" on Monday 28th October & 4th November from 4pm to 5.30pm. Register by visiting the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/8wYqgDUbcm> What does the Catholic Church say about the relationship between faith and science? How are we to approach topics like evolution and the Big Bang theory? This short course is not only for teachers but also for those who teach religion or may find it of relevance.

Formation Friday: "Communion of Saints" on Friday 1st November from 1pm to 2pm. Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/1jBEVh2ctj>

Formation Film Event: "The Miracle Club" on Saturday 2nd November. The film follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, outside Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, a place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/1jyjLH5GsB>

Medowie Friendship

Please join us. All welcome.

★ First Monday of the Month: Cuppa at the Greenhouse at 10am please phone Nina on 0428 848 033.

★ Second Tuesday of the Month: Craft Group from 9am- 12 noon please phone Ann on 0458 193 312.

★ Third Saturday of the Month: Cuppa after the Vigil Mass. You may choose to bring some food to share. Coffee and tea provided.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 ~ Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28 ~ This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34 ~ This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.