



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 17th November 2024 ~ Thirty-Third 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

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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 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:

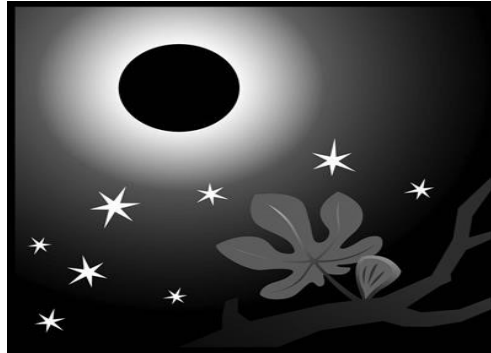
Sunday 7.30am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3 ~ When that time comes your own people will be spared.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14,18 ~ By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-32 ~ He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

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.)

Bulletin Notices

Please see the back page of this Bulletin for more notices.

Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido's Ordination

Congratulations to Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido who will be Ordained 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)

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/>

A Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

"Resumption of Communion from the Chalice. Having received advice from the Diocesan Liturgical Council and discussed the matter extensively with the Council of Priests at several meetings I am allowing the resumption of Communion from the Chalice from the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December 2024."

Fr Peter Thoai's 16th Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Peter will celebrate his 16th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on Friday 22nd November. Congratulations on this special day. Prayers and best wishes from everyone at St. Brigid's Parish.



Advent Booklets

With Advent commencing on Sunday 1st December, the beautiful Advent Booklet 'The Light' has daily reflections which help to prepare us spiritually for the Feast of Christmas. The daily reflections continue until 12th January. Lidy has a few extra booklets for sale at \$5 each. To purchase one, please text Lidy on: 0425 212 142 or email Lidy at: waanders.lidy@gmail.com with your name, and she will arrange for a booklet to be left for you at the Parish Office.

Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am on Friday 22nd November at St. Brigid's Parish Hall Raymond Terrace to offer thanks to all of the volunteers within our parish. Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass.

Rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Kate will begin preparing the ministry rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace for the period January - June 2025 in the coming weeks. 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 2025) 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 email or by phone by Friday 29th November. Note: to volunteer you must be registered with the Diocese.



Rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians

Kate will begin preparing the ministry rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula for the period January - June 2025 in the coming weeks. 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 2025) 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 email or by phone by Friday 29th November. Note: to volunteer you must be registered with the Diocese.



Anointing Mass

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th December at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Parish Hall Raymond Terrace and on Thursday 5th December at 9.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula. Please note the 7am Mass on Wednesday 4th December at St. Brigid's will be cancelled.

Cancelled Masses at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

Please note that the following Mass will be cancelled at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula:

✠ 9.15am on Thursday 28th November as Fr Joyce will be attending a Clergy Reflection Day at Newcastle.

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
16/11/24	Mary Thorpe	Claire Mannyx Carmel Warby	Tracey Edstein	Mary Thorpe
17/11/24	Vynette Shrimpton	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Sharon Blyton	Catherine Hickling Elenoa Cutmore
23/11/24	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Carmel Warby	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
24/11/24	Margaret Pryer	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton Linda Birt

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
17/11/24	Jenny Ryan	Carmel Volker	Jenny Ryan & Val Betwell
24/11/24	Cynthia Rogers	Jenny Ryan	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Acolyte
16/11/24	Cuppa after Mass	Anne Spooner	Gloria Gomes Jill O'Dell	Sue Shields Norman Shields	Patrick Byron
23/11/24	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	John White Leonie White	Sue Shields Norman Shields	Mary L Sultana Anne Spooner	Andrew Chahoud

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: Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

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

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 23rd/24th 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).

10 Questions about Bishops

Worship and Prayer Officer, Fiona Duque, published an article on MN News Today on 8th October titled "10 Questions about Bishops". This week we will share the final five of those questions with you.

What colour signifies a Bishop?

Colour, as we know, is a perfect tool in helping to communicate and recognise someone's office/role, and to highlight meaning and symbolism. As we saw with the Bishop's zucchetto, the amaranth red (I like to use this colour) means that someone can instantly recognise a Bishop from that colour. The Bishop will also wear other items of that colour such as a cassock (like a coat). If he chooses to wear a black cassock, it will have the amaranth red piping and a sash of the same colour. It is interesting to note that before the 16th Century, the colour was green.

How long can a Bishop serve his Diocese?

It's not such a straightforward question. It really depends on what the Church has planned for the Bishop. Usually, the Diocese in which the Bishop is ordained will be the one he remains in until he submits his resignation to the Pope at the age of 75. However, a Bishop could be moved, such as Bishop Michael coming to Maitland-Newcastle from Armidale or in response to other needs of the Australian Church where they may be called to an Archdiocese.

You are walking along, and you meet the Bishop. What do you call him?

Most of the time, when you meet a Bishop, it is in passing and not so formal. Traditionally, Bishops were addressed as 'My Lord'. However, in our more relaxed society, most of the time it is OK to call him Bishop X. For example, this could be Bishop Michael or Bishop Kennedy. In this diocesan context, we know that Bishop Michael is fine with being addressed as such. I'm sure you will know fairly quickly if you didn't get it right. I wouldn't lose sleep over it though.

Why does he sometimes carry a Shepherd's Crook?

The Shepherd's Crook is called a crosier or a pastoral staff. It symbolises authority but as the second name alludes to, it has a pastoral significance as well as the Bishop gives spiritual guidance to his 'flock'. The Bishop receives this symbol at his ordination. You will see it used when he is celebrating Mass and at more formal liturgies. He also has a special ring, a Pectoral Cross and his own coat of arms. It could be a good conversation starter to find out about them the next time you bump into a Bishop.

Are there special events that are just for the Bishop?

Yes! Bishop 'only' events are the Chrism Mass and Ordination of Priests and Deacons. For other celebrations such as the dedication of a church, the Rite of Election and the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop is the Ordinary Minister for these. However, these must be delegated if he is unable to preside. As the Bishop has pastoral care of the clergy, it is also customary that he presides at their funerals.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14 ~ His sovereignty is eternal.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:5-8 ~ The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-37 ~ You say that I am a king.