



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 24th November 2024 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (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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Fr. Joyce Sebastian Victor

**Parish Priest & Dean**

**Myall Deanery**

**Catherine McAuley Catholic College**

**Chaplain:** Fr. Anthony Coloma

**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 week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king.

For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate.

Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

*A reflection by Greg Sunter.*

### READINGS FOR THIS 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.

**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.)*

**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.”

**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)*

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

It's the time of the year when the local Vinnies conference asks you to share the spirit of the season with our Vinnies clients. This Advent we're trying something different. Instead of asking for cash or credit donations, we're asking you to bring gift cards – of whatever value suits you – and leave in the gift box at the back of the hall/church (or at Medowie, on the Christmas tree!). Please ensure they are for local stores – Woolies, Aldi, Big W etc – so they are easily redeemed. It's more helpful to have eg two x \$25 cards rather than 1 x \$50 card, for obvious reasons. The cards – as well as those ordered by the Conference from its funds – will be distributed in time for clients to choose what best suits their needs, so we'd appreciate having cards early in December. We are always ready to welcome new members to the Conference. You need a heart for the poor, and reasonable computer skills, and you will be guided every step of the way of course. Maybe a new year resolution? Thank you!

**Temporary Change to Parish Office**

- ✠ Our Parish Secretary, Kate, is currently on leave. She will return to the office on Tuesday 3rd December.
- ✠ Fr Joyce will be out of the office on:
  - *Tuesday 26th November* as he will be attending a Diocesan meeting in Newcastle.
  - *Wednesday 27th November* (morning) as he will be celebrating Mass at Opal Raymond Terrace Nursing Home.
  - *Thursday 28th November* as he will be attending a Clergy Reflection Day in Newcastle.
- ✠ Our Finance Secretary, Phil, will be working in the office on Thursday.

**Cancelled Masses at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula**

Please note that the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 28th November at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula will be cancelled as Fr Joyce will be attending a Clergy Reflection Day at Newcastle.

**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](mailto:waanders.lidy@gmail.com) with your name, and she will arrange for a booklet to be left for you at the Parish Office.

**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 in writing 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 in writing 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.

**“The Catholic Guy” Online Advent Retreat**

Advent is a time when we as Catholics are encouraged to focus more on our spiritual life to prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. This Advent, The Catholic Guy is inviting people around the world to participate in a weekend online Advent Mission Event Retreat from 7th-9th December (and accessible online for all of Advent). To find out more, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

## **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](http://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](http://www.10play.com.au) or [www.massforyou.com.au](http://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](http://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**

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>
<b>23/11/24</b>	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Carmel Warby	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
<b>24/11/24</b>	Margaret Pryer	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Phil Hickling	Vynette Shrimpton Linda Birt
<b>30/11/24</b>	Mary Thorpe	Brendon Mannyx Clare Dawson	Paul Edstein	George Kime Anne Kime
<b>1/12/24</b>	Elenoa Cutmore	Lidy Waanders Bernadette Searl	Vynette Shrimpton	Catherine Hickling Elenoa Cutmore

### **OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>
<b>24/11/24</b>	Cynthia Rogers	Jenny Ryan	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
<b>1/12/24</b>	Elizabeth Currie	Greg Patteson	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE**

	<b>Open, Close &amp; Lock</b>	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Minsters of the Word</b>	<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>23/11/24</b>	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	John White Leonie White	Sue Shields Norman Shields	Mary L Sultana Anne Spooner	Andrew Chahoud
<b>30/11/24</b>	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Leticia Wakely Leonie White	Ingrid Cacciato Giovanni Cacciato	Noel Tucker

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## Lebanon Appeal

The situation in Lebanon continues to deteriorate due to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. Over 2,200 have died and another 12,000 have been injured. Essential services have collapsed due to the destruction of buildings and infrastructure. More than 1 million people have been displaced from their homes. The need is desperate. Here in Australia, the Maronite Catholic Eparchy, together with the Melkite Catholic Eparchy have established an appeal to provide assistance to the people of Lebanon who are in most need of support. The appeal will enable the Catholic Dioceses in Lebanon, Caritas Lebanon and The Order of Malta to channel this support directly to where it is needed most. Any donations towards the appeal can be remitted directly to the Maronite Eparchy's account. BSB: 942-206 and Account Number: 1669910

## 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/>

## Christian Meditation

You're invited to join the WCCM Meditation Community for their next event on Saturday 30th November starting at 9.30am at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Morning tea is provided. Donations of \$10 are appreciated. Contact Anne by phone: 0407 436 808 or email: [annecuskelly@hotmail.com](mailto:annecuskelly@hotmail.com).

## Electronic Plan Giving

Thanks to all those who already contribute. For those interested in contributing using online bank transfer please find below our bank details. If you require any assistance please contact our Finance Secretary, Phil Hickling, on 49871 888 or at: [phillip.hickling@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:phillip.hickling@mn.catholic.org.au)

✠ **First Collection:** money goes towards the Maitland Clergy Fund for the Clergy.

· You can contribute to the First Collection by visiting the Diocesan website, [www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/) and entering your details. Then in the "Payment Notes" enter the purpose of your payment (ie. First Collection). Alternatively using your own online banking:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** CCF– Raymond Terrace Parish

**BSB:** 066-739

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 100007399

**REFERENCE/DESCRIPTION:** Your Name

✠ **Second Collection:** money goes towards the maintenance of the Parish.

· You can contribute to the Second Collection by visiting the Diocesan website, [www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parish-payments/) and entering your details. Then in the "Payment Notes" enter the purpose of your payment (ie. a general donation or planned giving and specifying your envelope number). Alternatively using your own online banking:

**ACCOUNT NAME:** CCF– Raymond Terrace Parish

**BSB:** 066-739

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 100007398

**REFERENCE/DESCRIPTION:** Your Name

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 ~ When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 21:25-28. 34-36 ~ Your redemption is near at hand.