



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 1st March 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

"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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Office Hours: Monday: Office Closed
Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am - 2.30pm

Fr. Joyce Sebastian Victor

Administrator : St. Brigid's Parish
Parish Priest : Myall Coast Parish
Dean : Myall Deanery

Asst Priest: Fr. Peter Thoai (on Leave)

Asst Priest: Fr. Anton Perera

St. Brigid's Parish & Myall Coast Parish

Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

Financial Secretary: Phil Hickling

Sacramental Coordinator: Maryjane Malone

ST. BRIGID'S

69 William St, Raymond Terrace

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm and Sunday 9.30am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday and Wednesday 7.00am
Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.15pm

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

507 Medowie Rd, Medowie

Weekend Mass:

Saturday 6.00pm

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



In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration.

Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon.

When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're confused and scared by what they witness. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is.

During this Lenten season, like the disciples, we are called to consider who Jesus is and what role he plays in our lives.

A reflection by Greg Sunter.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4 ~ The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ~ God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9 ~ His face shone like the sun.

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, John Flynn, Michael Johnson, Robyn Turner, Sarah Carter, Yvonne Bailey, Hugo Rice, Christine Natson, Kylie Scott, Andrew Pelley, Lila Lineham, Keith Smith, Justen Bailey, Patricia Bowmaker, Kerrie, Christine, Johanne Kenning, Michael O'Halloran, Ted Lyons, Matthew Carter, Margaret Spooner, Carmel Walker, Jan, Eileen Mullen, Andrew Trivers, Elaine Margery, Bishop Michael Malone, Coral McCaull, Zeljka Woods, Jessica Byron, Judith Robbins, Elaine Roberts, Clare Lyons, Carol Bourke, Lisa Pritchard, Ian Robertson, Sue Dainton, Susan Munnery and Rae Blyton.

The Recently Deceased

Brian Craig

Death Anniversaries

Isabella Wallis, Francis William Edstein, Hugh Holmes and Peter Oliver.

Special Intention

Paul Edstein (Good Recovery from Surgery)

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said every Saturday in Lent when Mass is offered at St. Christopher's Medowie at 5.30pm.

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday in Lent at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula at 9.15am.



The Holy Triduum



2nd April: This year on Maundy Thursday *Mass of the Lord's Supper* will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Church Mallabula at 7.00pm.

3rd April: This year on Good Friday *The Lord's Passion* will be held at St Christopher's Oratory Medowie at 3.00pm

4th April: This year on Holy Saturday *Easter Vigil* and Baptisms will be celebrated at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace at 7.00pm.

All the members of the Parish are requested to fully participate in the Holy Triduum.

Stations of the Cross & Easter Sunday Mass Times

St. Brigid's, Raymond Terrace

Friday 3rd April	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday Mass	9.30am

Our Lady Help of Christians, Mallabula

Friday 3rd April	Stations of the Cross	9.15am
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday Mass	7.30am

St. Christopher's, Medowie

Friday 3rd April	Stations of the Cross	9.15am
Sunday 5th April	Easter Sunday Mass	8.30am

Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. This week we introduce Sisilia. She is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot. You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes or envelopes provided, donating online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Happy 60th Birthday Fr Joyce!!

On behalf of the Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Brigid's Parish we wish Fr Joyce a very Happy 60th Birthday for Friday 6th March. We pray for his good health and happiness.

Happy 60th Birthday

Anointing Mass Thursday 5th March

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula on Thursday 5th March at 9.15am with Fr Anton and at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace on Thursday 5th March at 9.15am with Fr Joyce.

World Day of Prayer Raymond Terrace

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held at the Raymond Terrace Community Church on Richardson Road Raymond Terrace on Friday 6th March at 10am. This year we are praying for the women of Nigeria.

World Day of Prayer Tanilba Bay

The annual World Day of Prayer will be held at the Tanilba Bay Uniting Church on President Wilson Walk Tanilba Bay on Friday 6th March at 10.30am. Please bring a plate of food to share after the service.

Holy Hour Sunday 1st March 2026

Launch of 2028 Sydney International Eucharistic Congress

Sunday 1st March 2026, has been chosen as the day to launch the 2028 Sydney International Eucharistic Congress. On this day a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be take place after the 9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace. Having heard the Gospel of Christ's Transfiguration, we are invited to be united in prayer, asking the Lord to transform our hearts through the Eucharist, that his will may be done in our lives and in the life of the Church.

Parish Secretary Annual Leave Office Closed

Please note that our Parish Secretary, Kate, is currently on Annual Leave and will return to the Parish Office on Tuesday 10th March.

Alpha "Come and See" Night and Coaching Day

All are welcome to attend the Alpha "Come and See" Night and "Coaching Day" hosted by the City Pastoral Region on Friday 6th March and Saturday 7th March. Do you love Jesus and have a heart for those who do not know Him? Do you want to share the Good News of Christ with those you meet? Learn how we can do this in our parishes. We have secured Alpha in a Catholic context specialist Tania Rimal to coach us in the City Pastoral Region and Fr Greg Barker extends this invitation to all. On Friday 6th March from 7pm-9pm experience what Alpha is like, enjoy warm hospitality and discover how this course can impact lives in our parish communities. On Saturday 7th March attend the Alpha Coaching Day from 9am-4pm to help equip you with the tools and confidence to run Alpha in your parish. There is no cost to attend. Both events will be held at St Columban's School Hall, 39c Church St, Mayfield NSW 2304. For more information or help with registering please contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373 or register online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJPCG>

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 For You At Home on TV from the Diocese of Wollongong

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.

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

To find out 'What's On' in our Diocese visit their website www.mn.catholic.org.au or call them on 49 79 1111 (Monday to Friday).

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Rosary is prayed at 7am Sunday and 8.45am Thursdays at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Christopher's Medowie every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

SCAE ROSTER

First Weekend: 5.00pm Saturday
St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Second Weekend: 6.00pm Saturday
St. Christopher's Medowie

Third Weekend: 7.30am Sunday
Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

Fourth Weekend: 9.30am Sunday
St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Fifth Weekend: 5.00pm Saturday
St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

PARISH BULLETIN

To have a name placed on the Death Anniversaries or Sick List please ensure that you phone or email Kate at the Parish Office before 11.30am on Thursdays.

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace at 8.30am.

Every Friday at 5.00pm at St. Christopher's Medowie.

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Office of Safeguarding: 4979 1390

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Newcastle: 49 676 277
Mallabula: 0402 087 401 (Brian)

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Presentation of Gifts
28/2/26	Mary Thorpe	Vannessa Tasker Brendon Mannyx	Clare Dawson Paul Edstein	Mannyx Family
1/3/26	Margaret Pryer	Christina Cutting Astrid Hartcher	Steve Hickling Vnette Shrimpton	Elenoa Cutmore Catherine Hickling
7/3/26	Mary Thorpe	Volunteer Claire Mannyx	Volunteer Vannessa Tasker	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
8/3/26	Eleona Cutmore	Christina Cutting Vnette Shrimpton	Phil Hickling Vnette Shrimpton	Helen Taylor Christina Cutting

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	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
1/3/26	Anne Cheetham	Catherine Kilpatrick	Anne Cheetham & Albert Went
8/3/26	Jeremy Clark	Anne Cheetham	Val Betwell & Carmel Volker

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Acolyte
28/2/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Anne Spooner	Megan Neilson Noel Tucker	Chahoud Family	Patrick Byron
7/3/26	Music Ministry SCAE Leader: Jenny G	Mary L Sultana	Ingrid Cacciato Leonie White	Candle Bearers: Denise D & Ann B	Communion Minister: Patrick Byron

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard; this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

City of God ~ Hymn 57 We are Many Parts ~ Hymn 86 One Bread, One Body ~ Hymn 129 Glory & Praise to our God ~ Hymn 16

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all love,

We remember that on the night before he died Your son, Jesus, prayed that his friends 'may all be one.

Yet we see so much division in the world. War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you. .

Millions of people suffer when they don't have peace and respect. They lack the necessities of life: food, water, health, education and security.

We pray that we may all Unite Against Poverty this Lent. May our support for Project Compassion be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication to prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.



ACBC Social Justice Statement

This year, the Australian bishops have chosen to release two Social Justice Statements – one in February and another in August. The February statement is titled The Cost of our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good. The statements are available to read by visiting: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Social-Justice-Statements>

Become an SRE Teacher — Share Faith, Bring Hope

Our parishes are looking for generous hearts to join our team of Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers. This beautiful ministry allows you to share the love of Jesus with children in our local public schools, offering them encouragement, connection, and a sense of belonging. If you've ever felt a nudge to serve, this is a wonderful place to begin. All training, support, and resources are provided — you simply bring your witness and willingness. Come along, meet the team, and discover how your "yes" could make a real difference in a child's life on Monday 2nd March from 1pm-3pm in the Mullane Room, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West. Call Nicola on 0417 773 444.

Invitation to Medowie Friendship

An invitation is extended to all parishioners from Medowie, Mallabula and Raymond Terrace to the following friendship events:

- First Monday of the Month: Cuppa at the Greenhouse (Pacific Dunes) at 10.00am. For more details please call Nina on 0428 848 033.
- First Thursday of the Month: Ladies' Dinner. For more details please call Leonie on 0418 456 072.
- First Thursday of the Month: Men's Dinner at the Bull n Bush Hotel Medowie. For more details please call Patrick on 0409 648 837.
- Second Tuesday of the Month: Craft and Cuppa at Nina's. For more details please call Nina on 0428 848 033.
- Third Weekend of the Month: Cuppa after the Saturday 6pm Mass at St. Christopher's Oratory Medowie.

Called & Gifted Discernment Process 2026 – Expressions of Interest Now Open

After the success of the 2025 trial, Mission & Evangelisation is working with the Catherine of Siena Institute to offer the Called & Gifted Discernment Process this year. We will again offer this life-changing discernment process, inviting you to discover your God-given charisms. Commencing in May 2026, step forward in faith and help our parishes thrive through use of your gifts. Express your interest online: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkekmO6p1i_PFcQ4jWZAnWC3ylqUs5ZURjVCMuYtTjU2UE4wUfM0T01KTIA1MENVQi4u&route=shorturl

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7 ~ Give us water to drink.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 ~ The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL READING: John 4:5-42 ~ The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.