



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 15th March 2026 ~ Fourth 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



Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world. We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 ~ In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41 ~ The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

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.

Death Anniversaries

Catherine Beazley, Makayla Forbes & Jorg Volker.



(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.)

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

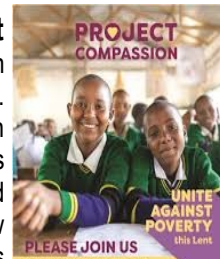
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St. Christopher's, Medowie

Friday 3rd April	Stations of the Cross	9.15am
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Project Compassion Fourth Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. This week we introduce Manaini. Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, *FRIEND*, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education. 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.



Request for Palms

All those who have palms please bring them to your Mass Centre for Palm Sunday. If you have additional palms, please bring them to St. Brigid's on Friday 27th March.

St. Joseph's Feast Day Mass

Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 7.00am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace on the Feast Day of St. Joseph.

Way of the Cross 2026

The Parish Community of St Joseph's Toronto warmly invites you to its annual Way of the Cross on Sunday 22 March at 2:00pm.

Palm Sunday and Easter Volunteers at St. Brigid's

There are sheets on the notice board at St. Brigid's Church for volunteers to read the Passion on Palm Sunday and for ministry volunteers on Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. The Easter Vigil Readings are on the notice board.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Choir Practice

All are welcome and encouraged to join the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Choir. A practice will take place at St. Brigid's Church after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 29th March.

Called to Know More – Invitation Launch

"Let's Unpack that Evangelisation Word". We are excited to launch Called to Know More, an invitation to explore the mission, story and life of the Church in a way that connects deeply with our everyday experience. Evangelisation! It's a word we hear often. But what does it really mean, here and now? What does it have to do with our work life? Our leadership? Our parish ministry? Perhaps more than we think. The Launch (lunch and conversation) will be held on Thursday 26th March from 12noon-1pm at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Join us as we gently unpack this word and discover what might be stirring beneath it. No prior knowledge is needed, only curiosity and openness.

Mass Replaces the SCAE at St. Brigid's on 22nd & 28th March

Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 22nd March at 9.30am and Saturday 28th March at 5.00pm (Palm Sunday) at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace rather than a SCAE.

Mission to Seafarers / Stella Maris Centre Volunteers & Mass

The Mission to Seafarers/Stella Maris Centre are in need of volunteer drivers the Afternoon/Evening Roster Mondays to Fridays 3pm-10pm and on the weekends. Enquiries to mark.spencer1@mn.catholic.org.au or 0408 895 951. Next Mass service at the Centre: Thursday 26 March 5.30pm.

2026 Chrism Mass

The 2026 Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 31st March at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start at the Sacred Heart Cathedral with Bishop Michael Kennedy.

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
14/3/26	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Tracey Edstein Clare Dawson	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
15/3/26	Vinette Shrimpton	Robert Woolley Shane Giggins	Astrid Hartcher Shane Giggins	Dalene Myers Vinette Shrimpton
21/3/26	Mary Thorpe	Vannessa Tasker Brendon Mannyx	Paul Edstein Carmel Warby	Mannyx Family
22/3/26	Margaret Pryer	Phil Hickling Sharon Blyton	Laurie Feenan Robert Woolley	Linda Birt Elenoa Cutmore

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
15/3/26	Carmel Volker	Cynthia Rogers	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
22/3/26	Greg Patteson	Jeremy Clark	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Acolyte
14/3/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	John White Leonie White	Mary Chahoud Yvonne Carolan	Ingrid Cacciato Giovanni Cacciato	Andrew Chahoud
21/3/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Yvonne Carolan	Gloria Gomes Nina Hammond	Flynn Family	Noel Tucker

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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>

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_PFcQ4jWZAnWC3ylqUs5ZURjVCMUyTjU2UE4wUFM0T01KTIA1MENVQi4u&route=shorturl

Zimmerman Service Healing and Support

Zimmerman Service Healing and Support provide support and assistance to anyone impacted by sexual assault perpetrated by an employee (paid or volunteer) of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or in another religious institution and who now lives in our Diocese. If you are a survivor or a relative and need support please contact the confidential service on 49230636 or email: zimmerman-service@healingandsupport.org.au. Their hours are 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Reception is available Tuesday through Thursday. Feel free to leave a message at any time, and a team member will respond as soon as possible.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ~ I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11 ~ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45 ~ I am the resurrection and the life.