



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 12th April 2026 ~ Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (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



Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith - after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.' *A reflection by Fr Michael Tate*

### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:42-47 ~ The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:3-9 ~ He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

**GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31 ~ After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

**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**

Peter Munnery

### **Death Anniversaries**

Ray Richardson and Brian Francis Smith.

### **Special Intentions**

Marijke Bakker (Good Recovery)

### **Invitation to Elizabeth Doyle's Retirement Mass**

Bishop Michael Kennedy invites you to attend Mass at 9.30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Friday 1st May to celebrate the dedicated and faithful ministry of his Executive Assistant, Elizabeth Doyle. Please scan the QR code on the invitation (on the notice board) to RSVP by 24th April.

### **Called to Know More - Stories of a Catholic Military Chaplain**

On Friday 24th April 2026 at 10.30am at the Diocesan Resource Centre hear from Fr Greg Barker who will share his personal experience serving as a Military Chaplain on the realities of service, faith and accompaniment among those affected by war. Following the talk and morning tea, all are invited to join in midday Mass at the Cathedral. Register on the Diocesan website ([www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)).

### **Leaving a Bequest to St. Brigid's Parish or the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

Many of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan and Parish works that are currently helping those in need are made possible by the bequests that have been received. Each one of us finds different ways to make our mark on the world. One way of doing this is by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift left in a will. When you leave a bequest to the Church, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered. After providing for your family, a bequest to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or the St. Brigid's Parish is a special way of ensuring the work of the Church continues. Some bequests are large and some are small but all are vital to the work of the Church.



### **Feast of Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday 12th April**

Holy Hour will begin at 3.00pm at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace on Sunday 12th April with Prayers, Silent Adoration, Blessings, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and will conclude with Benediction.

### **Anzac Day Mass**

Anzac Day, Saturday 25th April, marks the landing of the Australian and New Zealand soldiers at Gallipoli during the Great War of 1914-1918. Mass will be celebrated at St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace at 7.00am on Anzac Day.



### **Change of Mass Time St. Brigid's Friday 1st May**

Please note that Adoration will be held at 6.30am and Mass will be celebrated at 7.00am (not at the usual time of 9.15am) on Friday 1st May at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace as both Fr Joyce and Fr Anton will be attending Elizabeth Doyle's Retirement Mass in Newcastle at 9.30am.

### **National Count of Attendance 2026**

The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over the first four weekends in May. The method used for the count enables reporting of actual numbers attending on any particular weekend, at each Mass and the calculation of the total number likely to be in attendance on a typical weekend after special events, like Confirmations.

### **Listen to the Heart: Moving Forward Team**

Join Fr Darryl Mackie and Aunty Wanda Smith in an informative morning to increase our knowledge and understanding of the deep spirituality of First Nations people, connection to Country and relationships with Faith. The discussion will be held on Saturday 2nd May from 8.30am-12.30pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. Register on the Diocesan website, [www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

### **Formation Film: Jesus Revolution**

A film based on the true story of a 1960's teenager, a pastor and a Christian hippie. Join us as we watch the film and share morning tea, lunch, and engage in robust discussion. The film will be shown on Saturday 2nd May from 11am-1pm at the Diocesan Resource Centre. To register please visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/KYdg9Q3DTq> or call Mary on 0409 033 449.

### **Mission & Evangelisation Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date!**

- ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch to be held on Sunday 24th May at Trinity College, Adamstown.
- ALIVE Young Adults Retreat to be held in Forster from Friday 17th July to Sunday 19th July.
- Magdalene Awards to be held on Sunday 26th July at 9:30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West.
- The Travelling Exhibition of the Saint Carlo Acutis Pilgrim Relic to visit the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle between Tuesday 8th September and Monday 14th September.
- ALIVE Youth Retreat will be held from Friday 25th September to Sunday 27th September at Lake Macquarie.

### **Special Religious Education (SRE) Volunteers**

Each week our small group of dedicated Catechists teach Scripture (SRE) in our local public primary schools. We need more volunteers for 2026! Catechists have an incredible impact on the faith journey of the children that they teach. Do you have 1 or 2 hours to spare each week? Is this ministry your calling? If so, then please make contact with the Parish Office on 49 871 888 and we will put you in touch with our SRE coordinator, Vinette Shrimpton. All training and resources are provided.

### 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 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](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.

### DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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

### 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

### 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.

### 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**

	<b>Welcomer</b>	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion</b>	<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>
<b>11/4/26</b>	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Clare Dawson	Carmel Warby Vannessa Tasker	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
<b>12/4/26</b>	Margaret Pryer	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Astrid Hartcher Shane Giggins	Vinette Shrimpton Linda Birt
<b>18/4/26</b>	Mary Thorpe	Vannessa Tasker Carmel Warby	Tracey Edstein Clare Dawson	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
<b>19/4/26</b>	Elenoa Cutmore	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Laurie Feenan Robert Woolley	Elenoa Cutmore Catherine Hickling

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

	<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	<b>Commentator</b>	<b>Presentation of Gifts</b>
<b>12/4/26</b>	Elizabeth Currie	Anne Cheetham	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
<b>19/4/26</b>	Jo Nederlof	Catherine Kilpatrick	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>11/4/26</b>					
<b>18/4/26</b>					

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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

All the Earth ~ *Hymn 184*

Come to the Water ~ *Hymn 74*

Our Supper Invitation ~ *Hymn 185*

Sing a New Song ~ *Hymn 80*

### **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.

### **Parish Donations**

Parishioners can make a financial donation to the Parish using their credit or debit card when attending St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace and St. Christopher's Medowie as both Mass Centres have an EFTPOS machine. Parishioners can also choose to make donations directly to the Parish bank accounts using their own online internet banking and the details below:

**First Collection:** money goes towards funding the Clergy

Account Name: CCF - Raymond Terrace Presbytery

BSB: 066739

Account No: 100007399

Reference/Description: Your Name

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

Account Name: Raymond Terrace Parish

BSB: 066739

Account No: 100007398

Reference/Description: Your Name

### **Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal**

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

### **Mission to Seafarers & Stella Maris Art Exhibition**

Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris would love to invite you to showcase your extraordinary artistic ability at our art show on 1st August 2026. Visit [www.mtsnewcastle.org.au](http://www.mtsnewcastle.org.au) to see categories, prizes, terms and conditions and parental consent for independent children submissions.

### **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\\_PFcQ4jWZAnWC3yIqUs5ZURjVCMuTYTjU2UE4wUFM0T01KTIA1MENVQi4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkekmO6p1i_PFcQ4jWZAnWC3yIqUs5ZURjVCMuTYTjU2UE4wUFM0T01KTIA1MENVQi4u&route=shorturl)

### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14, 22-33 ~ It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-21 ~ The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:13-35 ~ They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.