



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 5th April 2026 ~ Sunday of the Resurrection (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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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



Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

A reflection by Fr Michael Tate.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43 ~ We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4 ~ Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-9 ~ The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

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.

Special Intentions

Colin Edstein (Good Recovery)
Marijke Bakker (Birthday & Easter Wishes)



(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.

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).

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.



Happy Easter!

Fr. Joyce, Fr. Anton, Kate, Phil and Maryjane wish all parishioners and their families a Happy and Holy Easter. May the Risen Lord Jesus fill us with a lot of peace and happiness.

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



Easter Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

To watch Bishop Michael's Easter Message please visit <https://mn.catholic.org.au/easter-maitland-newcastle/>

Mission to Seafarers / Stella Maris Centre Volunteers & Mass

The Mission to Seafarers/Stella Maris Centre are in need of volunteer drivers for the Afternoon/Evening Roster Mondays to Fridays 3pm-10pm and on the weekends. Enquiries to mark.spencer1@mn.catholic.org.au or 0408895951. Mass will be celebrated in the Seafarers Chapel at 96 Hannel Street Wickham on Thursday 30th April at 5.30pm. All welcome.

MN Kids Holiday Program

This program is open to children aged 6-12 years and will include team games, science experiments, bible stories and music and will be held on Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th April from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Diocesan Resource Centre - Cnr Parry & Tudor Streets, Newcastle West. The cost is \$10 per child/per day with lunch included. To register please call Nicola on 0417 773 444.

SCAE Helpers

If you would like to help with the SCAEs please give your name to the Parish Office and then training will be organised.

Cessnock Correctional Centre – Catholic Chaplain

There is an Employment Opportunity to be the next Catholic Correctional Centre Chaplain. Catholic Chaplains aim to provide people in custody the tools to become more at one with themselves, with others and with God. View the details here: <https://www.seek.com.au/prison-chaplain-jobs/in-New-South-Wales-NSW?jobId=91054131&type=standard>

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.
- Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit to be held from Thursday 1st October to Saturday 3rd October at St Gregory's College Campbelltown.

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 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.

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 Mallaubula

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.

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).

SAFEGUARDING

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

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Presentation of Gifts
4/4/26	Mary Thorpe Epistle: Clare Dawson Commentary/ All Responses: Tracey Edstein	Claire Mannyx Maureen Smith Astrid Hartcher Responses: Brendon M	Clare Dawson Paul Edstein	Mannyx Family Altar Servers: Bethany Mannyx & Paul Edstein
5/4/26	Vinette Shrimpton	Vinette Shrimpton Robert Woolley	Phil Hickling Vinette Shrimpton	Christina Cutting Daelene Myers
11/4/26	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Clare Dawson	Carmel Warby Vannessa Tasker	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
12/4/26	Margaret Pryer	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Astrid Hartcher Shane Giggins	Vinette Shrimpton Linda Birt

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
5/4/26	Cynthia Rogers	Greg Patteson	Val Betwell & Carmel Volker
12/4/26	Elizabeth Currie	Anne Cheetham	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts	Acolyte
5/4/26	Music Ministry	Mary L Sultana	Jessica Sarmiento Andrew Chahoud	Denise Dawe Anne Kayser	Noel Tucker
11/4/26					

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Sing to the Mountains ~ *Hymn 92* Come to the Water ~ *Hymn 74* I Have Loved You ~ *Hymn 126* Glory & Praise to Our God ~ *Hymn 16*

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

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 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-2DkekM06p1i_PfCQ4jWZAnWC3ylqUs5ZURjVCMuTYTjU2UE4wUFM0T01KTIA1MENVQi4u&route=shorturl

READINGS FOR NEXT 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.