



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 31st May 2026 ~ The Most Holy Trinity (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



The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9~ The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL READING: John 3:16-18 ~ God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Lucy Went, Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Alicia Proctor, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, Alan James, David Ross, John Flynn, Michael Johnson, Hugo Rice, Robyn Turner, Yvonne Bailey, Christine Natson, Kylie Scott, Andrew Pelley, Lila Lineham, Keith Smith, Justen Bailey, Patricia Bowmaker, Kerrie, Christine, Johanne Kenning, Michael O'Halloran, Ted Lyons, Margaret Spooner, Jan, Carmel Walker, 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, Sue Dainton, Susan Munnery, Rae Blyton, Denis Cahill, Clare Dawson & Linda Fitzsimmons.

Death Anniversaries

Maclsaac Family

(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.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The children participating in the Sacramental Journey are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June 2026. Please pray for the children and their parents.

**Invitation: St. Patrick's Singleton Women's Guild
60th Anniversary**

The St Patrick's Parish Singleton invites parishioners and past members of the St Patrick's Women's Guild to attend a celebration marking 60 years of service to our community on Saturday 13th June at 9.20am (for Mass) followed by the Anniversary Luncheon. Established in April 1966, the Guild has remained a steadfast pillar of parish life. Please RSVP, to assist with catering and logistics, to the Singleton Parish Office by 30th May via email: singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au or call the Singleton Parish Office on (02) 5507 4048. Specific details regarding venue and cost will be circulated to all who RSVP.

Apologetics with Dr Robert Haddad - Kurri Kurri

Do you want to grow deeper in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? Want to grow more in knowledge of the Eucharist? Come and see renowned Catholic apologist, author, teacher and international guest speaker, Dr. Robert Haddad who is thrilled to be presenting in the Hunter Valley. Dr. Robert has especially chosen three talks to spark our interest and deepen our understanding of the source and summit of the Catholic faith. To be held at the Kurri Kurri Parish Hall, 102 Barton St on Friday 12th June 6:15pm - 9pm & Saturday 13th June 10am - 3:30pm. This is a free event. RSVP to Yvonne 0450 323 206.

Vinnies Winter Appeal 2026

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal is being conducted from the weekend of 30th/31st May and into June. Envelopes will be on the seats in the hope that you will be generous to those who are doing it tough as temperatures drop. The needs in our region are great, and growing. The theme of this year's Appeal is 'One crisis away from homelessness'. Members of the local Conference ask that you take the envelope home, complete it and return the following weekend, or leave it at the parish office. And of course you can donate online, and learn more at: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/>

Cancelled Masses at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Fr Joyce will be on Annual Leave from Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 12th June inclusive. Therefore the following Masses at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace will be cancelled:

- Tuesday 2nd June 7am
- Friday 5th June 9.15am
- Tuesday 9th June 7am
- Friday 12th June 9.15am

Bishop's Staff Day – Coming Together around our Mission

Thank you to everyone who registered for Bishop's Staff Day on Tuesday 2nd June. We will begin at 10am in the Parish Hall with morning tea followed by a chance share and hear story. We'll then be led on a tour of three spaces – our recently refurbished church with its 164-year history, the school's dynamic library space, and the original Mercy Sisters' convent that began the mission in Raymond Terrace. After, we'll take a 10 min walk to the Junction Inn, past the historic 'Marriage Trees,' and gathering for lunch. The day will finish by 2pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thank you to all those who assisted the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Brigid's on Wednesday 27th May, including Sacramental Co-Ordinator Maryjane Malone and her team, the St. Brigid's Primary School REC Jacinta Wilks and the School Choir.

Mass will Replace the SCAE at St. Brigid's on 30/5 and 6/6

Mass will be celebrated on the following dates (not a SCAE) at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace:

- Saturday 30th May at 5.00pm (The Most Holy Trinity)
- Saturday 6th June at 5.00pm (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)

Fr Anton Annual Leave

Fr Anton will take Annual Leave from 28th June to 28th July. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels during his annual leave.

Cancelled Mass at OLHC Mallabula 11th June

Kindly note that the 9.15am Mass on Thursday 11th June at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula will be cancelled.

Mass will Replace the SCAE at St. Christopher's 13th June

Kindly note that Mass will replace the SCAE at St. Christopher's Medowie at 6.00pm on Saturday 13th June.

2026 Magdalene Award – Nominations Now Open

Celebrate the women who have and continue to shape our Church. Inspired by Mary Magdalene - courageous disciple and first witness to the Risen Christ - the Award honors a woman in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle whose life reflects Gospel values through leadership, service and faith. Open to women aged 18+ actively contributing in a voluntary capacity. Email: mission@mn.catholic.org.au for a nomination pack.

Mission & Evangelisation Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date!

- ALIVE Young Adults Retreat to be held in Forster from Friday 17th July to Sunday 19th July.

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).

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

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Presentation of Gifts
30/5/26	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson Claire Mannyx	Paul Edstein Volunteer Please	Mannyx Family
31/5/26	Elenoa Cutmore	Shane Giggins Phil Hickling	Phil Hickling Vnette Shrimpton	Vnette Shrimpton Linda Birt
6/6/25	Mary Thorpe	Vannessa Tasker Carmel Warby	Vannessa Tasker Tracey Edstein	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
7/6/25	Vnette Shrimpton	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Astrid Hartcher Shane Giggins	Elenoa Cutmore Catherine Hickling

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
31/5/26	Cynthia Rogers	Elizabeth Currie	Val Betwell & Carmel Volker
7/6/26	Elizabeth Currie	Catherine Kilpatrick	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts/ Candle Bearers	Acolyte
30/5/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Anne Spooner	Elsie Brown Megan Neilson	Ingrid Cacciato Giovanni Cacciato	Andrew Chahoud
6/6/25					

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Glory and praise for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God ~ *Hymn 48* Celebrate ~ *Hymn 44* Eat This Bread ~ *Hymn 125* They'll know we are Christians ~ *Hymn 130*

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.

Mission to Seafarers & Stella Maris Art Exhibition / Mass / Donations

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.

MASS: The next Mass to be celebrated is at 5:30pm on Thursday 28th May at the Seafarers Chapel at 96 Hannel Street Wickham. All are welcome.

DONATIONS: The mission is calling on the following donations for their care packs for vessels entering our port: Beanies, Lolly Bags, Card Games/Jigsaw Puzzles, Combs, Magazines, Razors, Socks, Toothpaste & Brushes. Donations can be delivered to the Centre at 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

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

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: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16 ~ He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ~ Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-58 ~ My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.