



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 July 2026 ~ Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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:

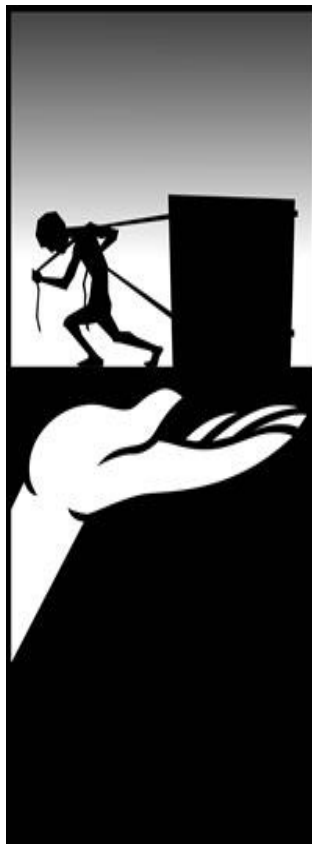
Sunday 7.30am

Weekday Mass:

Thursday 9.15am

Reconciliation: Sunday 7.00am

Thoughts on the Gospel



When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term.

The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke - the interpretation of Torah - that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

A reflection of Greg Sunter.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10 ~ See how humbly your king comes to you!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13 ~ If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30 ~ I am gentle and humble of heart.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Lucy Went, Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Alicia Proctor, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, 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, Rae Blyton, Bishop Michael Malone, Coral McCaull, Zeljka Woods, Jessica Byron, Judith Robbins, Elaine Roberts, Clare Lyons, Carol Bourke, Lisa Pritchard, Sue Dainton, Susan Munnery, Denis Cahill, Linda Fitzsimmons & Catherine Armitage.

The Recently Deceased

Kathleen Margaret Parkyn and Andrew Rae.

Death Anniversaries

Lien Waanders, John Rice, John Simpson & Don Lloyd.



(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.)

Magdalene Awards 2026

The Magdalene Awards will be held on Sunday 26th July at 9:30am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West.

Fr Anton Annual Leave

Fr Anton is currently on Annual Leave until 28th July. Please keep him in your prayers for safe travels during his annual leave. In his absence Fr Joyce and Fr Greg Arnold will celebrate the weekend Masses.

St. Brigid's School Spring Fair

The St. Brigid's Primary School Spring Fair will be held on Sunday 13th September from 10am-2pm in the school grounds. There will be entertainment, rides, food, lollies, showbags, raffles and lots more. All welcome. Free entry!

Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need. Make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Sunday 5th July 2026 is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. A sacred moment to give thanks for the enduring faith, culture, and spiritual wisdom of our First Nations sisters and brothers. This year carries special meaning as we mark 40 years since Saint Pope John Paul II stood on Country in Alice Springs, and 50 years of NAIDOC Week. The theme this year is "Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!"

NAIDOC Week 2026

The Civic Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Festival will be held on Monday 6th July 2026 starting at 8:45am at Civic Park, Newcastle. Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly"—marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival.

Cancelled Weekday Masses

Kindly note that the following weekday Masses will be cancelled as Fr Anton is on Annual Leave:

- *Tuesday 5.30pm St. Christopher's Medowie (7th July and 14th July)*
- *Wednesday 7am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace (8th July & 15th July)*
- *Friday 5.30pm St. Christopher's Medowie (10th July and 17th July)*

Change of Mass Time at St. Brigid's Friday 10th & 17th July

Kindly note that Mass will be celebrated at 7am (not 9.15am) on Friday 10th July as Fr Joyce will be presiding at a Funeral later that morning in the Myall Coast Parish. However, the Mass on Friday 17th July will be at 9.15am as usual due to the postponed SRE Gathering.

SRE Gathering with Bishop Michael - POSTPONED

The SRE Gathering that was to have been held on Friday 17th July at St. Stephens Parish Myall Coast has been postponed.

The Synodal Way: A journey into what the Global Synod Now Asks of Us

The Synod on Synodality has been one of the most significant events in the life of the Catholic Church since Vatican II. For the first time, lay women and men joined bishops in the Synod Assembly with equal voting rights. Shortly afterwards, Pope Francis adopted the Final Document as part of the ordinary teaching of the Church. What does this mean for us and for the future of our Diocese? Join us as we explore the key themes of the Final Document, the implementation phase now underway, and opportunities to become involved in local Synodal Teams. Please bring a plate to share. Locations: Charlestown Wednesday 15th July 6.00pm-8.00pm or Warner's Bay Monday 20th July 6.30pm -8.30pm. To register please call the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on 4979 1200.

Pre-Loved Book Sale in the Diocesan Resource Centre

Wednesday 8th July to Friday 24th July between 10am-2pm, browse our Pre-Loved Book Sale, featuring religious and general-interest books, with most titles just \$5. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

Fr Peter Thoai

Fr Peter Thoai is currently on extended leave, however, he will return to the Parish on Thursday 16th July.

Bulletin Notices

Please see the back page of this Bulletin for more notices.

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
4/7/26	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Carmel Warby	Paul Edstein Clare Dawson	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
5/7/26	Margaret Pryer	Astrid Hartcher Christina Cutting	Robert Woolley Shane Giggins	Catherine Hickling Helen Taylor
11/7/26	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Tracey Edstein	Tracey Edstein Vannessa Tasker	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
12/7/26	Eleona Cutmore	Vinette Shrimpton Robert Woolley	Laurie Feenan Astrid Hartcher	Christina Cutting Dalene Myers

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
5/7/26	Carmel Volker	Jeremy Clark	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
12/7/26	Greg Patteson	Carmel Volker	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Minsters of the Word	Presentation of Gifts/ Candle Bearers	Acolyte
4/7/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Ingrid Cacciato Nina Hammond	Anne Kayser Anne Spooner	Andrew Chahoud
11/7/26	Music Ministry	Anne Spooner	Gloria Gomes Christine Worthington	Ingrid Cacciato Giovanni Cacciato	SCAE Leader: Jenny G Comm. Leader: Yvonne

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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

Come as you are ~ *Hymn 31*

Gather Your People ~ *Hymn 71*

Hosea ~ *Hymn 30*

City of God ~ *Hymn 57*

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 Mass & Donations

MASS: The next Mass to be celebrated is at 5:30pm on Thursday 30th July 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.

Kurri Kurri Church presents Faith Stories & Miraculous Healing Testimony

Over two days: Friday 10th July (6:15pm – 9pm) & Saturday 11th July (10am-4pm) at the Kurri Kurri Parish Hall. Our Catholic Faith has many treasures, from the Holy Mass to the Eucharist to the Sacraments to the Blessed Mother to the Saints to even unexplainable events like miraculous healings that science and medicine cannot explain. Join us at Vineyards Catholic Parishes for three talks on two of the Church's newest Saints – St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis, and our Blessed Mother presented by Paul Elarde, and a miraculous healing testimony at Lourdes from his wife, Juliana. Friday 10th July - Talk 1 - Our Newest Saints! Part 1: St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and Saturday 11th July - Talk 2 - Our Newest Saints! Part 2: St. Carlo Acutis, Talk 3 - Why Mary Matters?, Talk 4 - Testimony by Juliana Elarde: "I walked out of my wheelchair in Lourdes" Contact Yvonne for more info and to register on 0450 323 206.

Eucharist28 Update – Hearts Set Ablaze!

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. At the very first Pentecost, the apostles were transformed as the fire of the Holy Spirit was poured out for them, empowering them to go out to evangelise the world. "And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God." – Acts of the Apostles 2:46-47. The early Church was Eucharistic. They gathered together in community and shared in the breaking of the bread. It was through believing in and sharing in Christ's body and blood that the Holy Spirit set their hearts ablaze, strengthening them to spread the Good News without fear. This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to be set on fire by the Holy Spirit and share in the breaking of the bread. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes. For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: eucharist28.org

Called to Know More: Ministry to Seafarers

Join us for the next 'Called to Know More' gathering on Thursday 9th July from 11.15am–1.30pm. Meet at the Diocesan Resource Centre at 11am. Port Chaplain Mark Spencer shares stories of the lives of seafarers and the Church's ministry among them ahead of Sea Sunday on 12th July. More than 90% of the goods we rely on arrive by sea, carried by people who often spend months away from home facing isolation and challenging conditions. Enjoy a guided bus tour of Port Waratah, the Port of Newcastle, and the Stella Maris Centre at Wickham. Seats are limited, so bookings are essential. Please see the poster on the notice board to RSVP.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11 ~ The rain makes the earth fruitful.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23 ~ All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:1-23 ~ A sower went out to sow.