

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH ~ RAYMOND TERRACE

"Our Parish will be a vital, caring and welcoming community, living the Gospel of Jesus in word and action."

Sunday 11th October 2026 ~ Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)



St. Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace



St. Christopher's Oratory Medowie



Our Lady Help of Christians Church Mallabula

PARISH INFORMATION

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Fr. Joyce Sebastian Victor

Administrator: St. Brigid's Parish
Parish Priest: Myall Coast Parish
Dean: Myall Deanery

Fr. Peter Thoai: Assistant Priest
St. Brigid's Parish & Myall Coast Parish

Fr. Anton Perera: Assistant Priest
St. Brigid's Parish & Myall Coast Parish

Parish Secretary: Kate Allen

Financial Secretary: Phil Hickling

Sacramental Coordinator: Maryjane Malone

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH

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 ORATORY

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

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one.

This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly.

To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world.

This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

A reflection by Greg Sunter.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10 ~ The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 ~ I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14 ~ Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

The Sick

Lucy Went, Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell,
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, Ted Lyons, Johanne Kenning,
Michael O'Halloran, Margaret Spooner, Jan,
Carmel Walker, Eileen Mullen, Andrew Trivers,
Elaine Margery, Rae Blyton, Coral McCaull,
Zeljka Woods, Jessica Byron, Judith Robbins,
Elaine Roberts, Clare Lyons, Carol Bourke, Lisa Pritchard,
Sue Dainton, Susan Munnery, Denis Cahill,
Linda Fitzsimmons, Frank Byron, Catherine Armitage,
Mary Josephine, Joyce Byron, Kevin Gibson, Bob James,
Patricia Simpson & Melissa Wade.

Death Anniversaries

Veronica Gilbert, Lucy Galdes, Frans Galdes,
Kathleen Iris O'Brien and Phyllis Crowfoot.



(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.)

Called to Know More: How is the Church Organised?

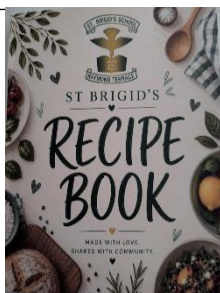
Ever wondered how the Church works behind the scenes? Discover how the Church is organised to fulfil its mission in the world and why the Code of Canon Law matters to every Catholic. Join Fr Matthew Muller, Vicar General and Canon Lawyer, for an introduction to the structures, people and principles that support the Church's mission today at the Diocesan Resource Centre on Tuesday 20th October 12noon-1pm. Info: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/called-to-know-more-how-is-the-church-organised/>

Bulletin Notices

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

St. Brigid's Primary School Recipe Book

The St. Brigid's Primary School 'Spring Fair' Recipe Book is available to purchase from the School Office Monday-Friday 8.30am-3pm at a cost of \$40.



A Retreat Morning for Modern Day Emmaus Travellers with Dr Dan White

All are welcome to attend the Retreat Morning with Dr Dan White on Friday 23rd October 2026 from 9.15am-1pm at St Stephen's Parish Hall Tea Gardens. Please bring a note pad, pen and a plate of food to share.

Clergy Retreat Hunter Valley

Fr Joyce, Fr Peter and Fr Anton will attend the Clergy Retreat from Sunday 11th October (evening) to Friday 16th October (afternoon).

Parish Secretary on Annual Leave

Our Parish Secretary, Kate Allen, is currently on Annual Leave and will return to the office on Tuesday 27th October.

Changes to Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th October. Our Financial Secretary, Phil Hickling, will be in the office on Wednesday 14th October.

Cancelled Masses Due to Clergy Retreat

Kindly note the following weekday Masses will be cancelled as our Clergy will be attending the Annual Retreat:

- Tuesday 13th October 7.00am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- Tuesday 13th October 5.30pm St. Christopher's Medowie
- Wednesday 14th October 7.00am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- Thursday 15th October 9.15am OLHC Mallabula
- Friday 16th October 9.15am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Mass will be Celebrated at St. Christopher's on 16th Oct

Fr Anton will celebrate the 5.30pm Mass on Friday 16th October at St. Christopher's Medowie when he returns from the Clergy Retreat.

World Mission Month

October is celebrated across the Catholic Church as World Mission Month, culminating in World Mission Sunday on 18th October 2026. This year is particularly significant as it marks the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. The 2026 theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "One in Christ, united in mission," calling us to walk together in faith, bringing hope, compassion and the Good News to communities both near and far. Donation envelopes will be available for collection from your Mass Centre this weekend.

Our Parish. Our Stories. Our Future.

An Invitation to our Parish Assembly Sunday 25th October

It has been many years since we last gathered for a Parish Assembly, and much has changed in our parish, our communities and the world around us. Our Parish Assembly will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th October at St. Brigid's Parish Hall. This Parish Assembly is an opportunity for parishioners from across our community to gather in faith, celebrate who we are, share our stories, name the challenges we face, and listen together for where the Holy Spirit may be leading us. Whether you have been part of the parish for many years, have joined us more recently, attend regularly or only occasionally, you are part of our story and you are warmly invited to participate. Through prayer, storytelling and conversation, we will listen to one another and explore our hopes and dreams for the future. What we hear will help shape our parish's mission, vision and pastoral priorities for the years ahead.

- 9.30am Mass at St Brigid's Church Raymond Terrace
10.30am Morning Tea & Conversation in the Parish Hall (please bring a plate to share)
11.00am Our Story: Storytelling in Small Groups
12.30pm Shared Lunch (please bring a plate to share)
1.15pm Looking to the Future: Hopes, Dreams & Challenges
2.45pm Where to From Here? What We Heard & What Comes Next
Your Voice Matters!

This is an opportunity to listen deeply to one another, strengthen the relationships that make us a community and discern together the kind of parish we are being called to become. Please register your attendance using the QR code on the notice board at your Mass Centre or visit: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZyS U2DkemO6p1i_PfCq4jWZAnWC3ylqUs5ZURVBVOFY2TVNNSzAyREI 5UzhFQktLOE5NMi4u&route=shorturl

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Newcastle Office Phone Number: 49 676 277

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 Mallaubula.

The Rosary is prayed before Mass at St. Christopher's Medowie every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.



OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
Office of Safeguarding

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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.

CATHOLIC 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).

ST. BRIGID'S, RAYMOND TERRACE

	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Communion	Presentation of Gifts
10/10/26	Mary Thorpe	Tracey Edstein Volunteer Please	Paul Edstein Clare Dawson	Mary Thorpe
11/10/26	Vinette Shrimpton	Astrid Hartcher Christina Cutting	Steve Hickling Sharon Blyton	Catherine Hickling Helen Taylor
17/10/26	Mary Thorpe	Maureen Smith Brendon Mannyx	Tracey Edstein Vannessa Tasker	Mannyx Family
18/10/26	Margaret Pryer	Vinette Shrimpton Robert Woolley	Phil Hickling Vinette Shrimpton	Christina Cutting Dalene Myers

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
11/10/26	Anne Cheetham	Jeremy Clark	Anne Cheetham & Albert Went
18/10/26	Jeremy Clark	Carmel Volker	Val Betwell & Carmel Volker

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Presentation of Gifts / Candle Bearers	Acolyte
10/10/26					
17/10/26					

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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

Here I am Lord ~ *Hymn 90* One Bread One Body ~ *Hymn 129* The Lord is my Shepherd ~ *Hymn 26* Sing to the Mountains ~ *Hymn 92*

On behalf of The Parishioners of St Brigid's & Myall Coast Parish

Dear Principals, Staff and Students of

St Brigid's Primary School, Raymond Terrace

St Joseph's Primary School, Bulahdelah

Catherine McAuley Catholic College, Medowie

Wish You All A Lot of Success in Term 4 for The Academic Year 2026.

Prayerful Wishes &

God's Blessings

Clergy & Parishioners

Mercy & Hope Talks & Testimony Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th October

Hosted by Kurri Kurri Church and featuring Paul Elarde & Tinah Deluca-Tohi. Join us for two powerful days of faith, healing, and hope.

Friday 23rd October 6:15pm to 9pm: Talk 1: Finding Meaning in Suffering: Life Crisis Spirituality. Sooner or later, life presents something to us that we simply can not cope with. This talk reveals how, using our faith, we can survive the great suffering of a life crisis... for the better! *Saturday 24th October 10 am to 4 pm:* Talk 2: Two Saints of Mercy: Pope St. John Paul II & St. Faustina. Few saints have had such an enormous impact on the Church in modern times. Find out why Pope St John Paul II saw the message of Divine Mercy as the special task of his Pontificate, and why, along with St Faustina, they are literally transforming people's lives! Talk 3: Why is this Message of Divine Mercy NEW? What could be new about God's Mercy? Well, Jesus tells us we have not comprehended His mercy. Hear what Jesus has said that reveals unimaginable gifts and mysteries of His Mercy! You won't want to miss this talk! Talk 4: Testimony: "Keeping the Faith through Hard Times" by Tinah Deluca-Tohi. In 2012, Tinah was told that her perfectly healthy fifteen-year-old son Emmanuel had an incurable brain disease and, for the next eighteen months, had to watch his slow decline. Her son Emmanuel inspired others as he leaned on his faith and trust in God to battle his illness. She has an amazing story to tell that will touch your heart and inspire your faith. Location: Kurri Kurri Parish Hall, 102 Barton Street, Kurri Kurri. This is a free event but please register to assist with catering.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/kurri-kurri-church-presents-mercy-hope-talks-and-testimony-by-paul-elarde-tinah-deluca-tohi/>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ~ I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 ~ We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-21 ~ Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.