

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 25th October 2026 ~ Thirtieth 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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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

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26 ~ If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 ~ You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40 ~ You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

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

Amalia Aranas



(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.)

Parish Assembly Participants

All those who are attending the Parish Assembly are requested to attend the 9.30am Mass at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace on 25th October and then proceed to the Parish Hall for the Parish Assembly immediately afterwards.

Mission to Seafarers & Stella Maris Mass

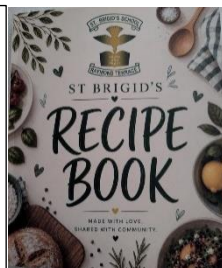
The next Mass to be celebrated is at 5:30pm on Thursday 29th October 2026 at the Seafarers Chapel at 96 Hannel Street Wickham. All are welcome.

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 for \$40.



November Mass Offerings

November Mass Offering envelopes are available for collection from your Mass Centre this weekend. All offerings will then be documented and a list of November Mass Offerings (names only) will be displayed at each Mass Centre in December.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." (2 Machabees 12:46)

Our Parish. Our Stories. Our Future.

An Invitation to our Parish Assembly Sunday 25th October

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.

Parish Office Closed Tuesday 27th October

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 27th October as Fr Joyce, Kate Allen and our Parish Safeguarding Promoters attend the Parish Safeguarding Network Meeting at East Maitland. The Parish Office will re-open on Wednesday 28th October at 9.30am.

All Souls' Day ~ Monday 2nd November

This day of commemoration for all of the faithful departed is celebrated on Monday 2nd November. It expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially those souls in purgatory. Mass will be celebrated on 2nd November at:

- 7.00am St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- 8.30am Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula
- 5.30pm St. Christopher's Medowie

2026 St Brigid's Parish Catholic Care Christmas Appeal

The 2026 St Brigid's Parish Catholic Care Christmas Appeal is now in its 7th Year! This donation drive will be running over four weekends from 31st October and finishing on the weekend of 22nd November. This year we have a volunteer who is able to take our donations to Newcastle each week. Due to the volume of donations received in previous years, it will be appreciated if donations can be dropped off at your Mass Centre in early November, if possible. This will assist in staggering the load for our volunteer who will deliver our donations to Catholic Care. Donations that have been requested include: * Christmas pudding/fruit cake. * Long life custard * Fruit mince pies * Shortbread/other sweet biscuits * Chips, popcorn and savoury biscuits * Chocolates, lollies and sweet treats * Bon Bons * Candy Canes * Gift Cards

These donations will be placed into hampers containing pantry staples and delivered to struggling families, the aged, refugee families and homeless people in Newcastle, via Community Kitchens in Adamstown, Toronto and Civic Park. Any remaining hampers will be distributed in Taree and Forster. This year Catholic Care is hoping to receive enough donations to prepare between 70-90 hampers ready for delivery by the end of November. Our parish has been instrumental in enabling Catholic Care to have enough food to prepare these hampers in the past 6 years. Your generosity is very valuable and we thank you again in advance. From your Christmas Appeal Team: Vinette Shrimpton St. Brigid's, Mary Sultana St. Christopher's and Ann Patteson OLHC.

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

Phone: 4979 1390

Address: 50 Crebert St, Mayfield

Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

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
24/10/26	Mary Thorpe	Claire Mannyx Vannessa Tasker	Paul Edstein Clare Dawson	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
25/10/26	Elenoa Cutmore	Marlene George St. Christopher's Medowie <i>(Change due to Parish Assembly)</i>	Astrid Hartcher Shane Giggins	TBA <i>(Change due to Parish Assembly)</i>
31/10/26	Mary Thorpe	Clare Dawson Brendon Mannyx	Tracey Edstein Vannessa Tasker	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
1/11/26	Vinette Shrimpton	Sharon Blyton Astrid Hartcher	Laurie Feenan Robert Woolley	Elenoa Cutmore Catherine Hickling

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
25/10/26	Carmel Volker	Greg Patteson	Jo Nederlof & Jeannete Solway
1/11/26	Greg Patteson	Elizabeth Currie	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Presentation of Gifts / Candle Bearers	Acolyte
24/10/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Jessica Sarmiento Leonie White	Chahoud Family	Andrew Chahoud
31/10/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Yvonne Carolan	Ann Byron Gloria Gomes	Anne Kayser Densie Dawe	Noel Tucker

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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

Glory & Praise to Our God ~ *Hymn 16*

Come to the Water ~ *Hymn 74*

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 6.00pm Mass at St. Christopher's Oratory Medowie.

Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace held in Assisi on 27.10.1986

Tuesday 27th October marks the 40th anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi. In 1986, Pope John Paul II invited world religious leaders to come to Assisi to fast and pray for peace. This was a milestone in interreligious dialogue that communicated a powerful symbolic message to the world – the spirit of prayer and non-violence. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Zoroastrians, leaders of African and American Traditional Religions and of Shinto took part in this event. His Eminence, George Jacob Cardinal Koovakad, prefect for the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue, remarked that the 27th October 1986 was a turning point in the history of interreligious dialogue, becoming a lasting symbol of the Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral well-being, peace and freedom for the benefit of all. His Eminence acknowledged that the anniversary will be commemorated in Assisi on 27th October 2026 in the presence of the Holy Father. He extended an invitation to each local Church community to find appropriate ways to commemorate this historic milestone.

Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards. Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation. This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community. Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church. The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>. In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance Banking and Insurance. These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation. Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.

World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people (aged 16-35) held every three years with the Pope. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is leading a pilgrimage in July 2027 to the next one in South Korea with an extended retreat in Japan following. Serious expressions of interest have now opened and can be logged on our webpage. We expect bookings to open in November 2026 with an \$800 deposit. Learn more - <https://mn.catholic.org.au/church/world-youth-day-2027/>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 ~ I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3 ~ We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 ~ Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.