# 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 15th November 2026 ~ Thirty-Third 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

**Parish Office:**
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**Office Hours:** Monday: 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

**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

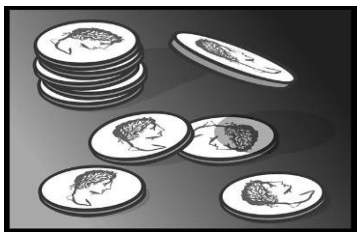
# Thoughts on the Gospel

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

*A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA*



### READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

**FIRST READING:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 ~ Give her a share in what she has worked for.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ~ The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

**GOSPEL READING**: Matthew 25:14-30 ~ Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

**The Sick**

Tony Murphy, Linda Birt, Peter Betwell, Kevin McKinley, Dianna McKinley, David Ross, John Flynn, 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, Catherine Armitage, Mary Josephine, Joyce Byron, Kevin Gibson, Bob James, Patricia Simpson and Melissa Wade.



*(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.)*

## Fr Anton Annual Leave

Fr Anton is currently on Annual Leave and will return to the Parish on Tuesday 24th November. Please pray for his safe travel and return.

## Mission to Seafarers & Stella Maris Mass

The next Mass to be celebrated is at 5:30pm on Thursday 26th November 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.

## 2027 Columban Art Calendar

The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australia for over a century. Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries. For parishioners at St. Brigid's the calendars are available in the side porch, place $10 in the envelope provided. For parishioners at St. Christopher's and OLHC please place $10 in an envelope marked with your name and 'Columban Calendar' and ensure it comes to Parish Office via the collection bag/port.

## 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)*

## Rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace

Kate will begin preparing the ministry rosters for St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace for the period January-June 2027 in the coming weeks. If you are currently on a ministry roster and are happy with your current commitment then you do not need to do anything! However, if you would like join, be taken off or alter your commitment on a roster then please contact Kate in the Parish Office by email on or before Tuesday 1st December.

## Rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula

Kate will begin preparing the ministry rosters for Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula for the period January-June 2027 in the coming weeks. If you are currently on a ministry roster and are happy with your current commitment then you do not need to do anything! However, if you would like join, be taken off or alter your commitment on a roster then please contact Kate in the Parish Office by email on or before Tuesday 1st December.

## Vinnies Christmas Appeal

This year Vinnies has experienced a significant increase in the number of people turning to the Society for support. For this year's Christmas Appeal, we are focusing on the impact of cost of living increases and the immediate support the St Vincent de Paul Society can provide to help people get back on their feet. If you are able to contribute to the Christmas Appeal, please place cash in one of the envelopes available at the church entrance or complete the credit card donation form. Please return envelopes to the church by the weekend of 5th/6th December. Your contribution offers hope to members of our community who are struggling at this time. Thank you!

## Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass

Volunteers from all of our three Mass Centres are invited to attend the Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 27th November at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace. This special Mass is to offer thanks to all of the volunteers within our parish. Please bring a plate of food to share after Mass in the Parish Hall.

## Change of Mass Time St. Brigid's 2nd December

Please note that the 7.00am Mass will be cancelled on Wednesday 2nd December at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace as the Anointing Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am that day.

## Anointing Mass at St. Brigid's and OLHC Mallabula

An Anointing Mass will be celebrated on:

- Tuesday 1st December at 5.30pm at St. Christopher's Medowie
- Wednesday 2nd December at 9.15am at St. Brigid's Raymond Terrace
- Thursday 3rd December at 9.15am at Our Lady Help of Christians Mallabula.

## SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael

All are welcome to attend the SRE & Children's Ministry Reflection Day with Bishop Michael Kennedy on Thursday 17th December from 9.30am-2pm at St. Stephen's Tea Gardens. Please register by visiting: https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sre-childrens-ministry-reflection-day-with-bishop-michael/

## Celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods

From now until 20th December, an exhibition celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods will be on display at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Open Monday and Friday from 10am-5pm and on the First and Third Saturday of the Month from 10am-2pm. Inspired by Sr Jan Tranter's recently published book, the exhibition offers a unique insight into Fr Wood's life through geological specimens, photographs, books, a looping presentation and other historical materials.

## 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 Mallabula.

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 |
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| **14/11/26** | Mary Thorpe | Tracey Edstein<br>Claire Mannyx | Tracey Edstein<br>Vannessa Tasker | Mannyx Family |
| **15/11/26** | Elenoa Cutmore | Robert Woolley<br>Shane Giggins | Phil Hickling<br>Vinette Shrimpton | Dalene Myers<br>Vinette Shrimpton |
| **21/11/26** | Mary Thorpe | Vannessa Tasker<br>Clare Dawson | Paul Edstein<br>Clare Dawson | Rodney Trappel<br>Pauline Trappel |
| **22/11/26** | Vinette Shrimpton | Phil Hickling<br>Sharon Blyton | Sharon Blyton<br>Shane Giggins | Linda Birt<br>Elenoa Cutmore |

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA**

| | Ministers of the Word | Commentator | Presentation of Gifts |
|---|---|---|---|
| **15/11/26** | Cynthia Rogers | Anne Cheetham | Val Betwell & Carmel Volker |
| **22/11/26** | Elizabeth Currie | Cynthia Rogers | Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway |

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE**

| | Open, Close & Lock | Welcomer | Ministers of the Word | Presentation of Gifts / Candle Bearers | Acolyte |
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| **14/11/26** | | | | | |
| **21/11/26** | | | | | |

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will leave back your captives from every place.
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Happy are those who fear the Lord.
**GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!
**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**HYMNS FOR THIS WEEKEND AT ST. BRIGID'S RAYMOND TERRACE**
Gather Your People ~ *Hymn 71* We Remember ~ *Hymn 81* Table of Plenty ~ *Hymn* Now Thank We All our God ~ *Hymn 189*

## 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.

## 2026 St Brigid's Parish Catholic Care Christmas Appeal ~ Closes 21st/22nd November
The 2026 St Brigid's Parish Catholic Care Christmas Appeal is now in its 7th Year! This donation drive will finish on the weekend of 21st /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.

## 40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address
As we light the Candle of Hope on the First Sunday of Advent (Sunday 29th November), join us at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 9.30am as we commemorate a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia: Saint John Paul II's historic Alice Springs address of 29 November 1986. This Mass will include | Smoking Ceremony | Traditional Welcome by an Elder | Cultural Dance and Song | Yidaki (Didgeridoo) Players| Prayer and reflection inspired by Saint John Paull II's message | Morning Tea on the grass grounds.

## 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 OLHC Mallabula 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

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 ~ You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 ~ He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 25:31-46 ~ He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

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