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 22nd November 2026 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (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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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

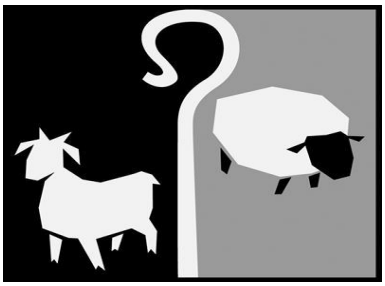
Thoughts on the Gospel

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them.

The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.



A reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

READINGS FOR THIS 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.

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.

Death Anniversaries

Robert Gilbert, Terry Hickling and John Moule.

Special Intentions

Paul Edstein (Good Recovery from Surgery)



(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.)

Catholic Mission Sunday

Thank you to those parishioners that generously donated to the Catholic Mission Sunday Appeal. We collected $286.00

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.

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.

Tilligerry Ecumenical Christmas Service

All are welcome to attend the Tilligerry Ecumenical Christmas Service on Sunday 6th December at 5.30pm at the Anglican Church 8 Strathmore Rd, Mallabula. Please bring a plate to share.

New Appointments

Bishop Michael Kennedy has announced the following appointments:

Fr Paul Kamau CSSp Appointed Parish Priest of St. Brigid's R/Tce

Fr Patrick Swaray CSSp Appointed Assistant Priest of St. Brigid's T/Tce

Fr Joyce Sebastian Victor Appointed Parish Priest of Taree/Wingham

Fr Peter Thoai Appointed Assistant Priest of Singleton/Branxton

Fr Anton Perera Appointed Assistant Priest of Inner Newcastle

Fr. Peter's Priestly Ordination Anniversary

The Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St. Brigid's Parish offer Congratulations and Prayerful Wishes to Fr Peter Thoai on his 18th Priestly Ordination Anniversary on 22nd November. May God Bless him in his Ministry and also his Family Members.

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.

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

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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
21/11/26	Mary Thorpe	Vannessa Tasker Clare Dawson	Paul Edstein Clare Dawson	Rodney Trappel Pauline Trappel
22/11/26	Vinette Shrimpton	Phil Hickling Sharon Blyton	Sharon Blyton Shane Giggins	Linda Birt Elenoa Cutmore
28/11/26	Mary Thorpe	Brendon Mannyx Carmel Warby	Tracey Edstein Vannessa Tasker	Paul Edstein Barbara Edstein
29/11/26	Margaret Pryer	Phil Hickling Christina Cutting	Laurie Feenan Robert Woolley	Catherine Hickling Helen Taylor

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, MALLABULA

	Ministers of the Word	Commentator	Presentation of Gifts
22/11/26	Elizabeth Currie	Cynthia Rogers	Jo Nederlof & Jeanette Solway
29/11/26	Jo Nederlof	Jeremy Clark	Sue Dallas & Elizabeth Currie

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, MEDOWIE

	Open, Close & Lock	Welcomer	Ministers of the Word	Presentation of Gifts / Candle Bearers	Acolyte
21/11/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	Mary L Sultana	Ingrid Cacciato Gloria Gomes	Flynn Family	Andrew Chahoud
28/11/26	Greg Hammond Nina Hammond	John White Leonie White	Ann Byron Leonie White	Chahoud Family	Patrick Byron

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
GOSPEL ACCLAIMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Hosea ~ *Hymn 30* Come to the Water ~ *Hymn 74* Our Supper Invitation ~ *Hymn 185* We are Many Parts ~ *Hymn 86*

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 ~ FINAL WEEKEND 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.

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/

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: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 ~ Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:33-37 ~ Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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