

First Reading

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Thes 1:5-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread

everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Due to the restrictions on singing during Mass, the Entrance and Communion Antiphons printed on page 2 will be used.

The Entrance Antiphon will be said as the Presider reaches the sanctuary and bows.

The Communion Antiphon will be said after the Presider receives Communion at the altar.



REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

All Saints

1st Reading: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12



Prayer Requests

Sick: Ann Bray, Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Bill Damstra, Victoria Diputado, Rachel Eather, Peter Ernst, Bridgid Field, Janice Haines, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Jonah Iona, Boston Kiernan, Willie McGilligan, Charlie Nichols, Clare Quade, Anne Standing, Alan Thomas, John Thomas, Gloria Trunk, Lorraine Winter and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Jim Coffey, Mary Partridge, Priscilla P Fabian, Josephine Goodchild. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Anthony Moses. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Ruairi Rousell (St Patrick's Singleton, Sunday). **Called by name to be a**

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St Patrick's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
Singleton	St Patrick's Church	Queen Street Singleton 2330	Contact: 02 5507 4048
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Glendon Brook	St. Paul's Catholic Church	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	Contact: 6577 6168
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Greta	St Catherine's Catholic Church	Branxton Street, Greta 2334	Contact: 0428 485 025

Schools in our Parishes

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St Nicholas Early Education Branxton	Director: Ms Trudy McGovern	Office: 02 4931 1220	Email: branxton@stnicholasmn.org.au

Mass Roster Sunday 1 November 2020

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters
Welcomer		D & J Clarke	J Walker C Crow	D Jarrett S Wheeler		
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	R Gee		
Readers	C Trunk S Trunk	L Pozywio D Clarke	E Thomas J Tindale	R Price	A Borg J Borg C Davey	
Prayers		L Gorczyca	P Boyd	T Wells	K Davey	2 Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	S Farnham J Taylor	P Bridge	G Cattermole			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion						NO Ministers of Communion are required.

Faithful and compassionate God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy; hear the prayers we offer, that in the particular ministry to which you have called us, may we serve you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Weekly Mass Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 October	27 October	28 October	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November
		STS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES				ALL SAINTS
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass 9.45am Reconciliation St Patrick's Singleton	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Mass St Brigid's Branxton	8.00am Mass St Catherine's Greta

St Brigid, St Catherine, St Patrick and St Paul, and— pray for us

Weekly Notices

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors from all faith communities to our Mass. If you are new to our Parish we ask that you take a Welcome Pack from the back of the church, complete and return the Member forms and one of our welcoming team will contact you.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Our Churches Are COVID Safe

Our churches are registered COVID Safe businesses with NSW Health. A copy of the COVID-19 Safety Plan is on the noticeboard for you to read.

Please stay home and get tested if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms (even if they are mild):

- Fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- cough
- sore/scratchy throat
- shortness of breath
- loss of smell
- or loss of taste



You can now CHECK-IN by scanning the displayed QR code with your **Service NSW App**. Just download the App to your phone, open the app when you enter the church, scan the code and show the welcomer that you are registered.

This option validates your data as it is scanned and securely sends it to Service NSW for storage - so we are complying with check in requirements without having to keep physical copies in the Parish. It also means NSW Health can access customer details faster which makes it easier for contact tracing. **You can still add your name to our list if you don't have this option.**

Registering for Mass

Please phone the Parish Office or email your name and contact phone number to register for Mass by 12pm Friday if you have not ticked that you are attending next week on the registration sheet at Mass.

St Patrick's Parish 1st Anniversary Mass

Due to the Corona Virus restrictions the St Patrick's Women's Guild will not be making home visits. However, the 1st Anniversary Masses will begin again from Saturday 7 November at 9.20am to pray for the souls of

Maureen Wilkes	Darrelle Coyt
Ivan Hassett	Neville Tydd
Allan Redgrove	Sheila McNamara
Margaret Brooker	Michael Simmonds
Pat Quinn	Wendy Pucher
Victor Henry	Colby Collegan
Terry McDonall	

All are welcome to attend. If you have any queries please contact Elaine Thomas on 0432 870012

Prayers for the Sick

The prayer list for the sick will be cleared at the end of this week. If you wish a name to remain on the list, please contact the Parish Office via phone 5507 4048 or email singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au

For the Joy of the
Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Thank you for supporting
this year's Catholic Mission
Church Appeal through your
kind gifts and prayers.

PLEASE RETURN DONATION ENVELOPES TODAY

Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family.

Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact

Freecall: 1800 257 296 | catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia



What am I supposed to be doing with my life?

This is a question that most people must contend with from time to time. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers a variety of ministry services to the local community and many rewarding career opportunities for those who feel called to work in this field. **The Pastoral Placement Program** offers a yearlong encounter in these ministerial occupations. Pastoral Ministries are calling for applications for the 2021 intake of participants for this unique program.

For more information visit the Pastoral Placement Website:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

Email: formed@mn.catholic.org.au Phone: 4979 1193

To apply: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/>
Applications close Friday 15 November 2020.

Position Vacant: Presbytery Housekeeper

The Parish is looking for a Housekeeper to work on a casual basis at the Presbytery. If you would be interested in this position, please contact Fr Thomas Chirackal at the Parish Office for more information.

aMeN caMiNo

You are invited to be a pilgrim on the aMeN caMiNo! Using intervals of the Great North Walk, this five-day pilgrimage is a journey through the Watagans, around the lake and the beautiful Hunter beaches. A bush, mountain, beach, city and pub experience.

This is a 'M' (Maitland) 'N' (Newcastle) Camino for 'e' everyone! Yes! aMeN!

On the aMeN caMiNo you will encounter relationship, story, the grace of God in the beautiful landscape of our own backyard. The aMeN caMiNo will stretch your body, mind and spirit and provides an opportunity of transformation.

If you are interested in joining the aMeN caMiNo in 2021, please fill an expression of interest form by 30 November 2020

https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4437/31816-dio_amen-camino_flyer-proof01.pdf

ATTENDING PUBLIC MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCHES

Please see the noticeboard in each church for a full set of instructions which have been derived from a directive from the Office of the Bishop and will be in place to allow Public Mass to be celebrated in our Parishes. We thank you for your assistance in complying with these conditions and in turn keeping our community safe and free from the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This notice can also be found on the Parish website www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au and the Parish Facebook Page 'Catholic Parishes of Singleton and Branxton' along with a copy of the COVID Safety Plan.

In accordance with the Public Health Order, Public Mass, baptisms, funerals and weddings can be celebrated with a maximum of 80 people in St Patrick's Church, Singleton, 75 people St Brigid's Church, Branxton and 45 people in St Catherine's Church, Greta.

REGISTERING TO ATTEND MASS

1. Please register to attend Mass by 12pm on the Friday before the Mass by phoning 02 5507 4048 or email to singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au. You can nominate on the sheet that you will attend the next week.
2. Those who are unable to register early can sign-in at the entrance of the church until limits are reached.
3. As a legal requirement of registering you will need to provide your FULL NAME and PHONE NUMBER. You can also register with the *Service NSW App* using the QR code at the entrance of each church.
4. When you attend Mass you agree that
 - a. You are well (not suffering from sore throat, temperature or other cold-like symptoms) *and*
 - b. you are not required to self-isolate due to your travel history or having had a COVID-19 test *and*
 - c. That in the past 14 days you have not had or you are not aware of any close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 *and*
 - d. That you do not have any reason to suspect that you have or may have COVID-19 *and*
 - e. You have not travelled from a 'hot spot' area.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS IF YOU ARE UNWELL

Upcoming Events: Adult Faith Formation

Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle presents a range of free presentations and courses this November.

- Nicholas King SJ presents: **Bringing The Gospel to Life** Wed 4 November 6.30pm-8pm
- **Communion of Saints**: presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks. Commencing Thursday 5 November to 19 6.30pm-8pm
- **Relationships Matter**: presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed 11 November 7-8.30pm
- Michael Smith SJ presents: **Why Pilgrimage?** Tues 17 November 7-8.00pm
- Nicholas King SJ presents: **Mark- The Strangest Gospel** Wed 18 November 6.30pm-8pm
- **Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma** Wed 25 November 6.30pm-8pm

To register either scan the QR code or go to Adult Faith Formation page on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>



Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma

Free Online Event
Wednesday November 25
Time: 6.30pm – 8pm

What does the Church teach us about forgiving others?
Why is going to confession important? Can it stop us from sinning?
What does being 'moral' mean?
How can the teachings of the Church help us make moral choices about these 'real life' situations?
Why is forgiveness so hard?
How can I guide my children to make moral choices?
What are some practical ways we can improve our skills (and our children's skills) in forgiveness?
What is the best way to explain sin to my child?
Does God still love us when we sin?

Father Anthony Coloma answers some difficult questions about moral choices, sin and forgiveness.

Join us as we explore questions about making moral choices in a contemporary society where there are varying views on major issues such as war, marriage, immigration, sexuality, politics and religion etc.

Confession and sin where there are varying opinions on what 'sin' means and if the sacrament of confession actually 'wipes the slate clean' or makes you 'right' with God.

Forgiveness is an area that we all struggle with, particularly if someone has intentionally hurt or injured others or the people they love. Christians often believe they should be able to forgive instantly and feel guilty when forgiveness is not so forthcoming.



To register scan QR code or use the link

[Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/)

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