

**The Catholic Parishes of Branxton & Singleton are part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

**All Saints, Year A**

**1 November 2020**

**First Reading** **Rv 7:2-4, 9-14**  
*A reading from the book of Apocalypse.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6**

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** **1 Jn 3:1-3**  
*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** **Mt 11:28**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,**  
**and I will give you rest, says the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Mt 5:1-12**  
*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



## **REFLECTION**

**by Fr Michael Tate**

### **The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action**

*How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.*

*There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.*

*The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.*

*We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of  
all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels  
rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall  
see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for  
they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the  
sake of righteousness, for theirs is the  
kingdom of heaven.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**1st Reading:** Wis 6:12-16

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thes 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Mt 25:1-13



# Prayer Requests

**Sick:** Bernadette Coffey, Bill Damstra, Janice Haines, Austin Hoffman, Anne Standing, Alan Thomas, John Thomas, Lorraine Winter and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

**Anniversaries:** Victoria Szumilas, David Winsor and Doreen Winsor. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

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

**Baptisms:** Digby Mathieson (St Brigid's Branxton, Saturday). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

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Singleton	St Patrick's Church	Queen Street Singleton 2330	Contact: 02 5507 4048
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**Mass Roster Sunday 8 November 2020**

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters
<b>Welcomer</b>		D & J Clarke	J Walker C Crow	J Dries	Janssen Family	
<b>Commentator</b>		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	J Patton		
<b>Readers</b>	M Thomas S Hartcher	M Ingold	J Duldulao H Duldulao		T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
<b>Prayers</b>		L Gorczyca	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	2 Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	C Trunk and Family	G Wilton	C O'Connor J Cox	M Pease		
<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>						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
<b>2 November</b> ALL SOULS DAY	<b>3 November</b> St Martin de Porres	<b>4 November</b> St Charles Borromeo	<b>5 November</b>	<b>6 November</b>	<b>7 November</b>	<b>8 November</b> 32 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.00am Mass 6.00pm 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 9.45am Adoration and Benediction St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Novena 9.20am 1st Anniversary 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 Brigid's Branxton	9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		5.30pm Reconciliation 6.00pm November Mass St Brigid's Branxton	8.00am November 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



**HAVE YOU CHECKED IN?** Please ensure you have had your name ticked off the list or have checked-in using the Services NSW App and the QR Code at the back of the church.

## 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday from 1.00pm.**

## St Patrick's Parish 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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

## 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.

## Senior Singles Lunch

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch on Tuesday 10 November 2020 at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. New members always welcome. For more information, please call Margaret Dagg on 6573 2776.

## Polish Mass for November

The Polish community will celebrate their November Mass on Sunday 8 November at 5pm in St Catherine's Church, Greta.

## St Brigid's Parish - November Mass

St Brigid's Parish will honour those who have departed in the last year at their Mass of Remembrance on Saturday 7 November in St Brigid's at 6pm and on Sunday 8 November in St Catherine's Greta at 8am. Due to the current restrictions on attendance numbers no invitations will be sent out to families. Candles will be available at each church and the names will be read out at each Mass. Please register with the Parish office if you wish to attend Mass at these times.

## National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being of children and vulnerable adults – particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese as part of our faith communities in parishes, in our diocesan systemic schools, early education centres and out-of-school hours care service, as part of our welfare and community services through CatholicCare and other diocesan ministries.

Bishop Bill Wright and his senior leadership groups, clergy and laity, are committed to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle meeting the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards ('Standards') and for that compliance to be tested by external audit, which should occur in late 2021. The Standards are a direct consequence of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Final Report Volume 6.

There are 10 standards, with each standard consisting of various numbers of criteria and each criteria having a number of indicators to demonstrate compliance. The auditing process determines whether a 'Church Authority' (the Diocese) meets each individual criterion and indicator. Most of the criteria and indicators need to be addressed both 'centrally' by the Diocesan Curia (e.g. Shared Services, the Chancery and the Office of Safeguarding) and 'locally' in each parish.

We will be asking for your help to achieve these standards in the audit. It may be that as a volunteer you need to attend a session of **Safeguarding in Parishes**, or that you need to complete volunteer paperwork. We ask that you assist the Parishes in reaching for a high standard of Safeguarding.

For more information and feedback scan the QR Code or visit [www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au/safeguarding/](http://www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au/safeguarding/).



## Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Appeal

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](http://catholicmission.org.au/contact)

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## LAST WEEKEND TO RETURN DONATION ENVELOPES

## Diocesan Library is Now Online



Access Online publications including an extensive eBook Religion Collection and the Religion & Philosophy Collection database. While the DoMN Library catalogue can be searched anonymously, registration is necessary for access to member privileges. Follow this link to DoMN Library: <https://library.mn.catholic.org.au> or scan the QR code.

*Due to the restrictions on singing during Mass, the Entrance and Communion Antiphons will be used. Music will still be played however, congregants are asked not to sing. These are printed on page 2 of the Bulletin. The Entrance Antiphon will be said as the music finishes and the Presider reaches the sanctuary and bows. The Communion Antiphon will be said after the Presider receives Communion at the altar.*

## ATTENDING 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, along with a copy of the COVID Safety Plan. 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](http://www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au) and the Parish Facebook Page 'Catholic Parishes of Singleton and Branxton'.

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. Please ensure you have registered as you entered the church.

## 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 November 5 to 19 6.30pm-8pm
- **Relationships Matter**: presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed 11 November 7.00pm-8.30pm
- Michael Smith SJ presents: **Why Pilgrimage?** Tues 17 November 7.00pm-8.00pm
- Nicholas King SJ presents: **Mark- The Strangest Gospel** Wed 18 November 6.30pm-8.00pm
- **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/>

# Remembering Our BELOVED DEAD

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



Mass will be offered in November for:

- Rodolfo Jaca
- Family and friends of G and G Cattermole
- Family and friends of M Stowe
- Family and friends of S McAlister
- Thomas, Size, Goldspring and Briggs families
- Burton, Miller and Wilton families
- Clarke and Williams families
- Dunn and McShane families
- All those in purgatory

Silvino Diputado

Leslie King

Thelma King

Family and friends of T and F King

November Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of the church or are included with the planned giving envelope sets. Please place these in the offertory baskets.