

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

The Most Holy Trinity - Year B

30 May 2021

First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:14-17
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Tate

The Full Picture

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into this image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8

2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15

Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Prayer Requests

Sick: Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Janice Haines, Austin Hoffman, Evelyn Lopez, Irene Robinson, Anne Standing, Gloria Trunk, Lorraine Winter, Jane Winsor O'Keefe, Amelia Verdera Santana, Arlo Spicer and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Recently Deceased: Glicería Santiago and Lynn Karpel. **May they rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.**

Anniversaries: Brian Dagg, Frederick Dagg, Ivy Goodwin, Jimmy Kennedy, Mary McAlister, Win Nowland, Eduvijes Prewendido, Carl Thomas and Jason Thomas. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Baptisms: Kian Tobias (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

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St Patrick's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
Singleton	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>	Queen Street Singleton 2330	Contact: 02 5507 4048
Broke	<i>Immaculate Conception Catholic Church</i>	Wollombi Street, Broke	Contact: 0407 488 872 or 0458 626 299
Glendon Brook	<i>St. Paul's Catholic Church</i>	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	Contact: 6577 6168
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
Branxton	<i>St Brigid's Catholic Church</i>	Station St, Branxton 2335	Contact: 0407 381 525
Greta	<i>St Catherine's Catholic Church</i>	Branxton Street, Greta 2334	Contact: 0428 485 025

Schools in our Parishes

St. Catherine's Catholic College	Principal: Mrs Niamh Marzol	K-12 Office: 02 6578 9600	Email: admin@singleton.catholic.edu.au
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Mass Roster Sunday 30 May 2021

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	J Walker C Crow	D Jarrett S Wheeler		
Commentator		D Clarke	G Cattermole	R Gee		
Readers	P Conroy S Trunk	D Clarke	E Thomas J Thomas	R Price	A Borg C Davey	
Prayers		M Ingold	P Boyd	T Evans	K Davey	2 Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	C Trunk A Trunk	T Ernst				
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
31 May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	1 June St Justin	2 June Sts Marcellinus and Peter	3 June St Charles Lwanga and Companions	4 June	5 June St Boniface	6 June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR B
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9:00am Novena 9.20am Mass 9:45 am Recon St Patrick's Singleton	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	8.50am Rosary 9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		5:30pm Recon 6.00pm Mass St Brigid's Branxton	7.35am Rosary 8.00am Mass 11:30am Mass (Vietnamese) St Catherine's Greta

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

Weekly Notices

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors from all faith communities to our Parish Mass. If you are new members of 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Wonnarua people, 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to protect, believe and respond justly to children and vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of trust.

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 with our conditions of entry. 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. In accordance with the Public Health Order, public Mass, baptisms, funerals and weddings can be celebrated with a maximum of 160 people in St Patrick's Church, Singleton, 150 people in St Brigid's Church, Branxton and 90 people in St Catherine's Church, Greta. 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 your name on the registration list or used the QR code to check-in today!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Greta

The Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea will be held in the Parish Room at St. Catherine's, Greta on Sunday 30 May 2021 commencing at 9.00am (after 8.00am Mass).

This is a fundraiser for Cancer Council's vital research, prevention and support service programs. Entry is via a donation at the door. Everyone is asked to bring a plate to share for morning tea. To be COVID Safe you will need to check in using the QR Code. For more information, please contact Joy Clarke on 0439381372.

Branxton Caritas Lunch

St Brigid's Caritas group were delighted with the response to the recent invitation to join them for lunch. Many were grateful for the opportunity to share a meal and many memories. It is on again - 12 noon, Friday 18 June 2021 at the Royal Federal Hotel. Join us!! Call Helen on 49381467 by 13 June to book your seat. All welcome, thank You Mercia.

Planned Giving Receipts



It's nearly tax time! Anyone who has a set of planned giving envelopes will find at letter for them at the back of the church **from 30 May**. Please complete the form with ALL your details and return to the Parish Office by Sunday 20 June. If you **DO NOT** return a form, or phone the office, we **CANNOT** issue a receipt after the 30 June 2021.

First Anniversary Mass St Patrick's

St Patrick's Parish 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 5 June 2021 at 9.20am to pray for the souls of our Parish community who have passed away. All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us in Prayer and Adoration as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 1pm-3pm in St Patrick's Church, Singleton on Sunday 6 June 2021 for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. All are welcome. Please ensure you check in using the ServiceNSW QR code as you enter the church.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

The next Women's Guild meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 June at 1.30pm in the home of Jennifer Tindale, 23 Oldknow Crescent, Singleton Heights. Please join us at our meeting, new members are always welcome.

Change to Mass at Broke

Mass in the Church of Immaculate Conception at Broke will be held on Saturday 19 June at 5pm instead of Saturday 12 June.

Offertory Collections at Mass

You may have noticed new signs on our offertory baskets at the back of the church. These signs explain what the money from each collection is used for.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** is used here in our Parish to pay for things like electricity, rates, insurance, wages, stationery, wine, hosts, candles, copyright licensing, repairs and maintenance, vehicle costs and many other things to keep our Parishes running.

The **FIRST COLLECTION** is used to sustain the Priests of our Diocese by paying their wages. This money is distributed by the Maitland Central Clergy Fund. This year they have a shortfall of \$100,000 to pay the priests. They had been able to cover this with JobKeeper but now that is finished, the Clergy Fund need to find these additional funds to pay our priests.

No one likes to ask for money but with the First collections being the major source of income for the Clergy Fund they are asking if we can all put a little bit extra in the basket each week. To make a donation to the collections via bank transfer please use the account details below as they are written or the amounts won't reach the correct account:

SECOND COLLECTION

Singleton

Account Name: CDF Agent 9

BSB: 062 815 Account Number: 0032 8161

Reference: Sing 2nd <yourname>

Branxton

Account Name: CDF Agent 5360

BSB: 062 815 Account Number: 0032 8161

Reference: Branx 2nd <yourname>

FIRST COLLECTION

Singleton

Account Name: CDF Agent 11

BSB: 062 815 Account Number: 0032 8161

Reference: Sing 1st <yourname>

Branxton

Account Name: CDF Agent 78

BSB: 062 815 Account Number: 0032 8161

Reference: Branx 1st <yourname>

Please inform the Parish Office, by phone or email, if you make any donations via bank transfer so that we can ensure they reach our account.



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE TRINITY SUNDAY?

God is love. That is the simple and profound truth at the heart of the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Consider a married couple who have loved each other for many years. They approach life with a sense of 'we' rather than 'I'. Paradoxically, instead of losing a sense of self-identity, each discovers an even greater uniqueness through the love of the other. This analogy helps us to comprehend something of the unity of the three persons of the Trinity. In a society full of isolated individuals painfully crying 'Who am I?' on a restless search for self-identity, the feast of the Trinity calls us to ask another question: whose am I? To whom do I belong? Through relationships of love, we discover God.



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Synod 2021

This report was compiled by Peter Conroy, of the Branxton Parish, who attended Synod on Saturday 22 May as a delegate of the Parish.

After the first Synod gathering, the Diocesan working party fashioned recommendations based on the responses given by the participants. These recommendations were grouped under the headings of **Identity and Community, Worship and Prayer, Formation and Education, Mission and Outreach, Leadership and Structure.**

The most recent Synod gathering reviewed these recommendations and voted on accepting them or returning them to the working party. It should be noted that the Synod members had attended several online and live training days prior to the Synod; the recommendations had already been broadly discussed. In addition to hearing from Bishop Bill and the Diocesan Canonical Lawyer we also heard from international theologians; it would be fair to say that there was considerable depth and breadth to the discussions.

Although not unanimously, all recommendations were passed. They will now be returned to the Diocesan working party who will have the difficult task of shaping an action path. In some cases, the recommendations were quite direct and an action plan could be developed eg WP 4.4 "That the Diocese explores ways of utilising existing technology for those who are unable to attend mass." While other recommendations were quite broad and an action plan may prove elusive eg IC 2.2 "That as Catholics we grow in our identity as missionary disciples."

These plans will be presented to the third session of Synod, Saturday Nov 20th. Our parishes will only benefit from the work being done if we each see this as a personal journey and "opt in" rather than just hoping that the Diocesan officers continue to work hard on the outcomes. Possibly we, as a community, could / should have some discussion about how we can best respond to some of the more relevant recommendations. This will allow each of our parishes to have input to the action planning. For further information simply Google "Maitland Newcastle Diocesan Synod" and follow the relevant prompts.

REMEMBER: Let's Stay COVID Safe

1. If you are sick – stay **HOME** and get tested.
2. Check in using the Service NSW **QR CODE** or Registration sheet.
3. Show the Welcomer the **GREEN** tick screen.
4. **SANITISE** your hands.
5. Collect a bulletin and **TAKE IT** with you. **WAVE** instead of shaking hands.
6. Maintain **1.5M** physical distancing from those not in your household.
7. During the Communion Procession, please form **ONE** line, with those on the left side of the celebrant to process **FIRST**.

