

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

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**20 June 2021**

**First Reading Jb 38:1. 8-11**  
*A reading from the book of Job.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate?

Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1**

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord,  
his love is everlasting.*

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.

These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 2 Cor 5:14-17**  
*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him

now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

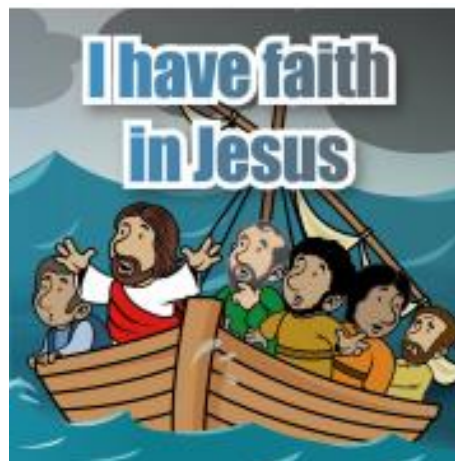
**Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**A great prophet has appeared among us**  
**God has visited his people.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 4:35-41**  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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



## **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

### **The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side**

*Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.*

*We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?"*

*He will come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached.*

*We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your  
heritage, and govern them for ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

# Prayer Requests

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

**Anniversaries:** James Garner, Jim Bates and Carmel Dunn. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Baptisms:** Harvey Algie, Elanor Lear and Everly Chesworth (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**1st Reading:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**2nd Reading:** 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

**Gospel:** Mk 5:21-43

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**Mass Roster 27 June Sunday 2021**

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	J Walker C Crow	P & L Boyce	J Brackenrig	
<b>Commentator</b>		D Clarke	G Cattermole	S Thomas	H Rapp	
<b>Readers</b>	J Partridge M Thomas	L Gorczyca	E Thomas J Tindale	R James J Bray	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
<b>Prayers</b>		D Clarke	J Cox	M Dagg	K Stuart	2 Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	S McAlister M Thomas	G Wilton	J Walker H Standing	M Petrie & Helper		
<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 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>21 June</b> St Aloysius Gonzaga	<b>22 June</b> Sts John Fisher and Thomas More	<b>23 June</b> St Paulinus Of Nola	<b>24 June</b> THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	<b>25 June</b>	<b>26 June</b>	<b>27 June</b> 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 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 5.00pm Mass Glendon Brook	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 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!

## **Solomon Okovido's Ordination to Diaconate**



The Office of Bishop Bill Wright has announced that the Diaconate Ordination of Solomon Okovido will take place on Saturday 24 July 2021 in Singleton. Details of the celebration are still being finalised and will be communicated to you all as soon as possible.

We understand that everyone would love to be a part of Solomon's special day however, with current restrictions of 1 person per 2m<sup>2</sup> still in place for *Places of Worship*, St Patrick's Church only allows for 160 people to attend. Those wishing to attend will be asked to register via an online booking system. Details of this will be communicated within the coming weeks and places will be limited. Please keep Solomon in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination.

## **Mass Cancellation – Greta**

Due to the Funeral Mass for Fr Lex Levey being said on Tuesday 22 June 2021, Mass will not be said at Greta on that day.

## **Planned Giving Receipts**

It is nearly tax time! Anyone who has a set of planned giving envelopes will find at letter for them at the back of the church. Please complete the form ensuring ALL your details are correct and return to the Parish Office by Friday 25 June 2021. If you **DO NOT** return a form, or phone the office, we **CANNOT** issue a receipt after the 30 June 2021.

## **St Patrick's Church Rosters**

Updated Rosters for St Patrick's Church Masses have been placed on the noticeboard. If you wish to **remove or change** your current ministry, please make the change on the sheet. There are some ministries which require volunteers (highlighted in yellow) if you would like to add your name.

## **Praying the Gospels**

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray

For more information contact: [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **Vinnies CEO Sleepout**

On 17 June 2021, leaders in business, community and government slept out without shelter on one of the longest nights of the year to help change the lives of Australians experiencing homelessness. In 2020, \$5.7 million dollars was raised to help break the cycle of homelessness and poverty in Australia.

**Niamh Marzol**, Principal of St Catherine's Catholic College Singleton, once again slept out in the cold, this year in Glen Innes with a chilly 3°, to raise money for Vinnies. If you would like to support Niamh to help end homelessness you can donate by going to

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/niamh-marzol>

## **Help Turn Bread Bags into School Play Equipment**

St Catherine's Catholic College is participating in the Wonder Recycling Rewards for Schools program. They are asking for used bread bags to be dropped to the College Admin Building. They can be saved up and dropped off in a bundle by the 25 June 2021. The school will earn points towards equipment for the playground.

## **Caritas Australia India COVID-19 Appeal**

India is currently facing a COVID-19 catastrophe, with a staggering jump in the number of deaths and new cases.

Hospital beds are overwhelmed across the country, with oxygen supplies at critically low levels. The steep increase in cases is related to what is believed to be a new 'double mutant' variant of the coronavirus, which transmits faster. India's healthcare system is now under enormous strain as the number of new cases continues to rise rapidly each day. Your support is urgently needed today to help vulnerable communities in India get through this COVID-19 crisis. To donate, visit <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/india-covid-19/>

## **The Good Oil 2021 Writer's Award**

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers. The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective.

The theme for the award is Inclusivity, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200. Entrants may submit more than one piece of writing, to a maximum of three (3) pieces,

For further information about the award, to download the guidelines and entry form, go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/article/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/> and follow the links. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 22 August 2021.



## HOLY ORDERS

The sacrament of Holy Orders confers the gift of the Holy Spirit on those who exercise a sacred duty as ministers of the Church. Called from the community of the baptised, the men are ordained for service of the Church, especially in pastoral and liturgical areas of Church life. While all the baptised are called to the one holy priesthood in Christ, Holy Orders is termed the ministerial or hierarchical priesthood and is oriented to serve the Christian community.

Since the time of the apostles, the ordained ministry has been given a share in Christ's mission and authority. They have been set apart to build up the Church. There are three degrees of holy orders: bishops, priests, and deacons. Bishops and priests participate in the ministerial priesthood of Christ, deacons share in Christ's ministry of service.

By the imposition of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bishops are marked with the fullness of the sacrament of orders. They are a visible bond of the unity of the Church and act collegially with other bishops. As teachers, priests and pastors of their flocks, bishops regulate the effective celebration of the sacraments. They are the primary ministers of Confirmation and confer the sacrament of Holy Orders. Only priests may be appointed as bishops.

Priests are joined to bishops and each other by the bond of priesthood. As co-workers, they are called to serve the Church under the bishop's authority, promising obedience. Through the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred Chrism, priests are marked with an indelible character. They are charged to preach the Gospel, offer pastoral care and celebrate divine worship, modelling their lives on the Good Shepherd. They have a primary role in celebrating the sacraments and other rites. Central is their celebration of Eucharist, the summit and source of the Church's activity. Priests are deacons prior to ordination and commit themselves to a life of celibacy.

Deacons share in Christ's grace and mission in a special way. They are ordained for a ministry of service and have a particular relationship with the bishop, especially in the liturgy. During ordination the men receive the imposition of hands and are charged to be ministers of the Gospel and exercise works of charity. Deacons are instituted as acolytes and lectors prior to their ordination. They may officiate at weddings and funerals, baptise, preach and lead ritual blessings. Deacons are ordinary ministers of communion. There are two types of deacons in the Church. Men who are preparing to become priests are known as transitional deacons. Permanent deacons are not ordained to the priesthood and are married or celibate.

## 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**.

