

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

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ATSI Sunday**

**4 July 2021**

**First Reading**

**Ez 2:2-5**

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 122. R. v.2**

*(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10**

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**see Lk 4:18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Mk 6:1-6**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Complete Jesus' teaching by using the words below.

\_\_\_\_\_ are  
\_\_\_\_\_ everywhere \_\_\_\_\_  
in their \_\_\_\_\_.



**except hometown honoured prophets**



**REFLECTION**

**by Fr Michael Tate**

**Hometown crowds and 'mighty works'**

*I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.*

*Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.*

*Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.*

*We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

# Prayer Requests

**Sick:** Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Janice Haines, Austin Hoffman, Evelyn Lopez, Mick McCrone, 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:** Neville Garner, Marie Garner, Maurice Garner, Janina Gorczyca, Flo Crouch. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**1st Reading:** Am 7:12-15

**2nd Reading:** Eph 1:3-14

**Gospel:** Mk 6:7-13

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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
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**Mass Roster - 11 July 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	J Dries	J Dries	
<b>Commentator</b>		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	J Patton	E Janssen	
<b>Readers</b>	S Stafa J Stafa	M Ingold	J Duldulao H Duldulao	T Cochrane M Stowe	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
<b>Prayers</b>		L Gorczyca	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	2 Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	C Trunk A Trunk	J Gorczyca	C O'Connor B Thompson			
<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>5 July</b> <i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i>	<b>6 July</b> <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	<b>7 July</b> <i>Blessed Peter To Rot</i>	<b>8 July</b>	<b>9 July</b> <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong &amp; Comps</i>	<b>10 July</b>	<b>11 July</b> <b>15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B</b>
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9:00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass <u>9:45 am</u> Recon St Patrick's Singleton	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>8.50am</u> Rosary <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton		<u>5:30pm</u> Recon <u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.00am</u> 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 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!

## **Update Public Health Order**

An updated Public Health Order was issued on 26 June 2021 and is in force until 9 July 2021. This Order restricts gatherings in non-residential premises to 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>, restricts singing in places of worship and makes it mandatory for everyone to wear a face mask when inside non-residential premises. Your mask may be removed to receive communion but must be replaced as soon as possible.

This reduces the capacity of each of churches as follows:

St Patrick's Church, Singleton	80 people
St Brigid's Church, Branxton	75 people
St Catherine's Church, Greta	45 people

Please help our community stay COVID Safe. Entry will not be permitted if you are not wearing a mask (unless you have an exemption), this includes the Parish Office.

## **Broke Mass – Change for July 2021**

Mass at Broke will be said on 17 July 2021 at 5pm instead of 10 July.

## **St Brigid's Caritas Group**

St Brigid's Caritas group are asking for donations to send to Father George in India to assist with the work he does to help the very needy in his parish. If you wish to help, please see Mercia Thomas or Sue McAlister by 5 July 2021 so it can be sent as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already donated.

## **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 at 10.30am in Singleton.

It is understandable 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 need to register via Sticky Tickets at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/EPAVV>. If you have issues accessing the internet, please call the office.

***Please keep Solomon in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination.***

## **Support the Parish with Planned Giving Envelopes**

By taking a set of Planned Giving envelopes to use for your second collection offerings, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in keeping these healthy and active parishes.

As the First collection is forwarded to the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese to support our priests, the Second collection donations help pay for such Parish costs as pastoral expenses, insurance, electricity, maintenance, staff salaries, renovations, and clergy transport. This program is vital to further our parish development. If you would like a set of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

Alternatively, it might be easier for you to make your donation via Direct Debit or Credit Card to save remembering cash each week. Please contact the Parish Office for the CDF Electronic Planned Giving form or download from our website and return to the office using this link:

<https://singletoncatholicparish.org.au/news/forms/>

For those who already give via envelopes, your new set for 2021/22 will be in the church from this weekend. As most envelope numbers have changed, please dispose of any 2020/21 envelopes you still have and start with the new set from next weekend 4 July 2021. If you give in an old envelope, it may not be recorded against your name.

## **St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting**

The monthly meeting of St Patrick's Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 14 July 2021 at 1.30pm in the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive, Singleton Heights. New members always welcome!

## **Office of Safeguarding Training: Safeguarding in Parishes**

If you are a paid or unpaid worker of a parish who has not yet attended any Safeguarding training (formerly Child Protection training) or need to update your training this is for you.

2021 Sessions available:

- Tuesday 10 August - Diocesan Offices, Murray Room, Newcastle West, 10am-2pm
- Tuesday 10 August - St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm
- Saturday 14 August - St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Refreshments will be provided

To register please email [HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au)

For information about the course or questions in relation to your participation, or to check on your attendance history, please call the Office of Safeguarding directly on 4979 1390 or email at [oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au)

