

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B

21 November 2021

First Reading

Dn 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

*(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.*

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

The world you made firm,
not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Rv 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the
First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the
kings of the earth. He loves us and has
washed away our sins with his blood, and
made us a line of kings, priests to serve
his God and Father; to him, then, be glory
and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is
he who is coming on the clouds;
everyone will see him, even those who
pierced him, and all the races of the
earth will mourn over him. This is the
truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the
Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who
was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 21:36

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel

Jn 18:33-37

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

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of
your own accord, or have others spoken
to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I
a Jew? It is your own people and the chief
priests who have handed you over to me:
what have you done?' Jesus replied,
'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my
kingdom were of this world, my men
would have fought to prevent my being
surrendered to the Jews. But my
kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are
a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who
say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king.
I was born for this, I came into the world
for this: to bear witness to the truth; and
all who are on the side of truth listen to
my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Not from, but for, the World

*What are we to make of the famous reply
of Jesus to Pilate: 'My kingdom is not of
this world'? Left there, it sounds as though
Jesus is talking about a realm which is far
removed from terrestrial concerns.
Perhaps our task as his followers is to
meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live
other-worldly lives.*

*It is a poor translation, and it should read:
'My kingdom is not **from** this world. If my
kingdom were from this world, my
followers would have fought to stop my
being handed over.' Of all the ways in
which our Lord could have contrasted his
realm with all the other ways in which
societies are ruled, he chose a contrast
about the use of force. Rather, his reign
springs from his Father's will that
humanity should live together in a realm of
non-violence.*

*We can easily criticise ISIL's blasphemous
use of barbaric violence in the supposed
service of religion. It is the most extreme
opposite of Our Lord's teaching which He
embodied in his practice. But, even for us,
the challenge is there to restrain too-ready
resort to armed violence and to humanely
moderate its exercise where it is used to
protect the innocent.*

*We could pause for a moment to pray for
the coming of the Kingdom, not as an 'out
of this world' experience, but in the words
of the Our Father: 'Thy kingdom come, Thy
will be done **on earth** as it is in heaven.'*

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TRUE OR FALSE

Which of the following
questions are true?
Place a tick for true
or a cross for false



- Jesus wore a crown of gold
- Jesus' kingdom is forever
- Jesus cured the sick
- Jesus was mean to his enemies
- Jesus had a fortune in gold
- Jesus loved everyone
- Jesus died for our sins

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Lk 21:25-28. 34-36



Prayer Requests

Sick: Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Janice Haines, Austin Hoffman, Greg Jervis, Mick McCrone, David Patton, Irene Robinson, Arlo Spicer, Anne Standing, Gloria Trunk, Lorraine Winter, John Thomas and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Recently Deceased: Bishop Bill Wright, Allan Anderson, Evelyn Escala Lopez. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Anniversaries: Arlie Kennedy, Annie May Slattery, Pamela Garland, Noeline Cattermole, Hal James, Patricia Minehan, Rolando Tagle Cepe, Lorna Merrick. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Baptisms: Peyton Crebert (Greta), Lachlan & Arden Sciani (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

RCIA: Tahnee Flaws (Singleton). **Called to be a light in the world.**

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St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2021

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	P Boyce L Boyce	J Brackenrig	
Commentator		D Clarke	G Cattermole	S Thomas	H Rapp	
Readers	J Partridge S Stafa	L Harrison	E Thomas J Tindale	R James J Bray	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
Prayers		D Clarke	J Cox	M Dagg	K Stuart	2 Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	S McAlister M Thomas	G Wilton	H Standing	M Petrie		
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 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
22 November St Cecilia	23 November St Columban St Clement	24 November St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, & Companions	25 November St Catherine of Alexandria	26 November	27 November	28 November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	NO MASS Vigil Mass for Bishop Bill Wright	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 Singleton 6.00pm Mass Glendon brook	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	8.50am Rosary 9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		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.

Diaconal Ordination - Luncheon



Those who have secured a ticket to the Diaconal Ordination of Solomon Okovido on Saturday 4 December 2021 at 10.30am in Singleton are asked to inform the Parish Office if you will be staying for lunch after the Mass and if you have any dietary requirements for catering. Please respond by Tuesday 23

November. If you do not respond it will be assumed that you intend on staying for lunch.

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

Funeral Mass for Bishop Bill Wright

Each parish of the Diocese has been invited to send two (2) representatives to the Funeral of Bishop Bill Wright on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 10.30am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Nominations will be taken at each Mass this weekend and a draw will be conducted on Monday morning. **Please give your name and contact number to Fr Thomas or Fr Anthony at Mass if you would like to attend the funeral.**

Mass Changes

There will be no Mass in Singleton on Tuesday 23 November as all clergy of the Diocese will be attending the Vigil Mass for Bishop Bill.

Eucharistic Adoration – Christ the King

Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Sunday 21 November in St Patrick's Church Singleton from 2-4pm to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

St Brigid's Church Cleaning Roster

St. Brigid's Branxton are currently preparing their church cleaning roster for 2022. There are a couple of vacancies with some people stepping aside. If you can help, please call Sue McAlister on 4938 1864. You will be rostered on monthly but with a couple more volunteers we will only have a turn twice a year.

St Brigid's Caritas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Friday 10 December at the Royal Federal at 12pm. To add to the festive spirit, we ask you to bring a gift, to the value \$15, for a 'Kris Kringle'. All welcome. Names to Helen 49381467 by 6 December.

Catholic Weekly

Due to declining readership in our parishes, copies of the Catholic Weekly will no longer be available for purchase in our parish churches.

Appointment of Fr Greg Barker as Diocesan Administrator



On Tuesday 16 November 2021, the College of Consultors met and according to Canon Law No 164, elected Fr Greg Barker diocesan administrator. Under Canon Law No 427 A diocesan administrator is bound by the obligations and possesses the power of a diocesan bishop, excluding those matters which are excepted by their nature or by the law itself.

God's Word 2022

Copies of the 2022 God's Word Reflections book are now available for \$15 each. Please use the envelope inside the book to pay for your copy and place that envelope in the collection basket. If you have missed out, please contact the office and we can put as we will placing another order.

St Brigid's Caritas 'Share the Dignity' Collection



#ITSINTHE Bag
19 - 28 November 2021

Share the Dignity is calling on Australians to support women and girls in need this Christmas through their annual #ItsInTheBag Christmas appeal. The initiative aims to ensure that every woman and girl spending Christmas in a domestic violence shelter receives the basic essentials – including pads and tampons, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo and soap – as well as little luxuries such as hair accessories or a handwritten note.

If you can assist, please include full-sized items as listed above, in a suitable bag (handbag, duffelbag, backpack). Please drop your bag to Gail Jacobs' home by Friday 26 November and she will deliver to Bunnings. You can contact Gail on 4938 1665 for her address or more information.

'Never see a need without doing something about it' Mary MacKillop

Let's Stay COVID Safe at Mass

1. Wear a **MASK** to Mass. It can be removed to receive communion.
2. If you are sick or have been a casual contact of someone with COVID – stay **HOME** and get tested and isolate until you get your result.
3. Check in using the Service NSW **QR CODE** or Registration sheet.
4. Show the Welcomer the **GREEN** tick screen.
5. **SANITISE** your hands when you enter.
6. Collect a bulletin and **TAKE IT** with you.
7. **WAVE** instead of shaking hands.
8. Maintain **1.5M** physical distancing from those not in your household.
9. During the Communion Procession, please form **ONE** line, with those on the left side of the celebrant to process **FIRST** and maintain 1.5m physical distancing.



Thank you for keeping our community safe

Mass for the Holy Souls

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.' Mach 2:12,46

Mass will be offered in November for:

- Keith Miller
- Janina, Lucian and Andrew Gorczyca
- Anne & Damien Seeto
- Barry Power
- Ann Hughes
- Pat & Ray Power and their families
- John & Lil McCormack and family
- Christine Pike & Eileen Meier
- The Wilcher and Klasen families
- Ruigrok and Meyer families
- Alida Ruigrok
- Dagg, Slattery, Jarrett & Sylvester families
- Colin Crow and the Thomas & Merrick families
- Family and Friends of R James
- Family and Friends of B & N Holz

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 to have a Mass said during November.

Prayer for HSC Students

Please keep the year 12 students of our parishes in your prayers as they continue their HSC exams this week.

Dear God,
we ask your Holy Spirit to guide the students who will be sitting their HSC exams. Give them the understanding and knowledge that comes only from you.

Grant them favour and bring the information that they have studied to mind that is needed for each exam they take.

Bless each student, in Jesus, name we pray. Amen

Death of Bishop Bill Wright

Bishop William (Bill) Wright died on Saturday 13 November, in Maitland Hospital having succumbed to lung cancer at the age of 69.

Bishop Bill announced his ill-health and confirmed he had submitted his resignation to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in September this year. Whilst he had confirmed his ill health, the speed of Bishop Bill's death was unexpected. The Diocese offers its prayers and sympathies to Bishop Bill's family.

Bishop Bill was ordained eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on 15 June 2011 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton.

Acknowledging his death, Rev Andrew Doohan, Vicar General of the Diocese, said "Bishop Bill was a warm, considered and deeply faithful man, he was always dedicated to the people of the Diocese and I know he served as an inspiration, not only for many of our clergy but also those in the places he served. He will be greatly missed."

"Bishop Bill was an active and respected member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. He made major contributions to the Church and the wider communities in which he ministered."

Leading the Diocese during a period when it faced the terrible truths of historic child sexual abuse that occurred within the Diocese and the failures of some of its past leaders to protect children from abuse, Bishop Bill was recognised as an important figure in supporting survivors and introducing reforms to help the Catholic Church respond to the issue of child sexual abuse. Rev Andrew Doohan, Vicar General of the Diocese, said "Bishop Bill recognised the pain of the victims and their families, he acknowledged this and made an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Bishop Bill's work to support survivors is part of his legacy."

With the death of the Bishop, the Council of Priests, Council for Mission, Synod and the post of Vicar General become redundant and will be reformed when the new Bishop is appointed.

Written by Sarah James for mnnews.today published 14 November 2021. Photo by Erica Janssen – Bishop Bill during 2015 St Patrick's Parish Visitation.

