

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

7 November 2021

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16
A reading from the first book of the Kings.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2
(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf.

And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

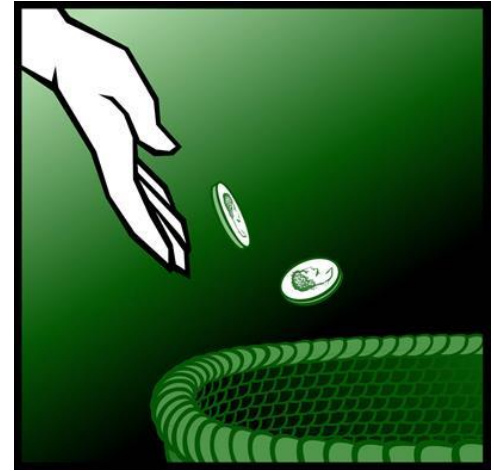
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:38-44
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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



REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Tate

The Widow's Mite

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

1st Reading: Dn 12:1-3

2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32



Prayer Requests

Sick: Bishop Bill Wright, Dominick Antija, Helen Boza, Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Conchita Ekin, Jovie Eugenio, Greg Jervis, Evelyn Escala Lopez, Janice Haines, Leanne Hardy, Austin Hoffman, Jonah Iona, Blake Lloyd, 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: Ellis Nancarrow and Judy Brodbeck. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Anniversaries: Kyle Bowd and Frank Tierney. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Baptisms: Rory Hill (Greta). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Marriages: Anthony Soti and Claudia Luchini, Ironbark Hill Estate, Sunday 14 November 2021. **What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.**

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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)			
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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 14 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	J Dries	Janssen Family	
Commentator		L Pozywio	G Cattermole	J Patton	E Janssen	
Readers	M Thomas C Szumilus	L Gorczyca	J Duldulao H Dulduao	T Cochrane M Stowe	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
Prayers		D Clarke	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	2 Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	J Partridge	G Bridge	C O'Connor B Thompson			
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
8 November	9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	10 November St Leo the Great	11 November St Martin of Tours	12 November St Josaphat	13 November	14 November 33 rd SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR B
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass 5.00-7.00pm Confirmation Practice St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass 6.00pm Confirmation Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass 11.00am Confirmation Mass Singleton 6.00pm Mass Broke	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.

Solomon Okovido - Ordination to Diaconate



Bishop William Wright has announced that Bishop Brian Mascord (Diocese of Wollongong) will preside at the Diaconate Ordination of Solomon Okovido on Saturday 4 December 2021 at 10.30am in Singleton.

It is understandable that everyone would love to be a part of Solomon's special

day, however, with restrictions of 1 person per 2m² which will be in place for *Places of Worship* at the time of the Ordination, 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/SGY20> If you have issues accessing the internet or securing a ticket, please call the office.

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

All Soul's Month

During the month of November we give thanks for saints, both dead and living, and remember our deceased relatives, friends and those who have no one to pray for them.

Envelopes are available at the back of each church to offer Masses for the faithful departed during All Soul's Month. Please place the envelopes in the offertory collection baskets at the back of the church. Family names will be printed in the bulletin.

2021 World Mission Appeal

Please return your **APPEAL ENVELOPES** today by placing in the offertory collection basket at the back of the church.

For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/bequest-legacy>

Senior Singles Lunch

The Singleton Senior Singles group will meet for their monthly lunch on Tuesday 9 November at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. New members encouraged and welcome.

St Patrick's Women's Guild

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 at the home of Nola Holz at 17 Hallett Place Darlington. The meeting will commence at 1.30pm. All are welcome, we would love to see you there. To keep our Guild members safe please ensure you are double vaccinated.

Catholic Weekly

Due to declining readership in our parishes, copies of the Catholic Weekly will no longer be provided to our Parish churches from the beginning of 2022.

St Brigid's Caritas Luncheon

All welcome to join us for lunch at the Royal Federal Hotel Braxton on Friday 12 November at 12 noon. Please have names to Helen by Tuesday 9 November by phoning 49381467. Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Friday 10 December. More details later.

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.

Pastoral Placement Program 2022

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program. For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

Christian Formation Course 2022

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity? Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022. The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a 12-month face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. The course is set to commence on 1 February 2022. Expressions of Interest close December 10. For more information go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/

Prayers for HSC Students

Please keep the year 12 students of our parishes in your prayers as they commence 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

Let's Stay COVID Safe

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.
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 Parish Community safe from COVID-19.



A CELEBRATION OF INITIATION: *CONFIRMATION & HOLY COMMUNION*

We welcome the following candidates into full membership of the St Patrick's Community:



Friday 12 November, 6pm

Oscar Eastley
Jan Helis
Peyton Jones
Alexander Lalewicz
Harrison Martin
Isla Paget
Abby Phillips
Levi Procter
Zach Shearer
Savannah Sproule
Johanna Standing
Marnie Williams

Saturday 13 November, 11am

Jonah Andrews
Toby Andrews
Joshua Brooker
Nicholas Brooker
Nellie Constable
Emilyanne Ganal
Lisa Nguyen
Charlotte Vella
Elizabeth Watts
Dakodah Young

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:

- The Escala and McTiernan families
- The Family and friends of G McMillan
- Family and friends of G Cattermole
- The Alselben, Holz & Shafer families
- The Tope and Garner families
- The Stocks and Goodwin families
- Family and friends of J Cox
- Family and friends of B Thompson
- Family and friends of E & R Thomas
- The Markham, Thomas, Matthews, Payne & O'Gorman families
- The Bendeich, Crouch and Stafa families
- Family and friends of P Bridge
- The Spiteri and Comenzulie families
- The Anderson and Ernst families
- Family and friends of F and T King
- Bray and Meissner families
- Family and friends of M Davies
- The Holz, Martin and Gallagher families
- Family and friends of R Gee
- The Janssen, Tierney and Nowlan Families
- The Bogan, Dalton, Barry and Grant families
- The Thomas, Enright, Rapp and Brittliffe families
- Daniella Schulze Takchli
- The McAlister, Forman and Bartholomew families
- Family and friends of M Thomas
- Family and friends of K Jones
- Family and friends of D and J Clarke
- The Cauchi and Agius families
- Alex Pagala, Mary Robinson, Cresensian Secondo & Elsie Frost
- The family and friends of A and A Standing

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.