

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

10 April 2022

Gospel **Lk 19:28-40**
Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem (Outside the church)

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it".'

So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them.

And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them,

'Why are you untying the colt?'

And they said,

'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus,

and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road.

As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives,

the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered,

'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

First Reading **Is 50:4-7**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied

he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading **Phil 2:6-11**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **Phil 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel **Lk 22:14 - 23:56**

See Booklet



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
Lowly Prince of Peace

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
See Notices section of bulletin.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Janice Haines, Leanne Hardy, Austin Hoffman, Greg Jervis, Ricky Love, Warren Markham, Mick McCrone, John Ottery, David Patton, Irene Robinson, Amelia Verdera Santana, Arlo Spicer, Anne Standing, Lorraine Winter, John Thomas and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Leo Bendeich, Maureen Bridge, Gordon Fuller, Kath Gocher, Eddie Goodwin, Nathan Grant, Neville Thrift, Julia Tope. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Sr Mary Markham. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptism: Colton Orr and Rose Whitaker (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Weddings: Tom Kirton and Leah Cunningham (Sun 10 April - Pokolbin). **What God has joined together, let no one put asunder.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9



Due to Privacy Laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke				J Brackenrig
Commentator		L Gorczyca				
Readers	EASTER ROSTER	M Ingold		EASTER ROSTER	EASTER ROSTER	
Prayers		L Gorczyca				Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	EASTER ROSTER	J Gorczyca				
Rosary Leader		D Clarke				

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

Fr Thomas is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass. Please speak with him before Mass.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11 April Monday of Holy Week	12 April Tuesday of Holy Week	13 April Wednesday of Holy Week	14 April Thursday of Holy Week	15 April Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)	16 April Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	17 April EASTER SUNDAY FO THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	No evening Mass 7.00pm Chrism Mass Newcastle	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Patrick's Singleton	11.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Passion St Patrick's Singleton	6.30pm Easter Vigil St Patrick's Singleton	10.00am Mass 5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	8.50am Rosary 9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper St Brigid's Branxton	10.00am Stations of the Cross Branxton 3.00pm Passion Greta	6.30pm Easter Vigil St Brigid's Branxton	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.

Entrance Antiphon for Palm Sunday

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

Mass Changes at the end of Daylight Savings Time

With the end of Daylight Savings, Singleton Parish evening Masses have changed to **5pm** from **Tuesday 5 April 2021**. This includes Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday evening, Broke and Glendonbrook masses.

Branxton Vigil Mass will remain at 6pm.



Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. ***Envelopes are available at each church to make your Good Friday donation.***

Chrism Mass

All the faithful of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle are invited to gather in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West on **Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7pm** for the blessing and consecration of Sacred Oils with Bishop Danny Meagher, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney presiding. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Victor Peters Suite. As there are currently no COVID-19 capacity limits, everyone who is feeling well and symptom-free is welcome.

Collection Plates at Mass

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, collection plates will once again be passed around during the offertory for the first collection and during the final notices for the second. Thank you for your generous donations! The first collections are used for the clergy of the diocese and the second collection is used at a Parish level.

Mass Times App Launching This Month

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is delighted to announce the launch of our new mobile app for smartphones and tablets. The new app is our latest innovation in staying connected with Catholics in the Diocese. Mass times, news and events, and parish giving, are now right at your fingertips. You will also be able to select your church and receive customised alerts for Parish updates! If you are travelling, the app will find Mass Near You!



Click the QR code for more information about the App or download the app now on Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Just search **Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle** and click install.

Singleton Parish Raffle

A raffle will be run by Singleton Parish to raise funds to purchase new whipper snippers for the maintenance of parish grounds. Tickets are \$2.00 each and available at Mass from Julie Dries. First prize is \$200, second prize \$100 and there will be a consolation prize.

Senior Singles Group Lunch

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch on **Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 12pm** in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. New members always welcome to meet for a chat over a meal.

St Patrick's Women's Guild AGM

The Annual General Meeting for St Patrick's Women's Guild will be held on **Wednesday 13 April at 1.30pm** in the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive Singleton Heights. New members most welcome!

St Brigid's Caritas Lunch

The monthly St Brigid's Caritas lunch will be held on **Friday 22 April 2022** at the Royal Federal Hotel at 12pm. Names to Helen by 19 April 2022 by phoning 02 4938 1467. All welcome!

Redemptorist Pilgrimage

On **Sunday 24 April**, a number of Redemptorist Fathers and Brothers will be travelling to Singleton to commemorate 140 years since coming to Australia. Bishop Murray invited the Redemptorists to the Diocese of Maitland and asked them to come to Singleton for 5 years while the Monastery in Mayfield was being built. Fr Vaughan and companions arrived in Singleton on 27 April 1882 from London and the parish was taken into the care of the Redemptorists on 30 April 1882.

Fr Thomas has kindly welcomed The Redemptorists to celebrate the **Mass on Sunday 24 April 2022 at 10am** in St Patrick's, Singleton with the faith community of the district. The Redemptorists will be honored if you are able to join us for Mass.

MacKillop Place Pilgrimage

St Brigid's Caritas is happy to announce after two years a Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place **Friday 5 August 2022** Mary MacKillop Place is complying with all Covid safe procedures as required by government and church authorities Visit will include morning tea, museum tour, gift shop, coffee shop, private prayer time in Chapel. Bus and lunch details being organised so save the date and more details later Mercia.

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes or by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

HOLY WEEK				
	Mass of the Lord's Supper 14 April	Good Friday 15 April	Easter Vigil 16 April	Easter Sunday 17 April
	Singleton 6.30pm Branxton 6.30pm	Stations of the Cross Branxton 10.00am Singleton 11.00am	Singleton 6.30pm Branxton 6.30pm	Greta 8.00am Singleton 10.00am Singleton 5.00pm
		Passion of the Lord Singleton 3.00pm Greta 3.00pm		



From March to December 2021, the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life – in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication and Vatican News – released **10 Amoris Laetitia Videos**, with the participation of Pope Francis and a number of families from different parts of the world. Starting from the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation, the Holy Father has accompanied us to rediscover the value and beauty of marriage and the family in the Church and society.

Links to these videos, accompanied by a printable guide, will be published each week for use by families from Easter Sunday and available at each church. Each guide, in addition to the words spoken by the Pope and by the families, proposes reflections and family or group activities inspired by the theme in order to facilitate the educational and spiritual journey with the families.

Among the various topics developed are the contribution of families to family ministry; love in marriage; fertility of the couple in the generation of children and in the Christian choice of adoption; vocation of families in the Church; courage in the education of children; accompaniment of family fragility and crisis; spiritual life of the family.

The hope is that this collection can truly be a service to family ministry in every part of the world. As part of the synodal journey initiated by Pope Francis, let us remember that meeting families, listening to them, and soliciting pastoral reflection among them is a concrete way to achieve that participation and communion that must be today, more than ever, the pastoral method par excellence.

The 10 Amoris Laetitia Videos initiative is a project of the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year desired by the Holy Father Francis in preparation for the Tenth World Meeting of Families (22-26 June 2022) and organised by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.