

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

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Year C**

**17 April 2022**

**First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43**

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**Second Reading Col 3:1-4**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 20:1-9**

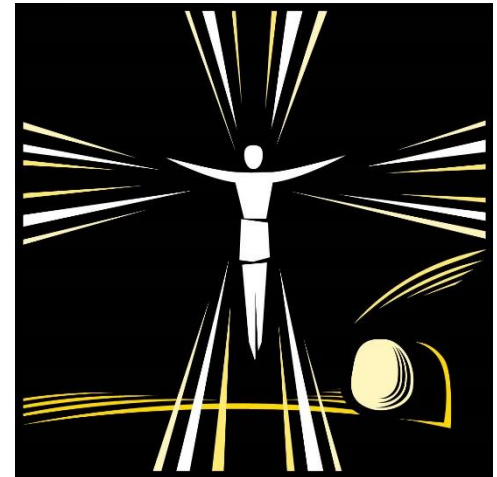
*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**REFLECTION**

**by Fr Michael Tate**

**Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen**

*Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.*

*This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'*

*The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.*

*Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.*

*We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
 alleluia, alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,  
 alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with  
 the unleavened bread of purity and truth,  
 alleluia, alleluia.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year C

**1st Reading:** Acts 5:12-16

**2nd Reading:** Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

**Gospel:** Jn 20:19-31



# 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, Jen Phillips, 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:** Barbara Jones. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Recently Deceased:** John Holz and Phillip Halter. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

*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 24 APRIL 2022**

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	J Dries		G McMillan
<b>Commentator</b>		D Clarke	G Cattermole		H Rapp	
<b>Readers</b>	P Conroy C Szumilus	L Harrison	H Ruigrok S Bates	R James	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
<b>Prayers</b>		D Clarke	E Thomas			Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	K Jones K Jones	P Bridge				
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		C Miller				

*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>18 April</b> MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>19 April</b> TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>20 April</b> WEDS WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>21 April</b> THURS WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>22 April</b> FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>23 April</b> SAT WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	<b>24 April</b> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
<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>11.00am</u> Mass Mercy Home	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton  <u>5.00pm</u> LOTW Glendonbrook	<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> Reconciliation <u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> LOTW 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.

## **Office Hours over Easter**

The Parish Office will be closed from 3pm Holy Thursday (14 April) and re-open on Tuesday 19 April at 9am. It will then be closed from 3pm Thursday 21 April and re-open 9am Wednesday 27 April.

## **2022 Parish Sacramental Programs**

Please contact the parish office if your child is in year 3 or above, has been baptised in the catholic church and wishes to receive the *Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion* this year. Phone 02 5507 4048 or email [singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au) If your child is not baptised but they wish to take part in the program this year, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Collection Plates at Mass**

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, collections 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.

## **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.

## **Happy Easter from Caritas Australia**

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. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. Please return Project Compassion boxes to churches next week or donate by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.

## **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!

The Annual Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place will also be back this year on **Friday 5 August**. Keep an eye on the Bulletin for more details or speak with Mercia Thomas.

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## **Redemptorist Pilgrimage**

On **Sunday 24 April**, 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. The Redemptorists will celebrate the **Mass on Sunday 24 April 2022 at 10am** in St Patrick's, Singleton with the faith community of the district. They would be honored if you are able to join them for Mass.

## **Amoris Laetitia – Year of the Family Program**

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 starting 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.

Watch the video for this week's program by scanning here



**Amoris Laetitia  
Family**  
Year 2021 - 2022



**Prayer for the Appointment of Our New Bishop**

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost, shows compassion knows and is known by the sheep and lays down his life for them.

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.*

## Easter Greetings 2022

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Easter is such a wonderful Season of renewal, hope and peace.

Many in our world will celebrate Easter this year without feeling much or all of what Easter is meant to be.

The people in Ukraine particularly are at the forefront of my prayer this year.

So, to the many women and children in my own Diocese living with oppression and fear, hunger and homelessness as a result of domestic violence. Peace sometimes is hard to find for many of our most vulnerable.

Let each day this Easter Season be an opportunity for bringing peace through acts of kindness,

compassion, mercy and forgiveness.

Much like the ripples caused by the tiny pebble hitting the waters of the pond we may not know where that peace may end.

May peace find rest in the hearts of those in Ukraine, Russia and all parts of our world who need it most. For these we pray. May they feel our loving support and know we stand with them.

May the Resurrection transform our world, one heart at a time. Wishing much for you this Easter Season.

Fr Greg Barker

DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

***To the Catholic Communities of Broke, Glendonbrook, Singleton, Branxton and Greta, Deacon Solomon and I would like to wish you a happy and blessed Easter.***

*Fr Thomas Chirackal*

