

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

Pentecost Sunday, Year C

5 June 2022

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

*(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.



Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

The Holy Trinity, Year C

1st Reading: Prv 8:22-31

2nd Reading: Tom 5:1-5

Gospel: Jn 16:12-15



Prayer Requests

Sick: Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Anne Marie Ebbeck, Janice Haines, Leanne Hardy, Austin Hoffman, Greg Jervis, Ricky Love, Warren Markham, Mick McCrone, Victoria Micallef, John Ottery, David Patton, Jen Phillips, Irene Robinson, Amelia Verdera Santana, Zane Slomka, Arlo Spicer, Anne Standing, Ros Thompson and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Kevin Cunningham, Jason Thomas, Carl Thomas, Esma Burton, Jimmy Kennedy. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Baptism: Margot Huggins (Branxton), Phoebe Alexander and Sofia Shaddock (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be placed in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 12 JUNE 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	C Crow	J Dries		G McMillan
Commentator		D Clarke	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	J Partridge S Stafa	L Harrison	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe D Cantrall	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
Prayers		D Clarke	M Spinks	F King	E Janssen	Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	S McAlister M Thomas	J Gorczyca				
Rosary Leader		L Gorczyca				

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
6 June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	7 June	8 June	9 June <i>St Ephram</i>	10 June	11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	12 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR C
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <u>6.00pm</u> Reconciliation (Sacramental) St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <u>9.45am</u> Holy Hour St Patrick's Singleton <u>11.00am</u> Mass Elizabeth Gates	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton <u>5.00pm</u> Mass Broke	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> LOTW <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>6.00pm</u> LOTW St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</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.

Planned Giving Envelopes and Tax Receipts

Those who give to the 2nd collection via envelopes or direct debit will find an envelope at the back of the church. Please complete the form enclosed to elect to receive a tax receipt for 2021-22 and if you wish to have envelopes for 2022-23. If you do not currently have envelopes but wish to have some for the coming year, please contact the parish office.

Friday Holy Hour

Come and spend time in the presence of Jesus! Each Friday after 9.20am Mass during June in St Patrick's Church. All are welcome!

St Patrick's Women's Guild AGM

The Annual General Meeting for St Patrick's Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 8 June at 1.30pm in the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive Singleton Heights. New members most welcome!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Greta

The Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea will be held in the Parish Room at St. Catherine's, Greta on Sunday 12 June 2022 commencing at 9.00am (after 8.00am Mass).

This is a fundraiser for Cancer Council's vital research, prevention and support service programs. Entry is via a donation at the door. Everyone is asked to bring a plate to share for morning tea. For more information, please contact Joy Clarke on 0439 381 372.

Senior Singles Group Lunch

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. New members always welcome to meet for a chat over a meal.

St Brigid's Caritas - Monthly Parish Lunch

Our luncheon in May was very successful with many attending. If you would like to join us on Friday 17 June at 12pm in the Royal Federal restaurant for lunch, please call Mercia on 0477 819 889 by 14 June.

Eucharistic Adoration

Join us in Prayer and Adoration from 12-4.30pm in St Patrick's Church, Singleton on Sunday 19 June 2022 for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. All are welcome.

Singleton Parish Raffle

Tickets are still on sale with the raffle being drawn on Father's Day weekend. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets - funds are going towards new whipper snippers.

2022 TWEC Dinner

This year's dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats at the dinner are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome. For details and bookings go to <https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au> Attendee names and dietary needs can be entered at checkout. For queries please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au

Meeting of Families Formation Events

A number of events will be run online for families during June. 8 June Educating the whole child to support learning and wellbeing Presented by Renee Tyczynski (Professional Officer [psychologist], Catholic Schools Office)

15 June Social connections and improving senior's wellbeing Presented by Nicola Rosenthal (Regional Manager, Catholic Healthcare)

20 June Relationships Matter Presented by Robyn Donnelly Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries)

For more information and to register, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events

Pints with a Purpose- Adventures in Faith

Join us for Pints with a Purpose in the Sydney Junction Hotel Hamilton on Monday 6 June 2022 with dinner from 6pm. Talk 7-8.00pm - Brendon Mannyx shares stories of a faith-filled adventure around the globe; crossing Europe and North America before getting 'ship-wrecked' in Malta and discovering the life he never knew he wanted. Brendon Mannyx comes from a creative arts background with a passion for theatre directing and acting. If there's one thing Brendon loves, it's telling a good story. Brendon currently serves the Diocesan community in the role of Manager - Mission and Outreach. For more info contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373.

Working With Children Check

Are you due to renew? A Working with Children Check clearance lasts for 5 years. If you applied for your Check in 2017, your clearance will come up for renewal this year. People working in health and early education were among the groups phased in for the WWCC that year. You can find your Check's expiry date using the Service NSW app or on NSW Office of Children's Guardian website. Also make sure your details are up to date so you'll receive an email reminder when your renewal is due.

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



**Amoris Laetitia
Family**
Year 2021 - 2022

On March 19, 2021, the Church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the year 'Amoris Laetitia Family' which will conclude on 26 June 2022, during the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome. Pope Francis has asked all parishes to prepare the faithful through catechesis on family and marriage.

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. The aim is to encourage their use, especially in dioceses and parishes, by proposing them as a pastoral path to be followed with families. If you miss out on a copy please contact the parish office. Scan the QR code below to watch the video for this week's program.

In June coinciding with world meeting of families we too will be celebrating the conclusion of the family year on June 25th and 26th The Parish Pastoral Councils will be hosting family events after Mass at Branxton on Saturday 25 June and in Singleton on Sunday 26 June, 10am Mass. Mark your diaries and watch the bulletin for more details.



St Brigid's Caritas - Parish Lunch in May



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