

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

**The Most Holy Trinity, Year C**

**12 June 2022**

**First Reading**

**Prv 8:22-31**

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

**(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.  
**(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Rom 5:1-5**

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

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glorify to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Jn 16:12-15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**Painting the Picture of God**

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, Year C

**1st Reading:** Gen 14:18-20

**2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 11:23-26

**Gospel:** Jn 6:51-52



# Prayer Requests

**Sick:** Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, 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, Ros Thompson, Jane Winsor-O'Keefe and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

**Anniversaries:** Tina Janssen and Cyril Kealy. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Recently Deceased:** Peter Cavanagh, Brian Muller, Thelma Redgrove and Anne Maree Ebbeck. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Baptism:** Jackson Power (Greta). **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 19 JUNE 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		J Brackenrig
<b>Commentator</b>		M Ingold	G Cattermole			
<b>Readers</b>	C Trunk C Szumilas	D Clarke	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane	Gresham Family	
<b>Prayers</b>		M Ingold	P Boyd		J & A Phillips	Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	K Jones K Jones	P Bridge			J & A Phillips	
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 June	14 June	15 June	16 June	17 June	18 June	19 June
<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>					<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR C
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass	5.00pm LOTW St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass Holy Hour St Patrick's Singleton  11.00am Mass Mercy Home	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	8.50am Rosary 9.20am LOTW St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		6.00pm Mass St Brigid's Branxton	7.35am Rosary 8.15am 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.

## **Planned Giving Envelopes and Tax Receipts**

Those who give to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## **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.

## **St Patrick's Morning Tea**

Morning Tea will be served after Mass this Sunday 12 June 2022. All are welcome to stay for a cuppa before heading home.

## **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 0447 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](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **Meeting of Families Formation Events**

A number of events will be run online for families during June. 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](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events)

## **2022 ACU Prize for Poetry**

The 2022 ACU Prize for Poetry is open for all Australian residents to craft their finest poems on the theme of 'Hope', inspired by a line from Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous play Robin Hood play: "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..." Entries for the prize, which has a coveted \$20,000 prize pool will close on 4 July 2022. More information about the ACU Prize for Poetry including how to enter can be found at the ACU Prize for Poetry website. [www.acu.edu.au/prizeforpoetry](http://www.acu.edu.au/prizeforpoetry)

## **Ecumenical and Interfaith Council – Church Crawl**

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on Saturday 23 July from 9.30am to 3.45pm. We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church and a Russian Orthodox Church. It will be an opportunity to unlearn, learn, and relearn by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others. Registration is now open <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/church-crawl-tickets-318631875517>

## **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 on the weekend of 25/26 June.



### *Branxton Parish Family Mass and BBQ*

**Saturday 25 June 2022**

Mass will be said at 5pm and followed by a BBQ dinner.

Please indicate your attendance for catering on the sheet at the back of St Brigid's and St Catherine's churches by Friday 17 June 2022.

### *Singleton Parish Family Mass and Sausage Sizzle*

**Sunday 26 June 2022**

Mass will be said at 10am and followed by sausage sizzle lunch in the college hall.

Please indicate your attendance on the sheet at the back of St Patrick's Church by Sunday 19 June 2022.

### *The Spirit shows what is true*

Write down whether these statements are true or false

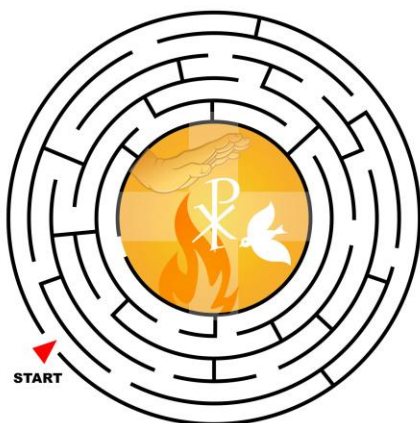
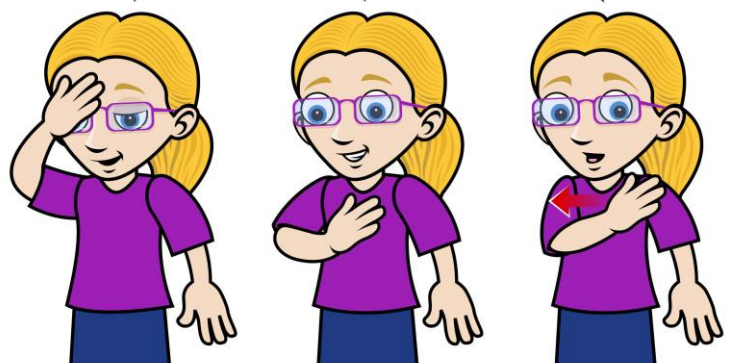
- God created the world in eight days.
- God the Father loves us so much that he gave us his only Son.
- Jesus was baptized by John the Evangelist.
- Jesus died so that we may have eternal life.
- The disciples received the Holy Spirit on Easter Monday.
- The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples to speak in many different languages.



*The Spirit brings glory to Christ and the Father*

There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity. That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

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