

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

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C**

**19 June 2022**

**First Reading**      **Gen 14:18-20**  
*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4**

*(R.) You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.*

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)

The Lord will send from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the daybreak I  
begot you. (R.)

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not  
change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

**Second Reading**      **1 Cor 11:23-26**  
*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and  
in turn passed on to you: that on the same  
night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus  
took some bread, and thanked God for it  
and broke it, and he said, 'This is my  
body, which is for you; do this as a  
memorial of me.' In the same way he took  
the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood.  
Whenever you drink it, do this as a  
memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes,  
therefore, every time you eat this bread  
and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to  
his death.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Sequence**

Sing forth, O Zion  
Behold the bread of angels, sent  
For pilgrims in their banishment,  
The bread for God's true children meant,  
That may not unto dogs be given:  
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;  
In Isaac on the altar bowed,  
And in the ancient paschal food,  
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,  
Still show to us thy mercy sign;  
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;  
So may we see thy glories shine  
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,  
Our present food, our future rest,  
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,  
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest  
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the living bread from heaven,  
says the Lord;**  
**whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**      **Lk 9:11-17**  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and  
talked to them about the kingdom of God;  
and he cured those who were in need of  
healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve  
came to him and said, 'Send the people  
away, and they can go to the villages and  
farms round about to find lodging and  
food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He  
replied, 'Give them something to eat  
yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no  
more than five loaves and two fish, unless  
we are to go ourselves and buy food for all  
these people.' For there were about five  
thousand men. But he said to his  
disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties  
of about fifty.' They did so and made them  
all sit down. Then he took the five loaves  
and the two fish, raised his eyes to  
heaven, and said the blessing over them;  
then he broke them and handed them to  
his disciples to distribute among the  
crowd. They all ate as much as they  
wanted, and when the scraps remaining  
were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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



**Tasting the Future**

The feeding of the five thousand in  
today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory  
sharings in the heavenly banquet of the  
age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it  
was. A major part of the miracle is in the  
transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did  
not personally feed the five thousand. He  
required his followers to get involved in  
alleviating hunger: 'You give them  
something to eat,' rather than leaving the  
crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to  
market economics. When they shared the  
food he had blessed, the miracle of the  
hospitality of God was multiplied  
throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and  
the crowd a real taste of the future  
generosity of God in the heavenly  
banquet. But, it would not have happened  
had the inner groups of disciples not  
shared Jesus' vision and got involved in  
what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest  
anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared  
with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are  
eating and drinking the *glorified* humanity  
of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of  
the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify  
the myriad of hungers in this world and  
resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You  
give them something to eat!' so that  
Divine Generosity might transform human  
history.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the  
rock.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

Thirteenth Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

**1st Reading:** 1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21

**2nd Reading:** Gal 5:1, 13-18

**Gospel:** Lk 9:51-62



## 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:** Carmel Dunn, James Garner. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Baptism:** Harvey Allen, Nash & Hugh Smart (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 26 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		G McMillan
<b>Commentator</b>		K Ingold	G Cattermole		H Rapp	
<b>Readers</b>	S Stafa J Stafa	L Gorczyca	H Ruigrok S Bates	T Cochrane	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
<b>Prayers</b>		K Ingold	E Thomas			Welcomers are required each week.
<b>Offertory</b>	J Partridge	G Wilton				
<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>20 June</b>	<b>21 June</b> <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	<b>22 June</b> <i>St John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	<b>23 June</b> <i>St Paulinus of Nola</i>	<b>24 June</b> <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	<b>25 June</b> <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>26 June</b> <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C</i>
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Anointing Mass Holy Hour St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton <u>5.00pm</u> Mass Glendonbrook	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Family Mass & BBQ <u>5.00pm</u> LOTW St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>8.50am</u> Rosary <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> LOTW St Brigid's Branxton		<b>CHANGE OF TIME</b> <u>5.00pm</u> Family Mass & BBQ 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 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 by 24 June. 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!

## **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.

## **Healing Mass - Singleton**

Mass on Saturday 9 July at 9.20am in St Patrick's will be a Healing Mass. All are welcome to attend for a blessing.

## **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. 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)

## **Mystagogy Monday**

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. Join us each Monday at 10am as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel. Register: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637)

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

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. Registrations now open at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/church-crawl-tickets-318631875517>

## **World Youth Day (WYD) 2023**

### **Maitland-Newcastle Coordinator Announced**

Mr Ryan Gato has been announced as the Diocesan World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator to support our pilgrimage through the Holy Land and onto WYD in 2023. Ryan is currently employed by the Catholic Schools Office of Maitland-Newcastle, working as an Education Officer - Formation within the Religious Education and Spirituality Services team. He is looking forward to sharing this life-changing experience with the young adults of our diocese. World Youth Day is the gathering of young people from across the Globe with the Pope. It is a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for our world. This year WYD Week is being held in Lisbon, Portugal. Our Maitland-Newcastle Pilgrimage will run from 21 Jul-11 Aug 2023. We encourage all young adults in our parishes and schools to get involved and consider being a part of an important pilgrimage that will encounter the Universal Church. For more information, please visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-youth-day-2023-lisbon](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-youth-day-2023-lisbon)

## **Vinnies CEO Sleepout**

Today over 116,000 men, women and children in Australia have no stable address or a roof to call their own. Every night, tens of thousands of Australians experience difficulty finding a safe place to sleep due to a severe lack of affordable housing and/or a myriad of complex issues including but not exclusive to mental health and addiction issues. Approximately 28,000 people in NSW sleep rough every night. But it doesn't have to be that way. This year **Niamh Marzol, Principal of St Catherine's Catholic College Singleton** is taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout for the ninth time, to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. On June 23, she'll be sleeping outside as part of the experience, hoping to raise awareness and provide support to those affected by the realities of homelessness. To help break the devastating cycle of homelessness, she needs your support. Will you help her to reach her target of \$5000? Donating 55 dollars can help feed a family for a day.

Donate at <https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/s/4185/52036/e>

## **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 that weekend.



### ***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.

**I AM WITH YOU  
ALWAYS**

**WORLD DAY  
FOR  
GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE  
ELDERLY**

#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS

Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022 was presented with the theme "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The Holy Father addresses his generation to remind them that those in old age have an important mission in life. They are called to be "artisans of the revolution of tenderness" and to "set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war". Furthermore, the Pope invites them to rediscover this stage as "the gift of a long life."

This Day was established in 2021 and is celebrated every year throughout the Church on the fourth Sunday of July, around the feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne, the "grandparents" of Jesus. This year it will take place **on July 24**.

In his message, Pope Francis acknowledges the difficulties that old age entails in the lives of individuals and in society. However, he invites the elderly to "persevere in hope" and points out that a long life is also a gift for the whole of society: "Blessed is the house where an older person lives! Blessed is the family that honours the elderly!" Precisely in a world torn by the violence of war, it is necessary "a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters." For this reason, the Pope recalls that the testimony of the elderly is of great importance and invites them to "be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need." This mission begins with everyone's own family but does not end there and continues to embrace "the many frightened grandchildren whom we have not yet met and who may be fleeing from war or suffering its effects" in Ukraine, Afghanistan or South Sudan, among other places.

The Holy Father invites grandparents and the elderly to continue to bear fruit and proposes to them to live in a particular way the dimension of prayer. This –Francis points out– is "the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age". A "trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts."

The number of people over the age of 65 in the world is growing at an ever-increasing rate. In the last 60 years, this age group has increased fourfold and is expected to continue to grow. In 2019, 1 out of every 11 inhabitants worldwide was in this age group, but it is estimated that in 30 years the proportion will have increased to 1 out of every 6. Moreover, for the first time in history, since four years ago, people over 65 years of age have outnumbered children under five years of age. Aging population particularly affects the most developed countries. More than 25% of the elderly in these regions live alone.