

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

3 July 2022

First Reading

Is 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his
hand.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!
(R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
(R.)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
(R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer
nor withhold his love from me.
(R.)

Second Reading

Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

The only thing I can boast about is the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through
whom the world is crucified to me, and I to
the world. It does not matter if a person is
circumcised or not; what matters is for
him to become an altogether new
creature. Peace and mercy to all who
follow this rule, who form the Israel of
God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after
this; the marks on my body are those of
Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
**May the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts,
and the fullness of his message live
within you.**
Alleluia!

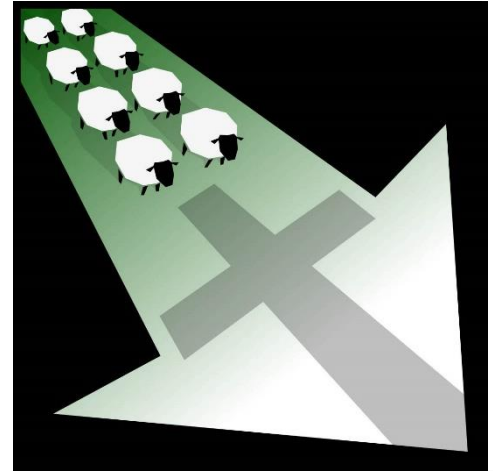
Gospel

Lk 10:1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke. (SHORTER FORM)*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others
and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs,
to all the towns and places he himself was
to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is
rich but the labourers are few, so ask the
Lord of the harvest to send labourers to
his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I
am sending you out like lambs among
wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no
sandals. Salute no one on the road.
Whatever house you go into, let your first
words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a
man of peace lives there, your peace will
go and rest on him; if not, it will come
back to you. Stay in the same house,
taking what food and drink they have to
offer, for the labourer deserves his wages;
do not move from house to house.
Whenever you go into a town where they
make you welcome, eat what is set before
you. Cure those in it who are sick, and
say, "The kingdom of God is very near to
you."

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



The Fall of Satan

In Jewish tradition 'Satan' is the name
given to the evil spirit who accuses and
prosecutes human beings before God,
demanding the strongest penalties,
unmitigated by Mercy. Jesus had a vision
in which he saw 'Satan fall like lightning
from Heaven'. Who takes Satan's place?

The answer is the 'Paraclete', a Greek
word for an Advocate. This is one of the
roles of the Holy Spirit who pleads on our
behalf for Mercy which, as Shakespeare
put it, then falls on us 'as the gentle rain
from Heaven'.

As disciples, we have to imitate the
Paraclete, not Satan. We have to temper
our drive to see 'the punishment fit the
crime'. How often do we relish seeing a
person squirm with no offer of a way out,
no hint of mercy or forgiveness so that he
or she can draw breath, undo some of the
damage done, and get back on track to a
better life?

We might pause for a moment to thank
God that our names are not being listed
by Satan in an indictment but rather,
through the Holy Spirit, are being entered
in the Book of the Saved so that we might
'Rejoice, for your names are written in
Heaven'.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Fifteenth Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

1st Reading: Dt 30:10-14

2nd Reading: Col 1:15-20

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37



Prayer Requests

Sick: Bernadette Coffey, Helen Conlin, Dey Cowan, Janice Haines, Leanne Hardy, Austin Hoffman, Greg Jervis, Pam Langsford, 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: Flo Crouch, Neville Garner, Marie and Maurice Garner, Ted Meyn and Cheryl Nesbitt. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Madeleine Thackray, Bernie Twohill and Vicki Everett. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Lochlan Walton-Haywood, Sofia Rose and Elizabeth Russell (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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Singleton	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>	Queen Street Singleton 2330	Contact: 02 5507 4048
Broke	<i>Immaculate Conception Catholic Church</i>	Wollombi Street, Broke	Contact: 0407 488 872 or 0458 626 299
Glendon Brook	<i>St. Paul's Catholic Church</i>	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	Contact: 6577 6168
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 10 JULY 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		
Commentator		D Clarke	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	M Thomas C Szumilas	L Gorczyca	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe D Cantrall	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
Prayers		D Clarke	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	J & S Stafa	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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	5 July <i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i>	6 July <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	7 July <i>St Peter To Rot</i>	8 July	9 July <i>St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions. Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10 July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C
<u>8.00am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Healing Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>5.00pm</u> LOTW <i>Broke</i>	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> LOTW <u>5.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>8.50am</u> Rosary <u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>

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 Change

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday 7 July 2022. Any items for the bulletin need to be in by 12pm Weds 6 July 2022.

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.

Senior Singles Group Lunch

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch on Tuesday 12 July 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 Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 13 July 2022 at the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive Singleton Heights commencing at 1.30pm. All are welcome and we would love to see you there.

St Brigid's Caritas Luncheon

The next lunch will be on Friday 15 July, 12pm at Miller Park Hotel. Mercia has names from June lunch, if you wish to be included, please call her on 0447 819 889 by 12 July. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

St Brigid's Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place

Tickets are still available for the St Brigid's Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place on Friday 5 August 2022. Cost is \$50.00 which includes bus, morning tea and museum tour. The bus will leave Branxton at 6.15am and collect at Greta, Lochinvar, Rutherford and East Maitland aiming to arrive in Sydney at 10am for morning tea and museum tour followed by Mass in the chapel at 12pm. We will stop at Roseville Club where you will purchase your own lunch before heading home at 3pm. Please confirm your place and payment by 15 July to Mercia on 0447 819 889.

Volunteer at Vinnies

By volunteering, you can be sure you're making a difference for those in need. For some Vinnies volunteers, this is a chance to give something back to the community, to use their skills and experience to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance the most. For others, it is a chance to develop new skills and experience in a supportive environment. Retail volunteer roles include Retail Assistant and Donation Sorting volunteers. Contact Singleton Vinnies for more information (02) 6572 2723 or call in to the shop at 37 Macquarie Street.

Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis

A copy of the Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis - 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God' can be found at each church or you can read it on the Vatican Website by using this link <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>

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

Second General Assembly of Fifth Plenary Council



The four-year journey of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will reach the second – and final – assembly in July 2022. At the assembly, the 277 Council Members will consider the motions that have emerged from that national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia. The key document that will guide the work of the second assembly is the *Framework for Motions*, which was published in early June. It contains about 30 motions that all Council Members will discern and vote on. The outcome of the votes will be announced during the assembly.

There will be daily content produced during the second assembly that can be found on the Plenary Council's news page and on our Facebook page (@PlenaryCouncil). All Masses during the second assembly will be livestreamed. The opening session each day from July 4 to July 8 will also be livestreamed. The livestream will be accessible on the Plenary Council website's home page and the Plenary Council YouTube channel. The Plenary Council continues to be a journey for the whole Church in Australia. A message wall is being placed at the entry to the assembly venue, allowing Members to read what people around the country are saying to them – their prayers, their hopes, their words of support. If you wish to send a message, you can click on the SEND A MESSAGE button on the website and complete the form. New messages will be added to the wall each day. For all information and links go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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*

St Thomas the Apostle

APOSTLE OF INDIA

PATRON SAINT OF DOUBTERS, ARCHITECTS AND THE BLIND - 3 JULY

According to traditional accounts, the Apostle Thomas landed in Muziris (Cranganore) on the Kerala coast in AD 52 and was martyred in Mylapore, near Chennai in AD 72. He is believed to have established seven churches (communities) in Kerala.

According to traditions, St Thomas was killed with a spear at St Thomas Mount in Chennai on 3 July in AD 72, and his body was interred in Mylapore. Ephrem the Syrian states that the Apostle was killed in India, and that his relics were taken then to Edessa. This is the earliest known record of his death.

The relics of St Thomas remained at Edessa until they were translated to Chios (Greece) in 1258. Then in 1358 the relics were brought to the local church in Ortona, Italy, which was elevated to a minor basilica by Pope Pius IX in 1859. There the relics of the Apostle St Thomas remain to this day. Some of the relics of St Thomas still remain in Chennai, India.

This year marks the 1950th anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas. This day is a very special day for the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST). For the last ten years Singleton and Branxton parishes have been served by MST priests. Please pray for MST, its mission and missionaries serving many countries.



*Fr Thomas Chirackal visiting
St Thomas Basilica in Ortona, Italy*

GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
SUNDAY - 3 JULY 2022**

Every year on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Catholics from across Australia come together to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year our theme challenges us all into action.

***The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.
Get up! Stand up! Show up!***

As you help us celebrate this special day on the Liturgical Calendar, we ask you to listen to us, stand with us and walk with us on our journey for change. Your support is vital to help us in amplifying our messages to our leaders to generate meaningful change! It is our dream that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Catholics come together in every Catholic Parish and School in this great Southern land as one people in Christ. Learn more at ww.natsicc.org.au

NATSICC Liturgy team

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