

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

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**Sea Sunday**

**10 July 2022**

**First Reading**

**Dt 30:10-14**

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33**

**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their  
chains. **(R.)**

For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**Col 1:15-20**

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

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were

created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63, 68**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Lk 10:25-37**

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

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

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



**The Neighbourliness of Global Citizens**

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis says that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

**1st Reading:** Gen 18:1-10

**2nd Reading:** Col 1:24-28

**Gospel:** Lk 10:38-42



# Prayer Requests

**Sick:** 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:** Marie and Maurice Garner. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

**Recently Deceased:** Bernadette Coffey and James Johnston. **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Baptisms:** Jordy Murphy (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 17 JULY 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>		L Harrison	G Cattermole			
<b>Readers</b>	C Trunk C Murray	D Clarke	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane	Gresham Family	
<b>Prayers</b>		L Harrison	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>		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>11 July</b> <i>St Benedict</i>	<b>12 July</b>	<b>13 July</b> <i>St Henry</i>	<b>14 July</b> <i>St Camillus de Lellis</i>	<b>15 July</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	<b>16 July</b> <i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	<b>17 July</b> <b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C</b>
<u>8.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>  <u>11.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>Mercy Home</i>	<u>9.00am</u> <b>Novena</b> <u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>10.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>8.50am</u> <b>Rosary</b> <u>9.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.35am</u> <b>Rosary</b> <u>8.15am</u> <b>SCAE</b> <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.

## **Parish Changes**

As you may be aware, Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido will be leaving our Parish to take up a posting in All Saints Blackbutt South Parish. We wish him well with his move and for the future. With his departure there will be changes made to the rostering of weekly Masses. We will continue the previous parish tradition of alternating Mass with **Sunday Celebrations in Anticipation of Eucharist** (SCAE). If you are interested in being a leader of liturgy in your Parish, please contact Fr Thomas. If you previously had training to be a leader and wish to refresh your formation, please let Fr Thomas know. We thank you for your understanding during this time of transition and change.

## **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> LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!

## **Praying the Gospels**

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

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## **Rediscovering Joy – Finding Wonder & Joy in the Word of God**

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne. In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

Date: 15 August 2022 Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am) Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Cost: \$30

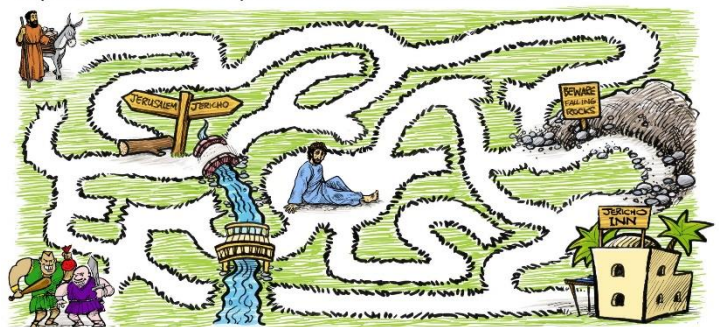
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## **Prayer for the Appointment of Our New Bishop**

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*

Help the good Samaritan find the injured man and take him to the inn at Jericho.





**STELLA MARIS**

# SEA SUNDAY

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA APPEAL - 10 JULY

Stella Maris is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings. The purpose of Stella Maris is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed.

Sea Sunday is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. It is officially held on the second Sunday in July. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need.

In the Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by Stella Maris around the world.

This week is Sea Sunday (10 July), when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit: [www.stellamarisaustralia.org](http://www.stellamarisaustralia.org)



**Amoris Laetitia  
Family**  
Year 2021 - 2022

## Family Mass Weekend



**X WORLD MEETING  
of FAMILIES**  
ROME, JUNE 22-26 2022



*Anniversaries  
celebrated during  
Amoris Laetitia  
Family Year*

Thank you to all the families attended our Family Masses answering the call of Pope Francis to participate in the World Meeting of Families. While Rome was the main venue for the event on 22–26 June 2022, our parishes celebrate with local events for its own families and communities based on the theme: ***“Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness.”***

