

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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

25 September 2022

First Reading

Am 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion

and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds

and sprawling on their divans,

they dine on lambs from the flock,

and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp,

they invent new instruments of music like David,

they drink wine by the bowlful,

and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,

but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;

the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed

by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Insects, Heaven and Hell

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. *He* created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, *created* by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those 'carried gently by the angels into Paradise'.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Lk 17:5-10



Prayer Requests

Sick: Austin Hoffman, Ricky Love, Warren Markham, Mick McCrone, Harrison McLachlan, John Ottery, David Patton, Jen Phillips, Jane Winsor-O'Keefe and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Henry Holz, Greg Ernst, Clyde Standing and George Brodbeck. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Antoni Amma (mother of Fr Victor Babu Doss), Brian Bridge and Ros Thompson. **May the rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

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 2 OCTOBER 2022

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	J Dries		J & H Woolley
Commentator		K Ingold	G Cattermole	*Volunteer needed		
Readers	S Stafa J Stafa	L Gorczyca	J Tindale E Thomas	T Cochrane *Volunteer needed	P Goodwin A Borg	
Prayers		K Ingold	C Langford	*Volunteer needed	M Cunningham	<i>Offertory procession and collections can commence again.</i>
Offertory	J Partridge	G Wilton	G Cattermole	*Volunteer needed		
Rosary Leader		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
26 September <i>St Cosmas & Damian</i>	27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	28 September <i>St Wenceslaus St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	29 September <i>SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS</i>	30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	1 October <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	2 October <i>27th SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C</i>
<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> LOTW <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</i> <u>11.00am</u> Mass <i>Mercy Home</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> SCAE <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> LOTW <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.

Lay Leaders Required

To ensure all parish communities can receive communion with only one priest in the parish, we will continue the previous parish tradition of alternating Mass with **Sunday Celebrations in Anticipation of Eucharist** (SCAE). On some occasions, when Fr Thomas is unavailable for weekday Mass, **Liturgy of the Word (with Communion)** (LOTW) will be celebrated.

Leaders are required for the following dates:

28 Sept	Singleton 9.20am	29 Sept	Branxton 9.20am
2 Oct	Singleton 10am	9 Oct	Greta 8.15am
16 Oct	Singleton 6pm	11 Oct	Greta 9.20am
23 Oct	Singleton 7am	22 Oct	Branxton 6pm
28 Oct	Singleton 9.20am		

Leave Arrangements October

Fr Thomas will be taking some leave from 4-7 October. Fr Tony Brady will be saying Mass during this time.

Erica will be taking leave from 3-5 October and 7 October. The office will be open on Thursday 6 October for the printing of the bulletin. If you have any items you would like included for the weekend of 8/9 October, please drop them into the office, email them or leave them in the letter box outside the office. Office is open 27-30 September 2023.

St Patrick's First Anniversary Mass

St Patrick's Parish will celebrate their monthly first anniversary Mass on Saturday 8 October instead of 1 October.



Daylight Savings Starts 2 October 2022

With the commencement of daylight savings at 2am next weekend on Sunday 2 October 2022, evening Mass times in Singleton will change to 6pm from Monday 3 October. **Evening Mass on Sunday 2 October will be said at 5pm.**

St Brigid's Luncheon

The monthly St Brigid's Luncheon will be on Friday 21 October in the Miller Park Hotel from 12pm. The Luncheon is a chance to share a meal and conversations with fellow parishioners and friends. All are welcome to attend. Please phone Mercia on 0447 819 889 to put your name down.



Public Rosary – Saturday 15 October 2022

The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer.

Join us at St Brigid's Church, Branxton before Mass from 5.45pm to join the nationwide Rosary chain.

The Chosen Experience – Season One

In October, join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste. We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine. We welcome you to join us to view the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. The Chosen is a series which brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening during October and November join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on October 6 at 6pm in the Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, we hope to see you there. For more information see the flyer on church noticeboard.

Season of Creation Short Film Screening

Join us to view the winners of the short film competition on Saturday 15 October at St Pius X High School, Adamstown and to listen to the voices of those who recognise injustices in our world and have a desire to be heard. During Season of Creation 2022 we are being urged to care for planet earth and care for our brothers and sisters. Whose voices have been muted? Whose voices need to be heard? We are excited to showcase these winning 2022 Season of Creation short films that recognise the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land. These films help us to consider our call to action. Where do we feel the calling to act for those who are voiceless? How can these films help us to feel equipped for the call to action? For more information see the flyer on church noticeboard.

Installation of Security Cameras in St Patrick's Church

Please be aware that security cameras are now in operation in St Patrick's Church, Singleton covering the church and sacristy.

Are you a young person interested in travelling across the globe?

Would you like to join over a million other young Catholic youth on a journey like no other? The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is inviting any young person who is over 18 years old to join us to **World Youth Day** in Lisbon 2023! A three-week pilgrimage beginning in the Holy Land before arriving in Portugal to experience WYD week and retreat. If you are interested, please see the diocesan website to express interest at www.mn.catholic.org.au



Official World Youth Day Launch

Time: Sunday, 9th October, 4:00pm (followed by Mass at 5pm)
Venue: Murray Room (opposite Sacred Heart Cathedral) 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West
Register: To register your attendance, please visit www.mn.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code.



If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Ryan Gato, Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinator at: ryan.gato@mn.catholic.org.au



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A CELEBRATION OF INITIATION: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday 24 September 2023, St Brigid's Church, Branxton



Jesse Cavanagh

Sophie Cortis

Samuel Donkin

Tiahnee Eldridge

Charli Fox

Isla Francis

Eyden Grieve

David Haynes

Tia Killick

Jacob Lunan

Indi Morgan

Charli Newman

Liam Pike

Parker Samaras

Darby Thomas

Luke Wright

Congratulations to these children who today, become full members of the Catholic community.

Today you will be forever connected to Jesus' love, peace and blessings. May you feel the joy of this closeness as you celebrate your First Communion.

BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

108th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

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Dear brothers and sisters, and, in a special way, young people! If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today! For the future begins today and it begins with each of us. We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now, so that God's plan for the world may be realized and his Kingdom of justice, fraternity and peace may come.

Lord,
make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.
Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022

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