

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 October 2022

First Reading Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is
tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not
at rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the
gift that God gave you when I laid my
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and
love, and self-control. So you are never to
be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but
with me, bear the hardships for the sake
of the Good News, relying on the power of
God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching
you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have
been trusted to look after something
precious; guard it with the help of the Holy
Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase
our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your
faith the size of a mustard seed you could
say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted
and planted in the sea", and it would obey
you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or
minding sheep, would say to him when he
returned from the fields, "Come and have
your meal immediately"? Would he not be
more likely to say, "Get my supper laid;
make yourself tidy and wait on me while I
eat and drink. You can eat and drink
yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful
to the servant for doing what he was told?
So with you: when you have done all you
have been told to do, say, "We are merely
servants: we have done no more than our
duty."'

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



Breast Feeding into Heaven

The loving gaze of a mother towards her
newborn simply gives rise to the
obligation to feed the baby. There is no
special reward for doing her motherly
duty. This is how Jesus sees 'good
works'. If we perceive our relationships
with people correctly, then so-called
'good works' are no more than our duty
and don't deserve special
congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed
from the dust of the earth, . . . a
manifestation of God in the world, a
sign of his presence, a trace of his glory'
(St John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* 34.2),
then that perception leads to certain
ways of relating which are obliging. Like
the servant in the story, we will have
done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you
and I are becoming the sort of creature
who can love unreservedly. We are
being readied to receive the free gift of
heavenly life.

We might take a moment to pause to
get our perception of human beings
correct so that our response may
prepare us for the free gift of heavenly
life.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven
and the earth, and all that is held within the
circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

1st Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



Prayer Requests

Sick: Helen Conlin, 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: Richard Paget. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Margaret Daniel (funeral St Patrick's Singleton 5 Oct 2pm). **May the rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Violet Edwards, Sullivan Coffey and Paterson Coffey (Branxton). **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 9 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		J Dries	Janssen Family	
Commentator		L Harrison	G Cattermole	*Volunteer needed	E Janssen	
Readers	P Conroy S Trunk	M Ingold *SCAE LEADER*	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe *Volunteer needed	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
Prayers		L Harrison	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	Offertory procession and collections can commence again.
Offertory	C & A Trunk	T Ernst		*Volunteer needed		
Rosary Leader		L Gorczyca				

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
3 October	4 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	5 October <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i> <i>St Francis Xavier Seelos</i>	6 October <i>St Bruno</i>	7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8 October	9 October 28 th SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <u>9.45am</u> Adoration and Benediction St Patrick's	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass 1st Anniversary St Patrick's Singleton	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>8.50am</u> Rosary <u>9.20am</u> LOTW St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton		<u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> SCAE 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.

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 (CHANGES):

16 Oct	Singleton 10am	4 Oct	Greta 9.20am
23 Oct	Singleton 7am	9 Oct	Greta 8.15am
28 Oct	Singleton 9.20am	11 Oct	Greta 9.20am
30 Oct	Singleton 10am	22 Oct	Branxton 6pm
		30 Oct	Greta 8.15am

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.

The office will then be open 10 October, closed 11 October, open 12-14 October, open 18-21 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 Patrick's First Anniversary Mass

St Patrick's Parish will celebrate their monthly first anniversary Mass on Saturday 8 October. Our prayers will be for the soul of

✠ Pauline McLaughlin

St Patrick's Parish holds Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour before Mass on Saturdays at 9am. We would like to invite and welcome you all to attend the Novena and our Anniversary Mass.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 12 October 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 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.



October - Month of the Rosary

For the month of October - the month of the Rosary - the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before each Mass in St Patrick's Church, Singleton. All are invited to pray to our Lady of the Rosary.

7 October is the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** and as the first Friday of the month, one hour of Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Rosary will be held after 9.20am Mass in St Patrick's Church.

The Rosary is said before Sunday Mass at Greta each week from 7.45am. All are welcome to come along.

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 on Saturday 15 October 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 6 October 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.

Bishop's Staff Day Invitation

Each year, the Diocese hosts a Bishop's Staff Day for everyone working in the Curia but in 2022 the event will be hosted across the week of 10-15 October each experience will give you a chance to see faith in action within our communities. It might be through learning about CatholicCare's Community Programs, the history of the Church within our Diocese or seeing students in action at one of our schools.

In Singleton, the experience commences at 9:30am from St. Patrick's Church, Queen Street, Singleton. The Hope Tree Group is an initiative of the Parish which has brought life to people in need across the globe. Learn how this outreach has been shared by the whole community. The day will include a special live Q&A session with the community supported by this outreach. Other locations are Lochinvar, Maitland, Taree, Forster, Raymond Terrace, Muswellbrook and Hamilton. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/bishops-staff-week/>

