

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

9 October 2022

First Reading

2 Kgs 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Tm 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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



Leprosy, AIDS and Salvation

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is diseased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
 Lord, who could stand?
 But with you is found forgiveness,
 O God of Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
 but those who seek the Lord lack no
 blessing.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

1st Reading: Ex 17:8-13

2nd Reading: 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

Prayer Requests

Sick: Helen Conlin, Austin Hoffman, 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: Wendy Pulcher, Val Pulcher and Alfred Pulcher. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Ricky Love. **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 16 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		J Brackenrig (Monday)
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	*SCAE LEADER*	*Volunteer needed	
Readers	M Thomas C Szumilas	D Clarke	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane *Volunteer needed	Gresham Family	
Prayers		L Gorczyca	P Boyd		J & A Phillips	Offertory procession and collections can commence again.
Offertory	J & S Stafa	J Gorczyca		*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	
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 10 October	Tuesday 11 October <i>St John XXIII</i>	Wednesday 12 October	Thursday 13 October	Friday 14 October <i>St Callistus I</i>	Saturday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>	Sunday 16 October 29 th SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Mass Bishops Staff Day 6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's 11.00am Mass Elizabeth Gates	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	7.00am Mass 10.00am SCAE 6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	8.50am Rosary 9.20am LOTW St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Mass St Brigid's Branxton		6.00pm Mass St Brigid's Branxton	7.35am Rosary 8.15am 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.

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:

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

Office Arrangements October

The office will be closed to facilitate the Bishop's Staff Day on Tuesday 11 October and then open 12-14 October, open 18-21 October, open 24 October, closed 26 October.

Daylight Savings Changes

Now that daylight savings has commenced, evening Mass times in Singleton will change to 6pm from Monday 3 October.

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.

The Rosary is said before Sunday Mass and before Tuesday morning Mass at Greta each week. 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.

Evangelise – A National Conference for Catholics

The National Centre for Evangelisation is getting ready to host an online evangelisation conference from Thursday 20 to Saturday 22 October. There will be a wide range of keynote presentations from well-known Catholic speakers from around Australia, on a variety of topics related to evangelisation and formation. You can find more information about the conference at www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au

Individual registration costs \$25 or a community can purchase five registrations for \$100.

A Day on the Gospel of Matthew

As the liturgical calendar leads to Year A and the Gospel of Matthew, we are excited to have Dr Michele Connolly rsj Associate Professor of Biblical Studies Catholic Institute of Sydney, visit the Diocese on Thursday 10 November 9am-3.30pm. In the Victor Peters Suite, the day will include both presentation and discussion around the literary structure, organisation, history and intended audience of the Gospel of Matthew. Issues for Interpretation, comparison with other Synoptic Gospels; the ancient historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds and Matthew's prominent themes will be explored. Several pieces of scripture will be unpacked and interpreted on the day. There will be a cost of \$25 which includes morning tea and lunch. Register at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-on-the-gospel-of-matthew-tickets-413966584197

aMen caMiNo Information Session

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. Dates for 2023 are *June 17-21, July 8-12 and August 5-9*. An online Information Session for people interested in attending the aMeN caMiNo in 2023 will be hosted on 9 November from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-2022-tickets-412683817407>



The Diocesan Social Justice Council invites you to its annual Mental Health Breakfast. The event celebrates National Mental Health Month. This year's theme is **BUILDING RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES AND CONNECTIONS**. Guest speakers from the State Emergency Service (SES) and The Rosewood Centre, will share their experiences working in our community to support people going through difficult times. Hear how these connections with others have helped build them up and keep them mentally strong. For more information or to book your spot, visit: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-social-justice-council-mental-health-breakfast-2022-tickets-413804058077

Dr Damien Price Retreat

The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People is hosting a weekend retreat next month with Br Damien Price, a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province who has worked in youth ministry for years. On Saturday 29 October if you are interested in exploring ministry with young people you can attend Encounter the Heart of the Shepherd from 9.30am-5pm in the Diocesan Offices. The next day, Br Damien will host The Smell of the Sheep where he will reflect on vision and strategy. For more info or to register, visit: <https://dcmyp.eventbrite.com.au>

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.edu.au

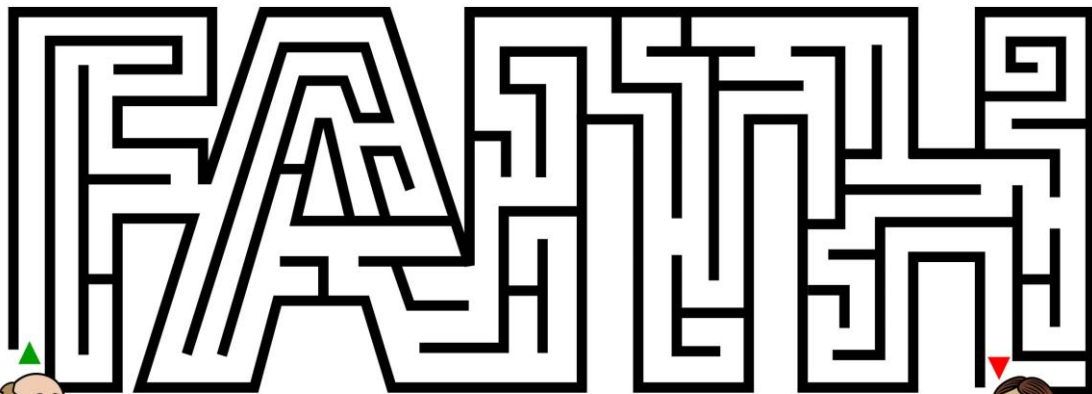


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Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h₂s way to Jeru₁₀alem.
- Te₈ lepers asked Jesus to take pi₅y on them.
- Jesus told them to s₆ow themselves to the pri₄sts.
- One of the men disco₃ered he was heale₁₅, and returned to Jesus, giving praise to ₁od.
- He b₁₂wed down at Jesus' fee₁₁ and than₉ed him.
- Jesus then told him, "et up and g₁₄. Your f₇ith has made you well."

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Help the leper find his way to Jesus.