

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

6 November 2022

First Reading **2 Mc 7:1-2,9-14**
*A reading from the second book of
Maccabees*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

*(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.*

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O
God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your
face and be filled, when I awake, with the
sight of your glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading **2 Thes 2:16-3:5**
*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to
the Thessalonians*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **Rv 1:5,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and
ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Lk 20:27, 34-38**
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke. (shorter form)*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put a question to him.

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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



Billy Elliott and the Resurrection

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?'

'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ord Time, Year C

1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20

2nd Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19



Prayer Requests

Sick: Helen Conlin, Victoria Diputado, Austin Hoffman, Maureen March, Warren Markham, Mick McCrone, Harrison McLachlan, John Ottery, David Patton, Jen Phillips, Peter Rouse, Vincent Smolenaers, Jane Winsor-O'Keefe and Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Frank Tierney. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Esther Odoh (Fr James Odoh's mother), Rosa Paguio Prewendido, Amelia Verdera Satana **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Florence Lombardo, Luca Lombardo and Memphis Reed (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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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 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 Brackenrig
Commentator		M Ingold	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	J Stafa S Stafa	*SCAE LEADER* D Lerch	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe *Volunteer needed	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
Prayers		M Ingold	*Volunteer needed	F King	E Janssen	Offertory procession and collections can commence again.
Offertory	C & A Trunk	J Gorczyca	*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	
Extraordinary Ministers	*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	M Stowe	*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
7 November	8 November	9 November <i>THE DEDICATION TO THE LATERAN BASILICA</i>	10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	13 November <i>33rd SUNDAY IN ORD TIME, YEAR C</i>
<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>11.00am</u> Mass Elizabeth Gates	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass 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> Mass St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> Healing Mass St Brigid's Branxton Followed by Morning Tea in Hall		<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:

		13 Nov	Greta 8.15am
20 Nov	Singleton 6.00pm	24 Nov	Branxton 9.20am
27 Nov	Singleton 10.00am	26 Nov	Branxton 6pm

Training for Lay Leaders of the Sunday Celebration in Anticipation of the Eucharist and Weekday Liturgy of the Word will be held on Thursday 17 November 2022 from 1pm in St Patrick's Church, Singleton. Please contact the office to put your name on the list.

All Soul's Month

The month of November begins with our celebration of All Saints Day (Nov 1) and The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day (Nov 2). During this time, we give thanks for saints, and remember our deceased relatives, friends and those who have no one to pray for them.

Envelopes are available at the back of each church to offer Masses for the faithful departed during All Soul's Month. Please place the envelopes in the offertory collection baskets at the back of the church. If you wish for specific names to be remembered by Fr Thomas, please write these on the back of the envelope. Family names will be printed in the bulletin.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

St Patrick's Women's Guild will meet at the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive, Singleton Heights, on Wednesday 9 November at 1.30pm. New members most welcome.

Senior Singles Lunch

The monthly lunch of the Senior Singles group will be held on Tuesday 8 November at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. All singles from Singleton and Branxton parishes are welcome to join us for a chat over a meal.

St Brigid's Church Rosters

St. Brigid's Rosters are currently being prepared and if you would like to be involved as Welcomer/Proclaimer of the Word/Offertory procession, please put your name down on the poster in the porch. Alternatively, if you no longer can be involved, please indicate on the poster. Thank you

St Brigid's Parish Anointing Mass

Branxton Parish Anointing Mass will be held on Thursday 10 November at 9.20am in St Brigid's Church followed by morning tea in the McAuley Hall. All are welcome.

St Brigid's Luncheon

The monthly St Brigid's Luncheon will be on Friday 18 November 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.

God's Word 2023

Copies of God's Word Daily Reflections for 2023 are now available at each church. The books are \$15. Please place payment in the envelope inside the book and return in the collection plate.

Hope Tree Group – Project 12 – Stoves for Burundi

The congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Burundi, East Africa need assistance to purchase five gas stoves for their community. This is Project 12 for the Hope Tree Group, a joint initiative of the Branxton and Singleton Parishes and their parish schools, St Catherine's College Singleton and Rosary Park, Branxton. More information about the project can be found on the posters at each church.

Cash donations can be left in the collection boxes at each church, placed in an envelope in the collection basket or you can transfer directly using the following details:

Account Name: CDF Agent 5565

BSB: 062 815

Account Number: 0032 8161

Reference: Hope Tree P12

Thank you to everyone who has already donated, \$700 has already been sent to the Sisters to purchase one stove.

Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill's death. To be held on Saturday 12 November, 9.30am for a 10.00am start and finish at 3.00 pm at the Victor Peters Suite, Newcastle West only. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch with those attending. The reflection purpose will be:

- To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people
- To pray, reflect and engage with one another
- To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles
- To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions

Registration is now open at

<https://dioreflexionday.eventbrite.com.au/> and closes on Monday 7 November.

Muswellbrook Parish Spiritual Retreat

The Muswellbrook Parish are pleased to announce that they have been able to reschedule their Spiritual Retreat. The retreat presented by the Divine Retreat Centre will now be held on Saturday 17 December 2022 from 9.30am-3.30pm in St James Catholic Church, 65 Brook Street, Muswellbrook. Please contact Monica Brown on 0409 913 453 or Colleen Kelly on 0402 242 273 to register. Morning Tea will be provided and please bring a plate to share for lunch. There is no charge for the retreat however a donation on the day to help pay the costs of transport for the team from Sydney would be appreciated.

Community Remembrance Day Service 2022

The Returned Services League of Australia, Singleton Branch invite the community to attend a Remembrance Day Service on 11 November 2022 from 10.15am in Burdekin Park, Singleton. The service this year will include the unveiling and dedication of Memorial Plinths containing the names of those from Singleton and district who served in the Second World War. The names of many former parishioners will be included on these plinths.

Mass for the Holy Souls

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.' Mach 2:12,46



Mass will be offered in November for:

- The family and friends of Albert & Anne Standing
- The Janssen, Tierney and Nowlan Families
- Family and friends of G Cattermole
- The Bendeich, Crouch and Stafa families
- The Stocks and Goodwin families
- The Markham, Thomas, Matthews, Payne & O'Gorman families
- The McAlister, Forman and Bartholomew families
- The family and friends of B & N Holz
- The Anderson and Ernst families

November Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of the church or are included with the planned giving envelope sets. Please place these in the offertory baskets to have a Mass said during November.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Memo: From Pandemic to Endemic Reimagining the liturgy in all its fullness and beauty

Mandatory self-isolation for those who test positive for COVID-19 ceased on 14 October 2022. The government has indicated that it is time to move beyond restrictions imposed on the whole community to empower and respect the choice of the individual. It is time therefore to remove the current COVID liturgical and pastoral advice and guidelines – [Continuing Life during COVID-19_ the New Normal Edition published 25 February 2022](#) – effective from 14 October 2022. A copy of the replacement memo: [From Pandemic to Endemic published on 31 October 2022](#) is available on the noticeboard of each church. Below are the observations and suggestions of the Diocesan Liturgy Council now that restrictions have been removed.

Use of Face Masks and Hand Sanitiser

While no longer mandated, NSW Health still recommends the use of face masks and hand sanitiser. Hand sanitiser will still be available at each church, and you are encouraged to use it as you enter and leave the church. Masks are a personal choice.

Welcomers

While COVID has shown that parishioners can pick up a bulletin and hymn sheet without someone handing it to them, Mass Welcomers are the friendly, engaging, smiling faces who: *welcome everyone; talk with strangers; show people what they need and help them find a place to sit if needed; introduce new people to someone they can sit with; put new parishioners in touch with the priest or appropriate parish leader.* Please consider adding your name to the roster to assist with this ministry.

Holy Water Stoops

Stoops have once again been filled with Holy Water to bless yourself as you enter the church. These will be changed on a regular basis.

Presentation of the Gifts

Presentation of the Gifts has been reinstated previously. Those bringing forward the gifts are asked to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the priest, who will take them and pray over them and place them on the altar. Those who presented the gifts can then return to their seats. Please consider adding your name to the roster to assist with this ministry.

Sign of Peace

The Rite of Peace is an expression of Christ's peace. It is recommended that the Rite of Peace is celebrated appropriately and does not unduly impact on the Fraction of the Bread. Members of the assembly should offer the sign of peace only to those who are nearest to themselves, and in a sober manner. It is not appropriate to walk around the church building to greet people.

Communion

It has been a long time since the Assembly has been able to receive Communion under both kinds. The principle of moving from imposed restrictions to individual choice suggests that it is time to offer Communion from the chalice to those who are longing to receive. This will commence from Sunday 13 November in our Parishes and as such Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are required to be rostered once again. Please consider adding your name to the roster to assist with this ministry.

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are asked to join the end of the Communion Procession as a means of reducing any risk to the broader assembly.