

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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C World Day of the Poor 13 November 2022

First Reading Mal 3:19-20
A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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



The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Christ the King, Year C

1st Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3

2nd Reading: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Lk 25:35-43



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: Most Reverend William Wright, Annie May Slattery. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Danuta Edwards **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Maisie and Wren Clement (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Weddings: Andrew Amodeo and Eilyn Charalambous (Nuptial Mass 19 Nov 2pm, Singleton). **What God has joined together let no man put asunder.**

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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Glendon Brook	<i>St. Paul's Catholic Church</i>	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	Contact: 6577 6168
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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MASS ROSTER - SUNDAY 20 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		G McMillan
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole			
Readers	C Trunk C Szumilus	K Ingold	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	S McAlister M Thomas	P Bridge	*Volunteer needed	*Volunteer needed	J & A Phillips	
Extraordinary Ministers						
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
14 November	15 November <i>St Albert the Great</i>	16 November <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i> <i>St Gertrude</i>	17 November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	18 November <i>Dedication to the Basilicas of Peter & Paul, Apostles</i>	19 November	20 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C
<u>8.00am</u> LOTW 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> LOTW	<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> SCAE St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>8.50am</u> Rosary <u>9.20am</u> Mass 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> 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:

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.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be open **Monday 14 November** and closed **Friday 18 November**. Please have all items for the bulletin to the office by Wednesday 16 November.

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.

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.

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 place in the collection plate.

Coronavirus Update – Amendments to Memo

In last week's bulletin, a memo from the Diocesan Liturgy Council was relayed to all parishioners.

In relation to receiving communion at Mass, further instruction has been received from Diocesan Administrator, Fr Greg Barker this week: *'With the spike in Covid variants currently crossing Australia please hold off from reintroducing the Chalice at Masses. The Bishops' Conference will be talking about it this week and although the advice from our Liturgy Council was good it would be prudent to hold off till I can re-advise you of our way forward at the end of this week.'*

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.

CLEANER WANTED

One day per week
for Presbytery cleaning

MORE INFORMATION

Parish Office
02 5507 4048



Become and SRE Volunteer

Did you know that some 50% of Catholic children are in state schools? Have you ever thought of spreading the good news of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with children? Have you ever thought about becoming a Special Religious Educator? This could be an opportunity for you to meet new people, discover new friendships and build quality relationships whilst mastering skills and confidence in Catechetics. You can make a difference in the schools within your parish! For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News to all is a great source of joy and meaning. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Pastoral Ministries team on 4979 1200.

Waiting with a Purpose – Advent Reflection

Waiting with Purpose is a resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am.

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837

Mass for the Holy Souls

*'The Lord will open to them
the gate of paradise,
where there is no death
only lasting joy.'*



Mass will be offered in November for:

- The family and friends of Frieda and Tony King
- The Campbell, Day and Mittmann families
- The family and friends of Karen Jones
- The Gee and Nowland families
- The Dunn and McShane families
- The Thomas and Enright families
- The Ryan and Thompson families
- The Bogan, Barry and Grant families
- The family and friends of Rosaleen James
- The Brady Family
- The Bridge and Kellner families
- Alix Pagala, Mary Robinson, Crisenciana Sicondo & Elsie Frost
- The family and friends of Craig & Maureen Flaws
- The Rapp and Brittliffe families
- The Wilcher and Klasen families
- Colin Crow, Lorna Merrick and the Thomas family
- The family and friends of Gerard McMillan
- The family and friends of Mila Stowe

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.

Branxton Parish Healing Mass



The morning tea was a wonderful occasion to catch up together following the Anointing Mass on Thursday 10 November.

A huge thank you to the Branxton Bakery for their generous donation of sandwiches.

God bless you all **Mercia**

