



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

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

28 May 2023

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.



Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Jn 20 19-23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia. COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.	Please pray for Sick: Warren Markham, Harrison McLachlan, John Ottery, Jen Phillips, and Sharon Wood. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers. Anniversaries: Russell Rapp and Mary McAlister. Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace. Recently Deceased: Tony Atkins, Rita Gresham, Brett McCosker and Alan Storey. May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them. Baptisms: Hallie Rinkin (Singleton), Hayley Stevenson, Eddie Doolan, Axel and Willow Handley (Greta). Called by name to be a child of God.
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES The Most Holy Trinity, Year A 1st Reading: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 2nd Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13 Gospel: Jn 3: 16-18	
MYSTERY OF FAITH <i>We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.</i>	<i>Due to Privacy Laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.</i>

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023						
	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	J Dries		J Woolley
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole			
Readers	C Harvey C Szumlis	K Ingold	J Tindale E Thomas	T Cochrane VOLUNTEER NEEDED	P Goodwin A Borg	
Prayers		L Gorczyca	C Langford	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	M Cunningham	<i>Welcomers are required each week.</i>
Offertory	S McAlister M Thomas	T Ernst	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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
29 May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	30 May	31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	1 June <i>St Justin</i>	2 June <i>St Marcellinus & Peter</i>	3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	4 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR A
OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
<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 & Adoration <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>5.30pm</u> <i>Confirmation Practice</i> <i>St Patrick's</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass 1st Anniversary <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>5.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>	<u>5.30pm</u> <i>Confirmation Practice</i> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> Confirmation <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.

Sacrament of Initiation: Confirmation

Candidates in both parishes will be attending formation sessions over the next few weeks in readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **All Parishioners are invited** to join the celebration with the candidate's families and friends in Branxton on Friday 2 June at 6pm and in Singleton on Friday 9 June at 6.30pm. Bishop Michael Kennedy will be conferring the sacrament at both liturgies.

The Singleton Sacramental Team is looking for singers and altar servers who are available for the liturgy. Please contact Leanne O'Brien or the Parish office if you can assist.

Bishop Visit to Singleton Parish

Singleton Parishioners are encouraged to mark their diaries for a visit from Bishop Michael Kennedy over the weekend of 9/10/11 June 2023. Parishioners are invited to join the bishop for a cuppa and a chat after 7am and 10am Mass.

Parish Councils

If you are interested in joining the *Parish Pastoral Council* or the *Parish Finance Council*, please speak with Fr Thomas for more information and to register your interest.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - Greta

The Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea was held on Sunday 21 May 2023 in Greta. They raised an amazing **\$758!** Huge thanks to everyone who helped with setting up, providing food, donations and to everyone who came along. It was a great morning of fellowship for a great cause!

St Patrick's First Anniversary Mass

St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 3 June 2023 at 9.20am. Prayers will be for the soul of *Brian Muller*.

At 9am each Saturday, St Patrick's Parish holds a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. We would like to invite and welcome you all to attend the Novena and our Anniversary Mass.

Senior Singles Lunch

The next Senior Singles lunch will be held on Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 12.00pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. All are welcome.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the St Patrick's Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 14 June 2023 at 1.30pm in the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive, Singleton Heights. All are welcome and we would love to see there.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Lunch

St. Brigid's Caritas Group will this year celebrate 30 years of being active in the Parish. Please join us for lunch on Friday 23 June 2023 for 12pm at Miller Park. All welcome. If you wish to attend phone Mercia 0447 819 889.

Mackillop Place Pilgrimage

This year's pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place will be on Friday 21 July 2023. Bus will leave Branxton at 6.15am picking up at Greta/Lochinvar/Rutherford/East Maitland. Cost will be \$60 which includes bus and museum tour and upgraded morning tea lunch at North Ryde RSL. Fr Thomas will be joining the pilgrimage and will say Mass in the chapel. Bus will leave Sydney at 3pm. All are welcome! Contact Mercia on 0447 819 889 to book your spot and names and money to be finalised by 6 July 2023.

Foreign Currency in Collections

Any donation to the collections at Mass and votive candles is very welcome. However, the parish is not able exchange small foreign currency notes and coins. Please keep these for your next trip or your collection.

Offertory Roster Volunteers

Now that restrictions have ceased, the rosters need to be filled with volunteers to bring the Offertory gifts forward during Mass. If you would like to fill this ministry in Singleton, please place your name on the roster on the noticeboard. In Branxton, please speak with Mercia or Sue and in Greta please speak with Lydia. St Patrick's rosters also have some ministries that need volunteers. Please see the rosters and place your name in the vacant spots.

Mission: Transform Lives – Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by visiting: www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities/ On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. For more information, call 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit www.palms.org.au.



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Explore Evangelisation – Toronto Parish

Join us as we explore:

Evangelisation

All Welcome!

Saturday 17th June

Time: 10:00 am - 1:30pm
At: St Joseph's School Hall
140 Wangi Rd, Toronto
Cost: Free

How can we share our faith with others?
Why do we need a missionary focus?

To register, email: torparish@mn.catholic.org.au
by Sunday 11th June.

Deacon Peter Pellicaan
Executive Director of the
Evangelisation Team in Brisbane

Bishop Michael's Visit to Branxton Parish

12, 13, 14 May 2023

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the bishop's first visit to the Branxton Parish such welcoming and enjoyable experience for him.

He was very spoilt with two birthday cakes over the weekend!

The photos below were taken by Fr Thomas, if you have any photos from the weekend that we can add to the album please email them to the Parish Office.

