

The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

4 June 2023

First Reading Ex 34:4-6, 8-9
A reading from the book of Exodus.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Dn 3:52-56. **R. v.52**
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorify to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 3:16-18
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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



REFLECTION
BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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LIVING THE GOSPEL

Sign of the Cross

Every time we bless ourselves or begin prayer with the sign of the cross, we reaffirm our belief in the Trinity. That seemingly simple prayer, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,' is, in fact, a confirmation of our belief in a triune God – three in one. The earliest use of the sign of the cross only involved tracing a small cross with the thumb or finger on the forehead as it is still done in baptisms or blessings today. Later, describing the shape of the cross on forehead, abdomen and shoulders became the common practice.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
1st Reading: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16
2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17
Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

MYSTERY OF FAITH
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Prayer Requests

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: Carl Thomas, Jason Thomas, Thlema Redgrove, Alex Thomas and Esma Burton. **Having returned to the Father may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Sue O'Neill (Bray). **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Darcy Farrell and Ethan Motbey (Branxton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Due to Privacy Laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

PARISH CONTACTS

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St Patrick's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
Singleton	St Patrick's Church	Queen Street Singleton 2330	Contact: 02 5507 4048
Broke	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	Wollombi Street, Broke	Contact: 0407 488 872 or 0458 626 299
Glendon Brook	St. Paul's Catholic Church	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	Contact: 0437 374 929
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
Branxton	St Brigid's Catholic Church	Station St, Branxton 2335	Contact: 0407 381 525
Greta	St Catherine's Catholic Church	Branxton Street, Greta 2334	Contact: 0428 485 025
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St Nicholas Early Education Singleton	Director: Ms Madison Keevill	Office: 02 4015 2860	Email: singleton@stnicholasmn.org.au
St Nicholas Early Education Branxton	Director: Ms Alex Stafford	Office: 02 4931 1220	Email: branxton@stnicholasmn.org.au

MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 11 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		
Commentator		L Harrison	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	J Stafa S Stafa	M Ingold	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe VOLUNTEER NEEDED	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
Prayers		L Harrison	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	Welcomers are required each week.
Offertory	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	J Gorczyca	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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
5 June St Boniface	6 June St Norbet St Marcellin Champagnat	7 June	8 June	9 June St Ephrem	10 June	11 June THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR A
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am NO MASS 11.00am Requiem Mass Rita Gresham St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am St Patrick's Singleton 6.00pm Confirmation St Patrick's	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton 5.00pm Mass Glendonbrook	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	9.20am Mass 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.

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 Singleton on **Friday 9 June at 6.30pm**. Bishop Michael Kennedy will be conferring the sacrament.

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

Bishop Michael Kennedy will be visiting the Singleton Parish next weekend - **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.

Eucharistic Adoration St Patrick's Church

Eucharistic Adoration will be held after Friday morning Mass each week in June. All are welcome.

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**.

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  Palms Australia 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.

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

Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Marriage Tribunal

Can we help you? The Church is aware of the stresses associated with marriage breakdown and divorce and understands that many people have questions about the processes which might allow a divorced person to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you have any questions or would like to have a confidential chat about your situation, please contact Jane at the Tribunal on 4979 1370. Flyers are available at the back of the church.

Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of pastoral/spiritual care. It is a qualification required by NSW Health for those wishing to become hospital visitors. It covers such topics as listening skills, empathy, grief and loss, self-awareness and hospital procedures. It is conducted over six Mondays from 9am to 4pm. A certificate is awarded on completion. The course starts on **17 July** and goes until **21 August**. Registration due by 1 July. For more information contact Fr. Roger Zohrab - Pastoral Care Coordinator. Mob 0408 151 481 roger.zohrab@health.nsw.gov.au



CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

The following candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 2nd of June at St Brigid's Church, Branxton:

Ellie Ayscough

Charlize Lott

Lachlan Bartley

Isaac Lunan

Elke Bereza

Addison Saxby

Ely Burg

Dante Sepulveda

Levi Cousins

Carter Swan

Liam Dobos

Leah Wishart

Ivy Hanlon

Hudson Wyatt

May the Holy Spirit bless you with the strength and wisdom to live God's holy way... the true path to a life of virtue.

CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION

The following candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th of June at St Patrick's Church, Singleton:



Sofia Abenes

Emiliano Aroca

Barney Arrowsmith

Willow Brooker

Jarvis Campbell

William Campbell

Indie Crawford

Josie Cruickshanks

Cooper East

Odhran Gibbons

William Hartmann

Ava Holland

Lucy Keen

Isabella Martin

Isla Martin

Matilda Martin

Noah McLachlan

Olivia Moberg

Leo O'Connell

Dean O'Leary

Evelina O'Nions

Cheran Perera

Cheshan Perera

Louie Shaw

Charles Slater

Harvey Spinks

Eli Sproule

William Stevenson-Byrnes

Remy Tanzer

Evelien van de Burgt

Brandon Vella

Alana Williams



Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this very special Sacrament of Initiation on their journey to become full members of the Catholic community.