

First Reading

Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v. 6.

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all
the days of my life.**

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,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness
shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be
rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:
full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants.
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my
oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the
wedding." But they were not interested: one
went off to his farm, another to his business,
and the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he said
to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as
those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests. When the
king came in to look at the guests he noticed
one man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, "How did you get
in here, my friend, without a wedding
garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION

BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and
gathered in 'all whom they found, good and
evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the
attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the
Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed,
whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the
wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are
here without a wedding garment?' The guest
might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty',
or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But
the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-
tied because he was caught out having
decided not to enter into the spirit of the
occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a
signal of commitment to respond to the spirit
of the occasion, by the wearing of a white
garment. This anticipates the later receiving
of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of
the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to
enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing
the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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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 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5 Gospel: Mt 22:15-21
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: *Phuong Ho, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Warren Markham, Harrison McLachlan, Joyce Meissner, Jen Phillips, Helen Ralston, Olga Roberts, Catherine Sneesby, Patricia Wilson and Sharon Wood. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.*

Anniversaries: *Mary Coffey, Margaret Dunn, Raymond Ryan. Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.*

Recently Deceased: *Joyce Meissner (20/10 1pm), Patricia Bendeich (24/10 11am), John Ottery, Alma Behringer (7/11 11am). May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.*

Baptisms: *Claire Stewart and Samuel Horne (Branxton), Solena Hidalgo and Ryanna Rodriguez Chaudhary. 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.

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Crow	J Dries		G McMillan
Commentator		L Harrison	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	H Rapp	
Readers	M Thomas P Conroy	M Ingold	H Ruigrok S Bates	R James D Cantrall	H Rapp O Brackenrig C Brackenrig	
Prayers		L Harrison	E Thomas	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	A Skardon	
Offertory	J & S Stafa	C Miller A Humphreys	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16 October <i>St Hedwig St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	17 October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	18 October <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>	19 October <i>St John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Com St Paul of the Cross</i>	20 October	21 October	22 October 29 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, A MISSION SUNDAY
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
<u>8.00am</u> LOTW <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> LOTW <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>11.00am</u> Mass <i>Mercy Home</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>Glendonbrook</i>	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	NO MASS		<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>8.00am</u> Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</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.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the entrance to the church. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding 02 49791390 or childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au for more information and resources.

Parish Update for this Week

This week Fr Thomas will be away from the parishes from Monday until Thursday. During this time, we have some visiting priests who have offered to say Mass. Fr John Pudua will say Mass in Singleton on Tuesday and Wednesday and Fr James Rushton, who is here from Germany for a wedding, will say Mass in Branxton on Thursday, a special 8am Mass in Greta on Friday, Singleton on Saturday morning and Greta on Sunday morning. Please make Fr John and Fr James very welcome.

Parish Schools Update

St Catherine's Catholic College and Rosary Park Catholic School will be attending Mass again this term and Fr Thomas will be making visits to the schools to speak with the children in their classrooms.

Please also keep the year 12 students of our parishes in your prayers as they sit their HSC exams over the next few weeks.

Visits to Our Housebound Parishioners

As a result of the Mission and Evangelisation Team Meeting, a committee has been formed to visit housebound and lonely parishioners. If you are aware of anyone in this position, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Julie Dunn on 0438 722 512.

Origami Flower Demonstration

If you have admired the origami flowers in St Brigid's Church, Branxton, and you would like to see how to make them, you are invited to attend a demonstration on Thursday 19 October, 10.00am in the McAuley hall. Morning tea will be served. All are welcome and if possible, please indicate if your attendance by phoning Mercia 0447 819 889.



St Brigid's Caritas Luncheon

The next St Brigid's Caritas luncheon will be held on Friday 20 October 2023 from 12pm in the Miller Park restaurant. All are welcome to join the group for lunch and fellowship over a meal. Please call Mercia 0447 819 889 to book.

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



St Patrick's Parish

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, where we honour Our Lady of the Rosary. Join us to pray the holy rosary in St Patrick's Church Singleton at 9:30am on Sundays in October before the 10am Mass. Rosary beads can be left in the basket at the back of the church to be blessed by Fr Thomas.

Advent 2023: With Anticipation and Joy

We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. With Anticipation and Joy is a Diocesan 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 and associated artworks. 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. To access the resource, go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>

We Need Your Help!

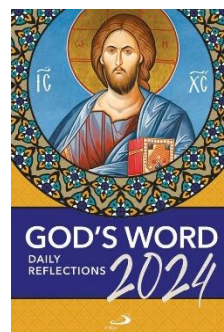
The Teachers of Special Religious Education in our Diocese undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith. Fortunately, there are amazing, generous people who play an important role in contributing to the formation of children. Unfortunately, there are not enough teachers to meet the demands of all the classes needed. Many children are missing out. All training and support is provided. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching, please contact us at formed@mn.catholic.org.au

Morocco Earthquake Appeal

A catastrophic 6.8 magnitude earthquake has struck the Kingdom of Morocco's High Atlas Mountain range, approximately 72km from Marrakech. Over 2,900 people have been confirmed dead. Thousands of people have been injured, over 1,000 critically. The time to act is now. Caritas agencies are on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs. Your donation today can help communities affected by the earthquake with vital emergency aid and essential items. Donate online: www.caritas.org.au/morocco

2024 God's Word – Daily Reflections

Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection.



For \$15 the **God's Word 2024: Daily Reflections** brings you:

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- Inspiring reflections by eminent Australasian spiritual writers;
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- Space to note down important events and personal reflections;
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Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



Freecall: 1800 257 296
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Appeal Weekend 21/22 Oct

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

THE HOLY ROSARY

traditional form

Each prayer of the Rosary is prayed in the following order on each bead or space between beads.

INTRODUCTION

1. Sign of the Cross
– bless yourself while holding the crucifix
2. The Apostles' Creed
3. Our Father
- 4-6. Hail Mary
7. Glory Be

FIRST DECADE

8. Announce the mystery
9. Our Father
- 10-19. Hail Mary
– meditate on the mystery
20. Glory Be

SECOND DECADE

21. Announce the mystery
22. Our Father
- 23-32. Hail Mary
– meditate on the mystery
33. Glory Be

THIRD DECADE

34. Announce the mystery
35. Our Father
- 36-45. Hail Mary
– meditate on the mystery
46. Glory Be

FOURTH DECADE

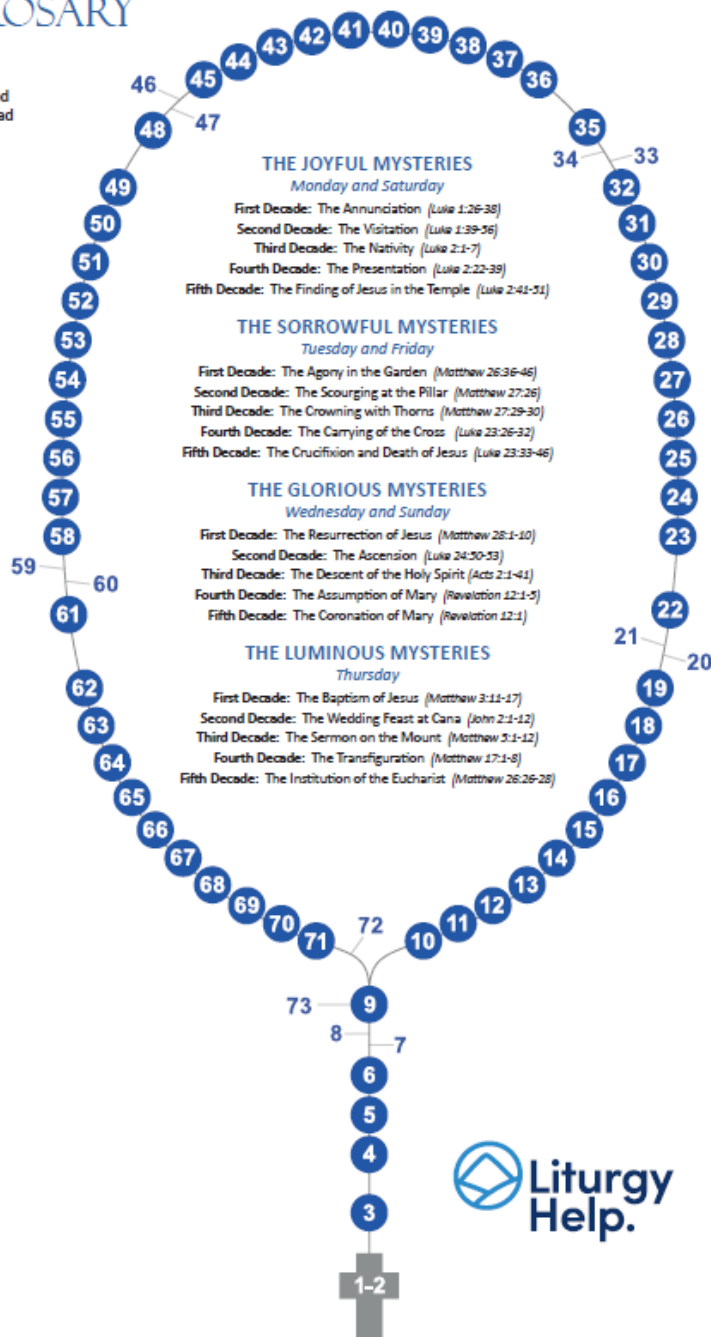
47. Announce the mystery
48. Our Father
- 49-58. Hail Mary
– meditate on the mystery
59. Glory Be

FIFTH DECADE

60. Announce the mystery
61. Our Father
- 62-71. Hail Mary
– meditate on the mystery
72. Glory Be

CONCLUSION

73. Hail Holy Queen
Sign of the Cross



PRAYERS OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER (the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you: blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (the Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN (the Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

