



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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B

2 June 2024

First Reading **Exodus 24:3-8**
A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Hebrews 9:11-15**
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bullocks and the ashes of a heifer are

sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.
He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 6:51-52**

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 14:12-16, 22-26**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.
And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'
After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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



**REFLECTION
BY NICK BRODIE**

Francis' Focus

Pope Francis points that at the Last Supper Jesus 'breaks himself apart'. In doing so, the Pope suggests, Jesus shows his followers 'that the aim of life lies in self-giving.'

The Pope reminds us that 'we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing.' In the fragility of the Eucharist, the Pope adds, we find 'the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared.'

The Pope also highlights how the Eucharist reveals 'the strength to love those who made mistakes.' It was on the night he was betrayed, with Judas at the table, that Jesus 'responds to Judas' "no" with the "yes" of mercy.'

'When we receive the Eucharist,' the Pope explains, 'Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the Bread of sinners.*'

'The Eucharist,' the Pope says, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' That being the case, this Sunday we might do well to ask ourselves what situation or person we are being strengthened to help.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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: Karl Bendeich, Basil Bendeich, Carmel Bendeich, Lorraine Cooper, Austin Hoffman, Noel House, Warren Markham, Cecily Agnew, Jen Phillips, Olga Roberts, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Lynneth Williams, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Jimmy Kennedy, Very Rev Gerard Flatley, Ken Wilton. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Trevor Ryan (Tues 4 June, 11am Singleton). **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Patrick Trappel and Harrison Crooks (Branxton). Max Ridge and Heidi Ridge (Singleton). **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 9 JUNE 2024

	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	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	J Dries	J Dries	J Brackenrig
Commentator		K Ingold	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	P Conroy M Thomas	SCAE LEADER REQD L Gorczyca	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe	T Janssen H Janssen N Janssen	
Prayers		K Ingold	P Boyd	F King	E Janssen	
Offertory	J Zaragoza K Zaragoza	C Anderson L Harrison	J Dunn M Jones	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
3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & companions</i>	4 June	5 June <i>St Boniface</i>	6 June <i>St Norbet St Marcellin Champagnat</i>	7 June <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	8 June <i>Immaculate Heart</i>	9 June TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00m</u> Mass <u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	<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> 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.

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.

It's Nearly Tax Time!

If you are one of our regular planned givers either via envelope or direct debit, you will find a tax receipt request form at the back of the church. Please complete and return either to the parish office or by placing in the collection plate. The form also asks if you would like to keep using envelopes for 2024-25.

If you would like to start to give to the Second Collection via envelopes or direct debit, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Annual Pilgrimage to MacKillop Place

This year's pilgrimage to MacKillop Place will be on Friday 23 August 2024. Cost is \$80.00 per person. Bus will leave Branxton at 6.15am and picking up at Greta, Lochinvar, Rutherford and East Maitland at 7am. Cost includes bus, morning tea, museum entry and Mass in the chapel at 12pm with Fr Thomas. You will need to buy your own lunch at North Ryde RSL. Bus will leave Sydney at 3pm. Numbers must be finalised by 12 July. Names to Mercia via the Parish Office or see Mercia at Mass. We encourage everyone to join us for the trip as it is a spiritually rewarding day.

Diocesan Cursillo - Save the Date

Come journey with us! A beautiful weekend of renewal prepared by the Diocesan Cursillo team, laypersons, religious and priests. The weekend is held at The Catalina Conference Centre, 171 Dorrington Rd, Rathmines from 7.30pm Thursday June 13 and concludes with Mass on Sunday afternoon June 16. The cost is \$360 which includes 3 night's accommodation, all meals/morning and afternoon teas, lovingly prepared by our catering team and all resources you'll need on the weekend. Please contact the following for a registration form: **Mike and Linda Norris** - mikelinda4@hotmail.com or **Gerard McMillan** - gimcmillan51@gmail.com

Senior Singles Group Monthly Lunch

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch catch up on Tuesday 11 June 2024 from 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. The group welcomes anyone living on their own to join them for conversation and comradery over a meal.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 12 June 2024 at the home Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive, Singleton Heights commencing at 1.30p.m. All are welcome and we would love to see there.

Sequence - Sing forth, O Zion

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,
In hymns and canticles divine;
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song
Worthy his praises to prolong,
So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays -
The living, life-dispensing food -
That food which at the sacred board
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord
His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong,
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,
The very music of the breast:
For now shines forth the day sublime
That brings remembrance of the time
When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall

They meet to keep the festival
That closed the ancient paschal rite:
The old is by the new replaced;
The substance hath the shadow chased;
And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done
Should be renewed while time should run,
In memory of his parting hour:
Thus, tutored in his school divine,
We consecrate the bread and wine;
And lo - a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given -
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:
Into his blood the wine is turned:
What though it baffles nature's powers
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,
There lie the mysteries adored:
The living body is our food;
Our drink the ever-precious blood;
In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides
The sacred food, which whole abides
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;
Be one, or be a thousand fed,
They eat alike that living bread
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,
With sure increase of grace or sin,
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:
Death to the guilty; to the good
Immortal life. See how one food
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament; but bold
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;
Deem not the whole doth more enfold
Than in the fractured part resides:
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;
The hidden deep reality
In all its fullness still abides.

This is my Body



This is my Blood

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord keeps all of his promises

Ex 24:3-8
Ps 116:12-13, 17-19ab, R. v.13
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

A L T A R T E A C H E R B P
 R X S B L O O D A A A J O Q
 L Z C U D L H O U S E P D G
 Z R V J V Q A H Z L F A Y T
 V I Y C O A G I Y B J S W Y
 Q P F B N Q A C U X I S G D
 O Q N N D E D P D Y X O C C
 K O I P R O M I S E S V P K
 D G R Y A O I Q X M X E H N
 N F K W O L A W S C K R B D
 P Y L U X L Q S R W I N E Q
 B D W I X K N A E X K F E N
 W Y M P M N J P B M O S E S
 K D G X C O L I V E S B E Y
 F F Y O B E Y X A M S D K T

Try to find these words:

- altar
- blood
- body
- house
- laws
- Moses
- obey
- Olives
- Passover
- promises
- teacher
- wine

Dear Lord,

Amen.

Write a prayer of thanksgiving to God that you can say before every meal.



Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?

