



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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

9 June 2024



First Reading **Genesis 3:9-15**
A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,
all wild beasts.
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.
I will make you enemies of each other:
you and the woman,
your offspring and her offspring.
It will crush your head
and you will strike its heel.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 129. R. v.7**

*(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. *(R.)*

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. *(R.)*

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak. *(R.)*

Because with the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. *(R.)*

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 12:31. 32**

Alleluia, alleluia!
The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 3:20-35**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Noel House, Warren Markham, Cecily Agnew, Jen Phillips, Olga Roberts, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Lynne Williams, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Hunter Valley bus accident victims, Morrie Allen, Esma Burton, Tina Janssen, Cyril Kealy, Pat Kenna, Carl Thomas and Jason Thomas. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Barry McTaggart (Tues 11 June, 11am Singleton) and Helen Sales (Thurs 13 June, 10.30am Branxton). **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

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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Glendon Brook	<i>St. Paul's Catholic Church</i>	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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St Nicholas Early Education Branxton	Director: Ms Stella Danks	Office: 02 4931 1220	Email: branxton@stnicholasmn.org.au

MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 16 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		M Ingold	G Cattermole		SCAE LEADER REQD	
Readers	H Hartcher C Trunk	L Harrison	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane	St Catherine's Staff	
Prayers		M Ingold	P Boyd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	St Catherine's Staff	
Offertory	M Thomas D Thomas	D Clarke J Clarke	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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 10 June	Tuesday 11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	Wednesday 12 June	Thursday 13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	Friday 14 June	Saturday 15 June	Sunday 16 June ELEVENTH 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> LOTW St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton <u>11.00am</u> Mass Mercy Home	<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> SCAE St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta	<u>5.30pm</u> Practice for Confirmation St Brigid's Branxton	NO MASS	<u>6.00pm</u> SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 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.

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.

Changes next week

The Parish Office will close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 11 June.

Mass in Singleton on Wednesday 12 June will be a lay-lead Liturgy of the Word while Fr Thomas attends the Council of Priests meeting.

There will be no Mass said in Branxton on Thursday 13 June 2024.

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.

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.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Lunch

St Brigid's Caritas will hold their monthly lunch on Friday 14 June at 12pm in the Miller Park Hotel restaurant. All parishioners are welcome to join the group for lunch. Please let Mercia know if you will be attending.

Cantor Formation

Anne Millard will be facilitating formation for those interested in joining the Cantor for Mass. The formations will be held at St Patrick's Church and the group will attend Mass at 5pm on Tuesdays 9, 16, 23, 30 July 2024. They will then stay after Mass for formation, finishing at about 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining these sessions, please contact Fiona Duque on Fiona.duque1@mn.catholic.org.au

Broke Bicentennial Celebrations

In conjunction with the Broke Bicentennial celebrations on 12 and 13 October 2024, a collection of wedding gowns and memorabilia will be on display in the Immaculate Conception Church in Broke. If you have any gowns you would like to add to the display, please contact Bernadette Tolson at Bernadette.tolson@gmail.com

Parish Property update

BRANXTON PARISH

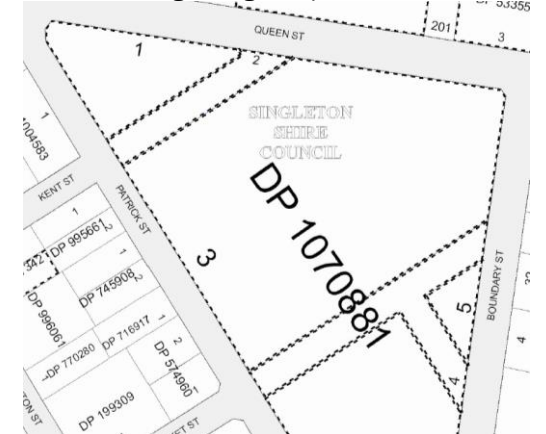
Over the past few years, the Branxton Parish has been in negotiations to sell the vacant lot of land at 46 Station Street between the old convent and old presbytery. This sale has now settled for the purchase price of \$380,000. Thank you to the Finance Council and the Diocesan Legal Department for their work on this sale.



SINGLETON PARISH

Singleton Parish have been in discussions for many years as to how the land which housed the old Catholic Junior School, in Patrick Street should be utilised. After the fire and subsequent demolition of the buildings, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle showed an interest in the land and after valuations being completed and agreed upon by the Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Property Management Team. The land has now been transferred into the name of the Diocese and the Parish has received \$4,000,000 for the parcel of land known as Lot 3 DP 1070881, 6 Patrick Street, bounded by Queen and Boundary Streets. The parcel of land is 18,460m² and includes the St Nicholas Early Education Centre and the house on the corner of Queen Street.

The Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils met on Wednesday 5 June 2024. The \$4m will be placed in a term deposit with the Catholic Community Fund while options for investing the money to create a sustainable income stream for the Parish can be investigated. Again, thank you to all who were involved over the years in discussions regarding this parcel of land.



A CELEBRATION OF INITIATION: CONFIRMATION

The following candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 14th of June at 6pm in St Brigid's Church, Branxton:



Indianna Auckram

Annabelle Lunnon

Bao Ngoc (Sussan) Pham

Annabelle Bielby

Noha Messenger

Gia Khang Pham



Nhat Minh Bui

Aubree Morgan

Nguyen Linh Dan Pham

Jack Cooper

Holly Nevin

Rafaela Ragonton

Jemma Dagg

Ruby Nevin

Rdenn Ragonton



Annalee Dooley

Ngoc My Y (Jenny)
Nguyen

Ellesse Skowron

Liam Hull

Phan Nhat Thien
(Johny) Nguyen

Sophia Theuma



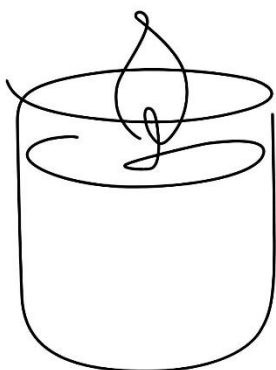
Cruz Johansen

Nhat Vy Nguyen

Alfie Thomas

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.

The whole Parish is invited to attend on Friday and support them.



We Remember

*'If one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all members suffer with that member'
(1 Corinthians 12:26)*

St Patrick's Church, Singleton will be open from 7am-7pm on Tuesday 11 June 2024, for anyone wishing to remember, light a candle and offer prayers for those who lost their lives in the Hunter Valley bus crash and for their family and friends.

Mass will be said at 5.00pm that day.

