



First Reading Job 38:1, 8-11
A reading from the book of Job.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the
womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling
bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to
cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**

For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**

They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 4:35-41
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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

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Francis' Focus

In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. 'We find ourselves afraid and lost,' he said. 'Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.'

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. 'We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,' he said, before adding that this meant we are 'all of us called to row together.'

Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call.

For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was 'in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.' Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us.

And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, 'once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.'

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
1st Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

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, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Lynne Williams, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

Anniversaries: Carmel Dunn. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

Recently Deceased: Olga Roberts, Irene Robinson, Rosemary Lorang, Stuart Johnstone, Peter Young (Branxton Weds 26/6 12pm). **May they rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.**

Baptisms: Hannah Bartley, Joshua Gould and Lucas Harris (Greta). **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 30 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 Woolley
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole		E Janssen	
Readers	P Conroy M Thomas	K Ingold	SCAE LEADER REQD P Boyd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
Prayers		L Gorczyca	P Boyd	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	E Janssen	
Offertory	S McAlister S Trunk	C Anderson L Harrison	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
24 June <i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	25 June	26 June	27 June <i>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, PATRON SAINT OF OUR DIOCESE</i> <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	28 June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	29 June <i>STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES</i>	30 June <i>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B</i>
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am Mass 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 Anointing Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	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 SCAE 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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024-2025

Planned Giving envelopes for 2024-2025 (commencing 7 July 2024) are available in each church from this Sunday to those who nominated to receive them. If you are interested in giving via envelopes for this year, please contact the parish office. If you wish to receive a tax receipt for your planned giving for 2023-24 and haven't let the office know, you have until Friday 28 June.

Parish Office This Week

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 26 June while Erica takes a trip to Scone to assist their new Parish Secretary.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Lunch

St Brigid's Caritas will hold their monthly lunch on Friday 12 July 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.

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.

Clinical Pastoral Education – Introductory Course

This course will be held at MacKillop Parish Centre, Milson Street, Charlestown from 9.00am to 4.00pm, commencing Monday 15 July. The course is conducted over six consecutive Mondays concluding on 19 August. Cost: \$500. For further information contact Fr. Roger Zohrab. Phone: 0408 151 481 Email: rzohrab@bigpond.com OR roger.zohrab@health.nsw.gov.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



SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Patron of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle

The title Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as the Virgin of the Passion) came to prominence when in 1866 Pius IX entrusted the icon, then newly discovered, to the Redemptorists. The icon shows four holy figures: the Virgin Mother of God, the Christ Child and the Archangels Michael and Gabriel. Mary is shown looking away from her Son to ourselves, ready to help us in time of need. Mary is showing her Son to us, directing us to Jesus the Word who liberates us through his suffering and death. Mary is the faithful disciple, ever open to the Word of God in her life.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, as the patron of our 'Particular Church', is celebrated in our diocese June 27, and in the diocese has the ranking of an obligatory Solemnity which includes First Vespers. In the Table of Precedence it ranks above Sundays of Ordinary Time.

PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God.

You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well.

We come to you today as your loving children.

Watch over us and take care of us.

As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms.

Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God.

Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you,
Mother of Perpetual Help.

Hope Tree Group - Project 16

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS IN ODISHA, INDIA



Project 16 for the Hope Tree Group was to provide financial assistance to purchase study materials for 500 underprivileged students in the state of Odisha, India. Odisha is one of the poorest states in India.

It was in Odisha that Australian Baptist missionary, Graham Steins, and his two sons were burnt alive while sleeping in their car in a remote village. On 24 December 2007, extremist Hindu organizations carried out a brutal assault on Christians during Christmas celebrations in the Kandhamal district of Odisha. The aftermath saw the destruction of 400 churches, 4,000 houses, and claimed 500 lives, with over 75,000 people displaced.

In 2018, Missionary Society of St Thomas (MST) Missionaries took up the challenge of evangelisation in this area and started working in over 90 remote villages in Kandhamal and few other nearby districts in the state.

The missionaries focused on educational and charitable initiatives together with establishing new Christian communities. The government schools are not running properly in these areas. In most of the primary schools only one or two teachers come few days each week and teach. Children go to school to have the midday meal supplied in the school. Missionaries established 42 tuition centres in these villages, offering remedial classes to over 1000 children.

Fr Joseph Cheriampanat, Episcopal Vicar for the Mission, requested funds to buy education materials like slates, pens, pencils and notebooks. In remote villages children still use slate and pencil for learning.

Donations received enabled the transfer of \$2200AUD to enable these resources to be purchased for the students.

While he was in India, Fr Thomas took a 2000km round trip to visit the schools and present some packs to the children. They were all very grateful for the assistance from the Hope Tree Group. He was also able to visit some of the churches and homes that have now been rebuilt after being destroyed in the 2007 assault.

Fr Thomas' visit also highlighted another issue for the students and teachers. Electricity in the area is often unreliable, especially at night when classes are being held. So, an additional \$100 has been donated from the Hope Tree Group to assist with purchasing battery operated lights and gas lamps to use in the learning spaces.

