



**First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24**  
*A reading from the book of Wisdom.*

Death was not God's doing,  
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of  
the living.

To be – for this he created all;  
the world's created things have health in  
them,  
in them no fatal poison can be found,  
and Hades holds no power on earth;  
for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable,  
he made him in the image of his own  
nature;  
it was the devil's envy that brought death  
into the world,  
as those who are his partners will discover.  
The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2**

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.*

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over  
me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the  
dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into  
the grave. *(R.)*

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour  
through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
dawn. *(R.)*

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning  
into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. *(R.)*

**Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15**  
*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians.*

You always have the most of everything –  
of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of  
keenness for any cause, and the biggest  
share of our affection – so we expect you  
to put the most into this work of mercy too.  
Remember how generous the Lord Jesus  
was: he was rich, but he became poor for  
your sake, to make you rich out of his  
poverty. This does not mean that to give  
relief to others you ought to make things  
difficult for yourselves: it is a question of  
balancing what happens to be your surplus  
now against their present need, and one  
day they may have something to spare that  
will supply your own need. That is how we  
strike a balance: as scripture says: The  
man who gathered much had none too  
much, the man who gathered little did not  
go short..

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death  
and brought us life through his gospel.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mark 5:21-43**  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the  
other side, a large crowd gathered round  
him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then  
one of the synagogue officials came up,  
Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his  
feet and pleaded with him earnestly,  
saying, 'My little daughter is desperately  
sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to  
make her better and save her life.' Jesus  
went with him and a large crowd followed  
him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered  
from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after  
long and painful treatment under various  
doctors, she had spent all she had without  
being any the better for it, in fact, she was  
getting worse. She had heard about Jesus,  
and she came up behind him through the  
crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch  
even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will  
be well again.' And the source of the  
bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in  
herself that she was cured of her  
complaint. Immediately aware that power

had gone out from him, Jesus turned round  
in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my  
clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You  
see how the crowd is pressing round you  
and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But  
he continued to look all round to see who  
had done it. Then the woman came  
forward, frightened and trembling because  
she knew what had happened to her, and  
she fell at his feet and told him the whole  
truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has  
restored you to health; go in peace and be  
free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people  
arrived from the house of the synagogue  
official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why  
put the Master to any further trouble?' But  
Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs  
and he said to the official, 'Do not be  
afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no  
one to go with him except Peter and James  
and John the brother of James. So they  
came to the official's house and Jesus  
noticed all the commotion, with people  
weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He  
went in and said to them, 'Why all this  
commotion and crying? The child is not  
dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him.  
So he turned them all out and, taking with  
him the child's father and mother and his  
own companions, he went into the place  
where the child lay. And taking the child by  
the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!'  
which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.'  
The little girl got up at once and began to  
walk about, for she was twelve years old.  
At this they were overcome with  
astonishment, and he ordered them  
strictly not to let anyone know about it, and  
told them to give her something to eat.

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

<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b> All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.
<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES</b> 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B <b>1st Reading:</b> Ezekiel 2:2-5 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:1-6
<b>MYSTERY OF FAITH</b> <i>When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.</i>

## Prayer Requests

**Sick:** Cecily Agnew, Mary Bailey, Karl Bendeich, Basil Bendeich, Carmel Bendeich, Lorraine Cooper, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Warren Markham, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Lynne Williams, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

**Anniversaries:** James Bailey, Fr Brian Bailey, Herb Banister, Flo Crouch, Leo Ernst, James Garner, Janina Gorczyca, Philomena Matthews, Ted Meyn, Kevin Nowlan. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

**Recently Deceased:** Bev Janssen (Mon 1 July 10.30am, St Patrick's), Noel House (Armidale) and Ian Ningiga. **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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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
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	J Dries	J Dries	J Brackenrig
<b>Commentator</b>		L Harrison	G Cattermole			
<b>Readers</b>	J Stafa S Stafa	A Humphreys	J Tindale E Thomas	T Cochrane	P Goodwin A Borg	
<b>Prayers</b>		L Harrison	C Langford	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	M Cunningham	
<b>Offertory</b>	C Trunk A Trunk	C Miller N Ernst	G Cattermole	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1 July</b>	<b>2 July</b>	<b>3 July</b> <i>ST THOMAS, APOSTLE</i>	<b>4 July</b> <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	<b>5 July</b> <i>St Anthony Zaccaria</i>	<b>6 July</b> <i>St Maria Goretti</i>	<b>7 July</b> FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>		
<u>8.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>Adoration &amp; Benediction St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <b>1st Anniversary</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>10.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>5.00pm</u> <b>SCAE</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.35am</u> <b>Rosary</b> <u>8.15am</u> <b>SCAE</b> <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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://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.

## **Parish Office This Week**

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday 3 July while Erica takes a trip to Scone to assist their new Parish Secretary.

## **St Patrick's Parish Anniversary Mass**

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 6 July 2024 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for Des March.

We also welcome you to join us to pray the Novena from 9am each Saturday.

## **Singleton Senior Singles Monthly Lunch**

The Senior Singles Group will meet for their monthly lunch on Tuesday 9 July 2024 at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. Any seniors who are single are invited along for a bit of camaraderie and chat over a meal.

## **St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting**

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 10 July at 1.30pm in the home Jennifer Tindale, 23 Oldknow Cres, Singleton Heights (enter via Willcox Ave). All are welcome and we would love to see you there.

## **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.

## **National Church Life Survey - Webinar**

NCLS Research is offering a free webinar on Thursday 27 June, 11am presented by Dr Ruth Powell, Director of NCLS Research to hear the latest findings on innovation in church life. Delve into the latest research on local churches' readiness to innovate and provide a 2024 snapshot of church planting activities based on the New Churches research project. This session will also feature insightful stories from guest practitioners who will share their first-hand experiences and valuable learnings.

To register: <https://events.humanitix.com/planting-the-future-innovation-in-church-life?c=rc>

You will discover:

- Latest national research on local church readiness to innovate
- 2024 snapshot of church planting activities
- Stories from guest practitioners as they share insights and learnings
- Interest for parishes

## **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](mailto:rzohrab@bigpond.com) OR [roger.zohrab@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:Bernadette.tolson@gmail.com)

## **Growth Formation Retreat**

Jesus, Light of the World Communities will be hosting a retreat in August. Over two nights and three days from 23 to 25 August, the retreat will include a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, workshops, discussions and an hour of empowerment. It's being hosted at the Collaroy Centre, accommodation is available from \$360 per twin share or \$450 for single. Call Helen on 0433 455 114 for more information or to book.

## **2024 NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia from 7-13 July to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme is **'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud'** and it celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

- Singleton NAIDOC Community Day will be held on Wednesday 10 July 2024 from 10am-2pm at the Singleton Showground. The event is open to the entire community so head along and enjoy the many activities planned for the day.
- Cessnock City Council are holding many events during the week. To find out what's on go to <https://www.cessnock.nsw.org.au/naidocweek2024>





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## *Congratulations*

**To all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation  
in Branxton on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 and Singleton on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024**



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## *Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle - 3 July*



Thomas was one of the twelve apostles, sometimes called Didymus, or 'the twin'. He is best remembered for his refusal to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw and touched the wounds of the crucifixion. (Hence the phrase 'doubting Thomas'.)

According to tradition, Thomas spent the rest of his life evangelising, particularly in India. It is believed he arrived there around 52 AD, landing on the Malabar Coast in what is now the state of Kerala. This region had established trade connections with the Middle East and the Roman Empire, facilitating cultural and religious exchanges. St. Thomas is believed to have preached primarily among the Jewish communities settled along the coast, as well as among the native population.

An apocryphal book called "Acts of Thomas" specifically narrates the travels and deeds of the apostle Thomas, including his mission to India. It is considered one of the major texts in the genre of apostolic acts. These texts provide insights into early Christian beliefs, practices, and legends surrounding the apostle.

The apostle's mission is often associated with the establishment of 7 Christian communities. These early Christian settlements, referred to as the St. Thomas Christians or the Syro-Malabar Church, continue to exist to this day, preserving ancient traditions and practices that trace their origins back to St. Thomas himself. There are 35 dioceses for the Syro-Malabar Catholics all over the world. In Australia, a diocese was established for the Syro-Malabar Catholics in 2013. Syro-Malabar Rite Mass is celebrated every Sunday in Our Lady of Victories church in Shortland.

This feast day is of great importance for Fr Thomas who belongs to the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle, which derives its charism from St Thomas. Singleton and Branxton parishes have been served by MST missionaries since 2012. Please pray for MST and its missionaries serving in different parts of the world.