



<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b> As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b> The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES</b> 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B <b>1st Reading:</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Ephesians 2:13-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:30-34
<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:** Silvino Diputado, Marie Garner, Neville Garner, Maurice Garner. **Having returned to the Father, may they rest in peace.**

*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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<b>Schools in our Parishes</b>			
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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 21 JULY 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		J Dries	J Dries	G McMillan
<b>Commentator</b>		M Ingold	G Cattermole		<b>SCAE LEADER REQ'D</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	P Conroy S Trunk	L Gorczyca	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane	St Catherine's Staff	
<b>Prayers</b>		M Ingold	P Boyd	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	St Catherine's Staff	
<b>Offertory</b>	L Waters Family	C Miller A Humphreys	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		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
<b>15 July</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	<b>16 July</b> <i>Our Lady of Mt Carmel</i>	<b>17 July</b>	<b>18 July</b>	<b>19 July</b>	<b>20 July</b> <i>St Apollinaris</i>	<b>21 July</b> SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>		
<u>10.30am</u> <b>Funeral Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton  <u>11.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> 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> <b>Mass</b> St Catherine's Greta		<b>NO MASS</b> St Brigid's Branxton		<u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> <b>Mass</b> 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au) for more information and resources.

## **Parish Office Hours for July**

Other than the usual Monday closure, the Parish office will be closed on **Thurs 18 July** and for the week of **22-26 July**.

## **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.

## **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).

## **Signs of Hope – People of Faith**

Singer-guitarist Peter Kearney presents at concert-reflection hosted by Chisholm Pastoral Region on **Thursday 18 July, 6.30pm** in St. John the Baptist School Hall, 12 Victoria Street, Maitland. Donations welcome. There will be a BBQ from 6.00pm and refreshments provided at interval. Bookings essential to Bec Piefke: [rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rebecca.piefke@mn.catholic.org.au) or 02 4933 8918. Peter's concert will weave songs, stories, and reflections about people whose faithful lives brought hope and compassion into our world. Peter's hymns and songs, published in fifteen albums, include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where is Your Song my Lord?'. Some of his compositions are included in the As One Voice hymnal.

## **Follow the Yellow Brick Road this August**

Tickets are now on sale for St Catherine's Catholic College's production of The Wizard of Oz! Students and staff having been working hard all year to bring this show to life for their college family and friends and the wider Singleton community! Show times are **Friday 16 August** at 6.30pm and **Saturday 17 August** at 2.00pm and 6.30pm.

Tickets available via <https://www.trybooking.com/CTBXU>  
Adults \$20, Students/Concession \$10 and Family of 4 \$50.

## **aMeN caMiNo Community Walk**

We invite you to sample the aMeN caMiNo experience through this Community Walk on **Saturday 17 August 2024** from **8am-11am** beginning at Merewether. Register your Interest here: <https://forms.office.com/r/w3tX1w69t3>.

## **aMeN caMiNo Seasons of Creation Weekend Retreat**

Join us for an aMeN caMiNo weekend experience during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. This caMiNo is suitable for both beginners and experienced walkers. It offers a one or two-day experience on **7 and 8 September**. For more information visit our website: [mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino](http://mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino).

## **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.

## **Scone Film Festival – The Way, My Way**

Starring Chris Haywood, **THE WAY, MY WAY** is the charming and captivating true story of a stubborn, self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the 800-kilometre-long Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. He doesn't know why he's doing it... but one step at a time, it will change him and his outlook on life forever. Based on Bill Bennett's best-selling memoir of the same name. The movie will be showing at the Scone Films Pop Up Cinema, Cnr of Oxford Rd and Cooper St Scone on **Friday 26 July**. Tickets are available via [www.sconefilms.org.au](http://www.sconefilms.org.au) or at the Green Seed Grocer, Scone or with cash at the door. For more information go to <https://www.sconefilms.org.au/>

## **Can You Help CatholicCare Make a Difference?**

A single mum, three couples from Afghanistan, a university student, and dozens of school students – these are just a few of the people CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has supported in the last couple of months. As a not-for-profit organisation, we can't do this work without the generosity of our community. Can you help us to support more? Donate now: [www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference](http://www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference).

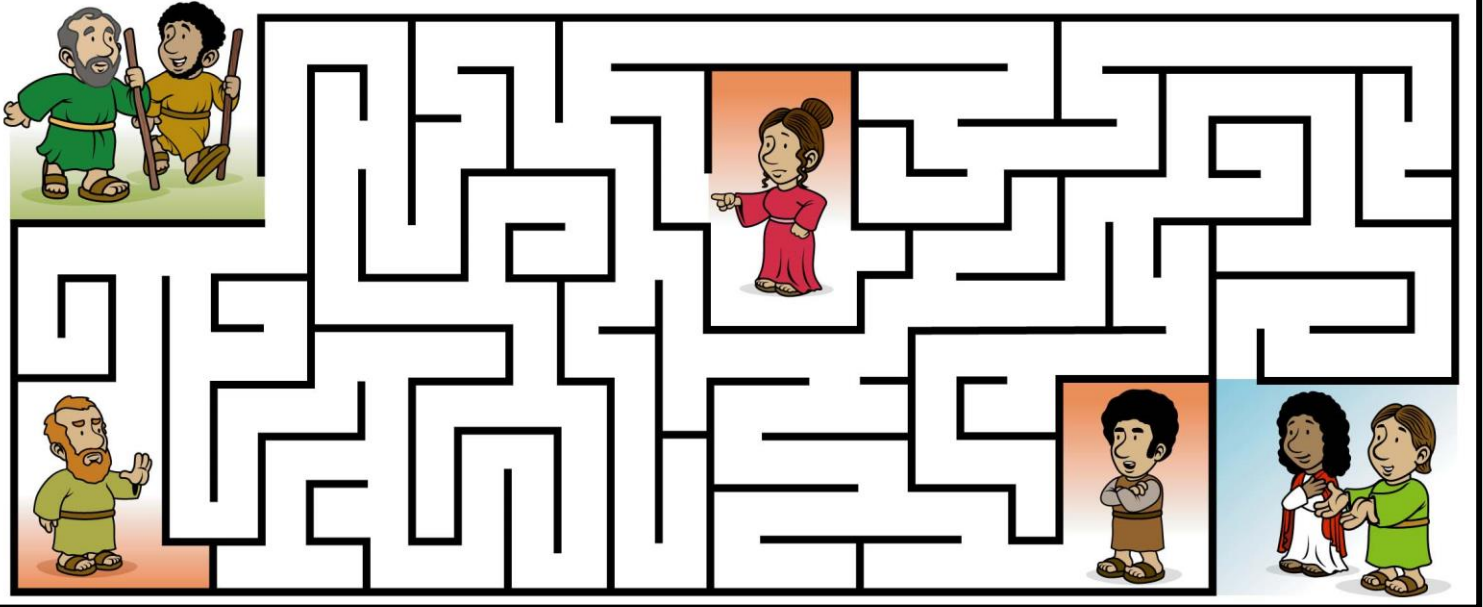
## **Sea Sunday 2024**

### **SEAFARERS NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER**

You rely on seafarers, but they need your help also! More than 90% of the world's goods and fuels are transported around the world, thanks to seafarers. Without them the world economy would grind to a halt. This would place businesses and millions of jobs around the world in jeopardy. Day and night for 365 days per year, the Mission is on call providing help for seafarers in over 200 ports around the world. For more information on our work visit [www.mts.org.au/seasunday](http://www.mts.org.au/seasunday)



Peter and John are on their way to spread God's message to others. Help them find their way through the maze where they will find people who will welcome them and listen to their message. Keep an eye out for those who look unwilling to listen!



## Have you thought?

### Sent in pairs

It is interesting that the disciples were sent out in pairs. It is indicative of the fact that such ministry is difficult to accomplish alone. When we are engaged in ministry it is important that we seek and provide mutual support. Whether it is a hospitality ministry at Sunday Mass, visiting the sick, or a street ministry to the homeless, we will feel more confident and willing to reach out to others if we know that we are sharing that ministry and are supported by others. It is important to invite others to join in our ministry but it is also important to make sure that we support them as they enter into it.

## Living the gospel

### Travelling Light

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

## Scriptural Context

### Mission and Ministry

This seems an odd event in the narrative of the Gospel of Mark. The twelve are sent out and we are told that they 'cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them'. After a diversion to explain the fate of John the Baptist the gospel picks up again by simply stating that the disciples returned and reported all they had done. There is no explanation of why Jesus sent them out; no indication of how long they travelled; no evidence of what reception they were given. This was a prelude to the later ministry that would be performed; it was an instruction by Jesus for how the mission was to be carried on.



## Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St Bonaventure joined the order of Franciscans in 1243 and was soon recognised for his intellectual talents. He was sent to study in Paris where he taught and preached for many years. He was a contemporary of St Thomas Aquinas, with whom he defended the mendicant friars against their opponents. In 1257, Bonaventure was elected as the head of the Franciscans, and has since been considered the greatest friar minor since St Francis of Assisi himself. He wrote important works on theology, philosophy and mysticism, and was declared a doctor of the church in 1588.