

**First Reading**

**Numbers 11:25-29**

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

**James 5:1-6**

*A reading from the letter of St James.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the

last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**See John 17:17**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your word, O Lord, is truth:**

**make us holy in the truth.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**SEASON OF CREATION  
REFLECTION  
BY NICK BRODIE**

*Twice in today's Gospel Jesus refers to the everlasting fire of hell. Better to lose a hand or an eye than endure that, he says, making some dramatic points about sin and sacrifice.*

*At this moment in human history Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical Laudato Si', climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark.*

*On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action.*

*On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity.' When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
**1st Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24  
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 2:9-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

**MYSTERY OF FAITH**  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**We remember in our prayers:**

**Sick:** Cecily Agnew, Mary Bailey, Lorraine Cooper, Tony Ernst, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Kelvin Landers, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Ross Timmins, Colleen Torrington, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**

**Baptisms:** Angus Nowlan (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

**Anniversaries:** Hilton Cox, Greg Ernst, Monica Kenna, Bill Ryan, Marie Sutton, Brian Stocks. **Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.**

*Mass intentions may be written on an envelope and placed on the collection plate, emailed or phoned to the Parish Office by 12pm Wednesday. Mass offering envelopes are available in each church. Please write details clearly to avoid errors. A reminder that you need the permission of the person or their family to enable names to be published.*

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 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 Gorczyca	G Cattermole	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>		
<b>Readers</b>	P Conroy M Thomas	K Ingold	<b>SCAE LEADER REQD</b> J Tindale E Thomas	T Cochrane	P Goodwin A Borg	
<b>Prayers</b>		L Gorczyca	C Langford	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	M Cunningham	
<b>Offertory</b>	S McAlister S Trunk	C Anderson L Harrison	G Cattermole	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
<b>Rosary Leader</b>		L Gorczyca				

*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>30 September</b> <i>St Jerome</i>	<b>1 October</b> <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	<b>2 October</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<b>3 October</b>	<b>4 October</b> <i>St Francis of Assis</i>	<b>5 October</b> <i>St Faustina Kowalska</i>	<b>6 October</b> <i>27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B</i>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>		
<u>8.00am</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass <b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> SCAE <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>5.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<b>No Mass</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<b>No Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> Mass <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.

## **Changes this Week**

Fr Thomas and all the Diocesan clergy will be attending retreat from 30 September till 4 October. No Masses will be said during this time.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 3 October.

## **God's Word Daily Reflections 2025**

The ideal companion for the 2025 Holy Year. This edition has been prepared for Australia and New Zealand and contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. A life-changing companion to nourish you, help make God's Word the foundation of your life, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others.

- Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible.
- Liturgical information of the day, including feasts and memorials of saints.
- Space to note down personal reflections, and important events.
- Produced in flexi-cover format with attractive colour designs.

**To order, complete one of the marked envelopes available at the church, include your \$15 and place on the collection plate or bring to the office. Your copy will be sent to the church for you to collect.**

## **Hope Tree Group – Project 19 Water Tanks Burundi**



Sr Cecile from the congregation of Immaculate Heart of Mary (Bene Maria) in Burundi has contacted the Hope Tree Group to assist with installing new water tanks at the hostel where students stay to attend school. At the moment, they are collecting

water from the river and transporting back to the hostel to use. You may remember that we assisted the children by supplying new mattresses in the hostel.

The Hope Tree Group is hoping to donate \$1800 for two new tanks to be installed. Cash donations can be left in the donation box at each church or donate online by clicking the DONATE button on our website [www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au](http://www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au) and scrolling to the details for Hope Tree Group.

## **2025 Columban Calendars**

Julie Dries will be selling 2025 Columban Calendars at St Patrick's Church, Singleton for \$10. If you are not in Singleton and would like a calendar, please place money in an envelope marked "2025 Calendar" on the collection plate and your calendar will be sent to your church.

## **Daylight Savings Starts 6 October 2024**



Summer is on the way! And with it comes the commencement of daylight savings at 2am on Sunday 6 October 2024, evening Mass times in Singleton will change to 6pm from Monday 7 October.

**Evening Mass on Sunday 6 October will be said at 5pm.**

## **2024 Public Rosary – October is Month of the Rosary**

The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer.

Join the nation-wide rosary chain at **St Catherine's Church Greta** on Saturday 12 October from 10.00am. As this is an outdoor event, please bring along a chair should you need to be seated during the Rosary. If you have any questions, please contact Darryl Clarke.

You can also join the public Rosary at **St Brigid's Branxton** on Saturday 12 October from 5.30pm around the statue of Mary in the grounds of the old St Brigid's School. These public Rosaries are to commemorate the 106th anniversary of the miracle at Fatima.



## **St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass**

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 5 October 2024 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for Patricia Bendeich, Peter Evans and Joyce Meissner and all those whose anniversaries occur in October. We also welcome you to join us to pray the Novena from 9am each Saturday.

## **Senior Singles Lunch**

The Senior Singles Group will meet for lunch on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. All are singles are welcome and we would love to see you there.

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

The Women's Guild next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 October 2024 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.

## **Ordination of Solomon Okovido**

The Ordination of Solomon Okovido will be on Saturday 23 November at 10am at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West. A bus has been arranged to take those parishioners who wish to attend. It will leave from Singleton at 8am and collect in Branxton, returning at 2pm. If you would like to book a seat on the bus, please contact the Parish Office 55074048. **Seats are limited.**

## **Want To Keep in Touch?**

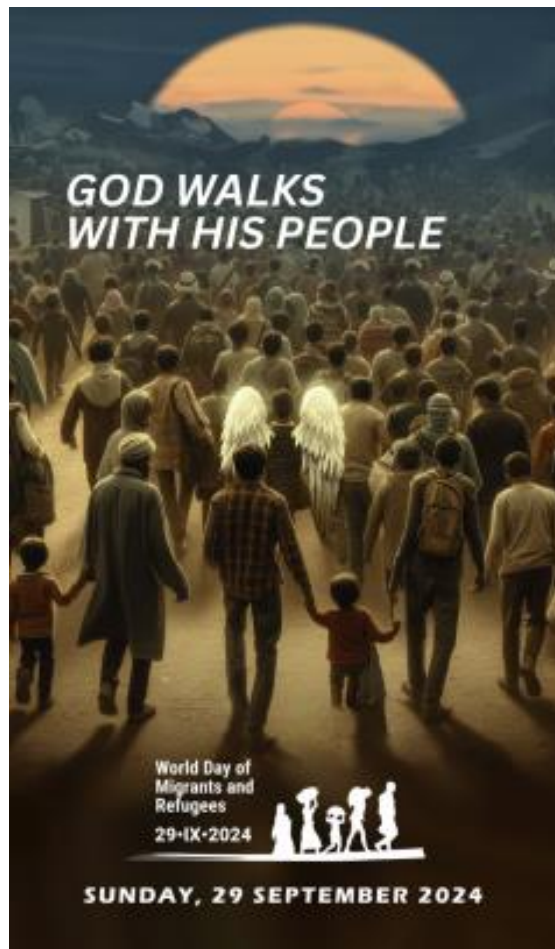
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## **Scone Parish – Position Vacant**

Scone Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary, 14 hours per week. Hours are flexible and can be worked across Tuesday to Friday. To apply, find the vacancy advertised on the Diocese website under Careers, Diocese positions vacant: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions) Ring Fr Graham Fullick for more info on 6545 9911

## 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

On September 29, 2024, the Catholic Church will commemorate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This special day, marked annually, serves as a reminder to pray, reflect, and take action for those who have been forced to leave their homes in search of safety, dignity, and a better future. The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE."



*Prayer*  
God, Almighty Father,  
we are your pilgrim Church  
journeying towards  
the Kingdom of heaven.  
We live in our homeland,  
but as if we were foreigners.  
Every foreign place is our home,  
yet every native land  
is foreign to us.  
Though we live on earth,  
our true citizenship is in heaven.  
Do not let us become possessive  
of the portion of the world  
you have given us as a temporary home.  
Help us to keep walking,  
together with our migrant  
brothers and sisters,  
toward the eternal dwelling  
you have prepared for us.  
Open our eyes and our hearts  
so that every encounter with those in need  
becomes an encounter with Jesus,  
your Son and our Lord.  
Amen.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the  
110th World Day of  
Migrants and Refugees 2024



## Pray for Year 12 Students 2024

*Heavenly Father, please be with these students as they go where they do not know.*

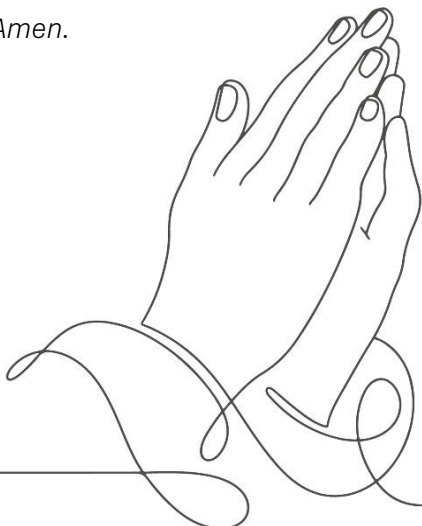
*As they seek to grow in knowledge, we ask that they grow in faith.*

*As they start to conquer the world, we hope that they live with integrity.*

*As they strive to find their place, we hope they live in harmony with the world and those around them.*

*Please go with them Lord, where we cannot, protect them when we cannot, give them strength that we cannot, and bring them safely home.*

*Amen.*



Please keep the Year 12 students of our parishes in your prayers as they complete their final days at school and then start their preparations for their HSC exams and their lives after school.

We especially pray for these students from St Catherine's Catholic College, Singleton:

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| • Matilda Adamson | • Ashlee Kramer    |
| • Jaslin Boyd     | • Kieran MacMillan |
| • Kyan Chittick   | • Ocearna Matthews |
| • Grace Dicks     | • Alicia Newberry  |
| • Jasmine Ferrie  | • Chloe Oliver     |
| • Chloe Frederick | • Hugh Partridge   |
| • Ariyelle Geale  | • Thomas Pearce    |
| • Aurora Gestier  | • Harrison Rowe    |
| • Savannah Gooze  | • Jesse Shaw       |
| • Phoebe Harris   | • Reena Soriano    |
| • Hugh Janssen    | • Amelia Sternbeck |
| • Emma Jupp       | • Matilda Tanks    |
| • Kane Kirk       | • Taleea Whitney   |

*Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

*Colossians 3:17*