



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

WORLD MISSION DAY

20 October 2024

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life

and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over

he shall see the light and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,

taking their faults on himself.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love.

to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve

and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



**REFLECTION
BY FR MICHAEL TATE**

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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to the banquet 

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52
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, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Ross Timmins, Colleen Torrington, Sharon Wood. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies and send strength to their carers.**

Baptisms: Hayley Waters and Maggie Johnston (St Pats Saturday), William and Henry Shannon and Bonnie Merrick (Branxton), Amaylie Palmer and Alby Scanlon (St Pats Sunday). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Anniversaries: Frank McAleer, Ian Searston, Willena Braham, Victor Wilcher, Evelyn Meyn, Errol Redgrove.

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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St Nicholas Early Education Branxton	Director: Ms Stella Danks	Office: 02 4931 1220	Email: branxton@stnicholasmn.org.au

MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	J Dries	J Dries	J Woolley
Commentator		M Ingold	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	H Rapp	
Readers	P Conroy S Trunk	L Gorczyca	S Bates	R James D Cantrall	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
Prayers		M Ingold	E Thomas	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	A Skardon	
Offertory	L Waters family	C Miller A Humphreys	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Skardon Family	
Rosary Leader		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
21 October	22 October <i>St John Paul II</i>	23 October <i>St John of Capistrano</i>	24 October <i>St Anthony Claret</i>	25 October	26 October	27 October 30 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	6.00pm Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.20am Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	6.00pm Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.20am Anointing Mass 10.00am Kinder Transition Liturgy <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> 6.00pm SCAE <i>Glendonbrook</i>	7.00am Mass 10.00am SCAE 6.00pm Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	9.20am Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		9.20am Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		6.00pm Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	7.35am Rosary 8.15am 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 or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au for more information and resources.

Changes for October

Thank you to Fr John Tobin who will be saying Mass alternating with Greta and Branxton in October and November.

The Parish Office will be OPEN Monday 21 October, CLOSED Thursday 24 October, OPEN Monday 28 October from 11.30am-3pm and OPEN Wednesday 30 October from 9am-12pm.

Catholic Mission Appeal

This weekend, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. **The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

St Brigid's Branxton – Anointing Mass

Anointing with the Oil of the Sick for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing will be offered during Mass at St Brigid's Church, Branxton Thursday 31 October 2024, 9.20am. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the McAuley Hall. All are welcome to attend.

November All Souls Mass Greta

All Holy Souls and those who have died this year will be remembered during Mass on Sunday 3 November at St Catherine's Church, Greta. There will be a chance for those in attendance to come forward and light a candle in remembrance.

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 at no cost to the traveller. 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. **Please book as soon as you can!**

Solomon will be offering a Thanksgiving Mass for the parishes of Singleton and Branxton on Saturday 30 November at 10.30am as thanks for all the support he has received. All are invited.

Do You Have Super Computer Skills?

We are looking for someone to operate the laptop during Mass at St Brigid's Branxton to project the PowerPoint presentation. If you have the skills to help with this ministry, please speak with Fr Thomas, Mercia or Sue at Mass. The PowerPoint will be prepared at the Parish Office, so you will be responsible for connecting the laptop to the screens and clicking through the slides during Mass.



**'Never see a need without trying to do something about it'
Saint Mary MacKillop**

Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

Dear brothers and sisters, it is now some time since my predecessor, Bishop William Wright, established the Perpetual Day of Remembrance in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to remember those who have suffered abuse at the hands of people who were entrusted with their protection. It is an occasion when we come together in prayer for all those affected by abuse and commit to ensuring that the past failings are never repeated. The purpose for which this day was established remains ever important. Nevertheless, the way in which it is commemorated may be subject to change to ensure that its purpose is best achieved and that it remains meaningful. To this end, I invite you to complete a brief survey to help inform this process, so that we can make informed decisions about how the Perpetual Day of Remembrance might most effectively be commemorated into the future. Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Michael Kennedy.

You are invited to complete the survey online <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2Dkekm06p1j2g-rKGw3FMgElsb6gNjVIUNE1KVUEvFVILNDVENDhJUKVQTzU4Tzk2TyQI0CN0PWcu&route=shorturl>

or copies of the survey are available at each church. Please complete and return so they can be sent to the Bishop's Office by 29 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. Your copy will be sent to the church for you to collect. Copies can also be purchase from Parish Office.

GambleAware Week

Next week is GambleAware Week (21-27 October), an initiative aimed at increasing community awareness of the risks of gambling and gambling harm. CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning operates GambleAware Hunter New England within the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. It is a free counselling and gambling-related support service for people who gamble, and their families and friends. For more information, visit www.catholiccare.org.au/services/counselling-and-clinical-services/gambleaware-counselling



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SCAN ME



“Todos, todos, todos”

Pronounced by Pope Francis in Portugal during World Youth Day 2023, the phrase “*Todos, todos, todos...*” (everyone, everyone, everyone...) resonated in the hearts of many.

Building on this inclusive message, Pope Francis published his World Mission Sunday message with a key theme from Matthew 22:9 of “*Go and invite everyone to the banquet*”.

This message of inclusion raises the question of what unites us all and presents a valuable opportunity for growth and unity, as it requires everyone to open their hearts and minds to each other.

Guided by the Gospel, we can find answers to creating ways of inclusion and dialogue.

The Gospel is made to gather and not divide, to invite and not to exclude. This is the message Pope Francis shares, reminding everyone of the importance of sharing the Gospel and, above all, reaching out to all by inviting them to be part of the celebration we call “life,” as we all have a seat at the table.

The Gospel has transferable values that help create bridges of solidarity, for everyone, everywhere. From one of the smallest Catholic Churches in the world, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo, the Apostolic Prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, defines the Gospel values as “*universal and open to all cultures and traditions.*”

Amongst the newest Catholic communities, the Church in Mongolia embodies the Gospel in action. The growth of the local church community is thanks to the dedication of the missionaries who have dedicated their lives to service and continuously provide essential social services to Mongolian society.

Working hand-in-hand with local communities around the world, Catholic Mission is also walking alongside the Mongolian Church to further develop life-changing projects on the ground and provide a helping hand to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Catholic Mission is responding to Pope Francis' call to create a more just world, with the principle of inclusion and unity at its core. Inspired by the theme, “*Go and invite everyone to the banquet*” (Mt 22:9), we invite you to join us on this journey and to become actors of change.

“*Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context,*” highlighted Pope Francis in the 2024 World Mission Sunday message.

***Together, let's extend the invitation to the banquet far and wide,
building bridges of solidarity and unity.***