



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

27 October 2024

First Reading **Jeremiah 31:7-9**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of
earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is my first-born son.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 125. R. v.3**
**(R.) The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What
 marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

Second Reading **Hebrews 5:1-6**
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for men in
their relations with God, to offer gifts and
sacrifices for sins; and so he can
sympathise with those who are ignorant or
uncertain because he too lives in the
limitations of weakness. That is why he has
to make sin offerings for himself as well as
for the people. No one takes this honour on
himself, but each one is called by God, as
Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the
glory of becoming high priest, but he had it
from the one who said to him: You are my
son, today I have become your father, and
in another text: You are a priest of the order
of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See 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 10:46-52**
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and
a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son
of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at
the side of the road. When he heard that it
was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout
and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity
on me.' And many of them scolded him and
told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted
all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on
me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him
here.' So they called the blind man.
'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling
you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped
up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke,
'What do you want me to do for you?'
'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him
'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to
him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And
immediately his sight returned and he
followed him along the road.

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



REFLECTION
BY FR MICHAEL TATE

*Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having
pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread
out before him. But the presence of Jesus
encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump
up from his ground level existence and ask to
truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.*

*Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing
the disease so that Bartimaeus could see
ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow
him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for
Christianity).*

*You and I can remain with the security of a
familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few
coins of consolation to satisfy our various
hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage,
to jump up and to share his vision.*

*This takes faith, but we are in a better
situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that
Jesus was on the way from Jericho to
Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem,
Jesus was lifted well above ground level and
then had the astounding victory over the
worst that death could do.*

*We might pause for a moment to pray for the
courage to abandon whatever is keeping us
grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of
Chichester we may see Christ more clearly,
love him more dearly, and follow him more
nearly.*

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34
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. Send strength to their carers.**

Baptisms: Dustin Reynolds (Greta Sunday). **Called by name to be a child of God.**

Anniversaries: Jerzy Wawrzyniak.

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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Singleton	<i>St Patrick's Church</i>	Queen Street Singleton 2330	
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Glendon Brook	<i>St. Paul's Catholic Church</i>	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	
St Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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Greta	St Catherine's Catholic Church	Branxton Street, Greta 2334	
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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 3 NOVEMBER 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 Brackenrig
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		
Readers	H Hartcher C Trunk	L Harrison	SCAE LEADER REQD E Thomas J Tindale	T Cochrane	P Goodwin A Borg	
Prayers		K Gorczyca	C Langford	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	M Cunningham	
Offertory	M Thomas A Thomas	D & J Clarke	G Cattermole	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
28 October STS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES	29 October	30 October	31 October	1 November ALL SAINTS	2 November ALL SOULS' DAY	3 November 31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B
OPEN 11.30-3PM	OFFICE OPEN	OPEN 9AM-12PM	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass St Patrick's Singleton	6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am Mass Adoration & Benediction St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass 1 st Anniversary St Patrick's Singleton	7.00am SCAE 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	9.20am Mass St Catherine's Greta		9.20am Anointing Mass St Brigid's Branxton	5.00pm Mass St Brigid's Branxton	6.00pm Mass 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.

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 28 October from 11.30am-3pm and OPEN Wednesday 30 October from 9am-12pm.

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.

St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 2 November 2024 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for *Patricia Holz, Margaret Rodgers and Tom Jackson* and all those whose anniversaries occur in November. We also welcome you to join us to pray the Novena from 9am each Saturday.

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 8.15am at St Catherine's Church, Greta. There will be a chance for those in attendance to come forward and light a candle in remembrance. Everyone is then invited to Morning tea following Mass.

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.



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!**

Mass of Thanksgiving

Solomon will be offering a Thanksgiving Mass for the parishes of Singleton and Branxton on Saturday 30 November at 10.30am at St Patrick's, Singleton, in recognition of all the support he has received. He looks forward to having parishioners from both parishes there. For morning tea catering please place your name on the list at the back of each church.

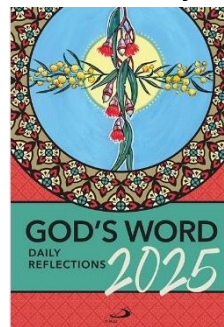
Message from Bishop Michael Kennedy

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-rKGw3FMgElsb6gNjVIUNE1KVUEyVFILNDVENDhJUKVQTzU4Tzk2TyQIQCNOPWcu&route=shorturl>

or copies of the survey are available at each church. Please return your surveys today 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

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Catholic Mission Appeal

Last weekend, you were 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.** 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.

Month of the Holy Souls

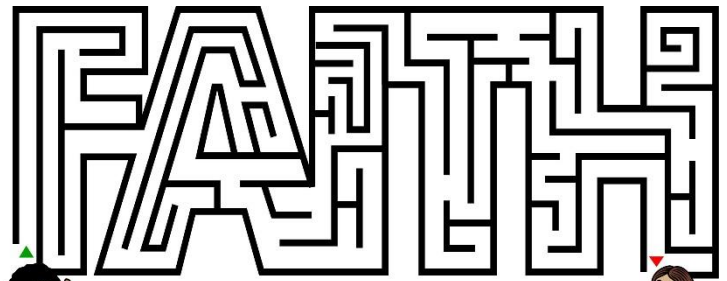


The Catholic Church sets aside November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory - those who died in grace but who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all their sins. The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints. We are connected to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and other believers here on earth.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us, family, and friends. However, it does not end there for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection. Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves but one day they may be able to pray for us when we are in the same position. Perhaps this is why Pope St John XXIII wrote "The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit".

During November, Mass will be offered for those whose names have been written on the special "November Mass Envelopes". Please write the names of your deceased family members and friends clearly and place them in either collection basket during Mass. Envelopes are available at the back of all churches.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.



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The Lord helps those who have faith



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