



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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

19 January 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

About Zion I will not be silent,
About Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the
hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good

purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

See Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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



REFLECTION

BY LISA-MARIE CALDERONE-STEWART

Jesus isn't interested in listening to his mother at first. But he seems to rethink the situation. After some thought, he goes ahead and does something that she probably would approve of.

When was a time that your mother or father or some older relative was trying to get you to consider an option, and you just didn't want to go along with their idea? But later, when you thought about it, you came to understand his or her point of view and did what he or she wanted you to do? How did it work out?

Jesus' first miracle wasn't very splashy. Most people didn't even know what had happened. The waiters kept it low-key and didn't make a big deal about the wine that had just been water in the six jars only moments before. Mary doesn't seem to say anything more about it, and Jesus also plays it cool. Yet the needs were met – without a lot of fuss.

When was a time that you took matters into your own hands to take care of a pressing need, but did it in a very low-key way?

Was there a kind of delight to such a secret act of kindness – a kind of self-satisfaction that comes from inside? Why is that?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, C
Australia Day
1st Reading: Isaiah 32:15-18
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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, Mary Della-ca, Tony Ernst, Ron Hebbe, Austin Hoffman, Liz Matt, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Allan Seque, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Ross Timmins, Colleen Torrington, Sharon Wood, Zoe. **Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.**
Baptisms: Jade Ho and Audrey Hurn (Branxton) and Alfie O'Hara and Oscar Welsh (Singleton). **Called by name to be a child of God.**
Recently Deceased: Brendan Thomas (Thurs 23 January, 11am Singleton)
Anniversaries: Percy Nowlan, Alfred Thomas. **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 Brigid's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025						
	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	G McMillan C Langford
Commentator		L Gorczyca	G Cattermole	SCAE LEADER REQ	H Rapp	
Readers	H Hartcher M Thomas	L Harrison	S Bates	R James D Cantrall	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
Prayers		L Gorczyca	E Thomas	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	A Skardon	
Offertory	J & K Zaragoza	J Nightingale C Anderson		VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Skardon Family	
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
20 January <i>St Fabian</i> <i>St Sebastian</i>	21 January <i>St Agnes</i>	22 January <i>St Vincent</i>	23 January	24 January <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	25 January <i>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE</i>	26 January <i>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C AUSTRALIA DAY</i>
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
<u>8.00am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> Anointing Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>Elizabeth Gates</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i> <u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>Glendonbrook</i>	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00m</u> SCAE <u>6.00pm</u> Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>9.20am</u> Mass <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> Mass <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 or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au for more information and resources.

Changes for January

Thank you to Fr John Tobin who will be saying Mass alternating with Greta and Branxton in January. Please check the Weekly Mass Diary for changes this week.

Resumption of Communion from the Chalice

Communion in both species is now offered at all Masses in the Singleton and Branxton Parishes. To facilitate this, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are required for each Mass including weekdays.

New Rosters for Mass at St Patrick's Church

New Rosters are being prepared for St Patrick's. Please let us know if you still wish to be included on the roster by indicating on the sheet on the noticeboard if you wish to minister as Proclaiming the Word, Offertory Procession and we especially need Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. The new rosters will be printed to commence in February 2025.



It's Fiesta Time!

The 2025 Parish Fiesta in honour of Santo Niño (the child Jesus), will be held on Sunday 2 February commencing with Mass at 10am in St Patrick's Church and then to the Civic Centre for celebrations. **Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you will be joining the lunch and entertainment.**

There will be raffles for the Fiesta on sale with 3 major prizes: a 12L Kitchen Couture Digital Air Fryer; 1 large Flylite Suitcase; a 5L 8-in-1 Multi Cooker as well as many other great minor prizes. For more information, please speak with Frieda King.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Luncheon

Everyone is invited to join the St Brigid's Caritas group for lunch at Miller Park Hotel on Friday 17 January from 12pm.

2025 Parish Sacramental Program

Expression of interests are being sought for children in Year 3 and above in 2025 who are ready to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please email the parish office with your child's name, date of birth and parish.

Prayers for the Sick

The Prayers for the Sick list will be cleared at the end of January. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let the Parish Office know by 29 January 2025.

Mass Offerings

If you would like a Mass said for an anniversary, if you put the date of the anniversary on the envelope, Fr Thomas will be able to say the Mass on that day. If no date is included, the Mass will be celebrated on the date closest to when he receives the offering. Even though we all pray for the sick and the anniversaries on Sundays, the special intention on Sunday is the faithful. If an anniversary falls on a Sunday, mass will be celebrated for that intention on a Saturday or Monday. Mass can also be offered for other intentions such as healing for the sick, success of surgery, thanksgiving or any other intention.

Feast, Light, Praise and Worship

Morning Tea will be provided after 10am Mass at St Patrick's Singleton on Sunday 26 January by the Feast, Light, Praise and Worship group. All are invited to stay for fellowship and a cuppa.

Morning Tea 7am Mass

Morning Tea will be provided after 7am Mass at St Patrick's Singleton on Sunday 26 January. All are invited to stay for fellowship and a cuppa.

St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 1 February 2025 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for *Gwyneth and Ronald Lambkin*, and all those whose anniversaries occur in January. We also welcome you to join us to pray the Novena from 9am each Saturday

150th Anniversary of St Catherine's College Singleton

2025 sees the 150th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy developing the catholic education traditions at St Catherine's College in Singleton. A group of past and present staff and students are continuing the historical documentation that Pam Como began. They would love anything and everything that you may have from 1974 to the present. These could include personal stories, memorabilia, uniforms, awards, newsletters or anything of personal significance relating to the school. All items will be returned. Please drop any items to the Parish Office during office hours, clearly labelled with your name and contact details.

Formation Film - Between Two Worlds

In "Between Two Worlds," Marianne (Juliette Binoche) finds work as a cleaner, enduring tough conditions and long hours. However, she's actually a journalist undercover, wanting to write about the hidden crisis of unemployment experienced by those in precarious jobs. The film explores themes of inequality and the discomfort of Marianne's quest to understand those she portrays, highlighting her separation from their reality despite good intentions. The film will be shown on Saturday 1 February 2025 at 11am at the Diocesan Resource Centre, Corner of Tudor and Parry Streets, Newcastle West. Lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/uiiDmzEAIL>

Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year

Bishop Michael invites everyone to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a Diocesan pilgrimage on Sunday 2 March 2025 from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass (10am) and a Festival (11am) in the Cathedral precinct grounds. The festival will feature an official Launch of *Project Compassion 2025* and distribution of some resources. All corners of the Diocese are encouraged to have representation and involvement as we mark Pope Francis' theme - *Pilgrims of Hope*. For more information email mission@mn.catholic.org.au

MASS COLLECTIONS

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

1

Select from the pre-set amounts or enter other amount



2

Tap your card or phone on the screen, or insert your card at the top.



Thank you for your donation



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CASHLESS DONATIONS NOW AVAILABLE AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

A tap-n-go machine will now be available on Sundays at St Patrick's Church for those who wish to donate to the First and Second Collections using their card or smartphone.

All you need to do is choose one of the pre-set amounts (\$5, \$10 or \$20) or click on Other Amount to enter an amount of your choosing. Tap your card or phone on the screen or insert your card and enter your PIN, if prompted, and your donation has been made.

These donations will be banked in our parish account and then distributed to both the First and Second collections.

If you have feedback regarding this system, please speak to the Parish Office.



THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless
cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

Find the stream of water
that turns into wine

