

Pentecost Sunday, Year C

8 June 2025

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sequence

**Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.**

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!**

**Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;**

**Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.**

**Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:**

**If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.**

**Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:**

**Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.**

**Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:**

**Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.**



Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit;
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.	We remember in our prayers: Sick: Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Mary Bailey, Sienna Baker, Chris Cantrall, Lorraine Cooper, Mary Della-ca, José Joaquim De Sousa, Austin Hoffman, Dulcie Maynard, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Anne Standing, Allan Seque, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Ross Timmins, Sharon Wood, Zoe. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers. Anniversaries: Morrie Allen, Marie Hoggan, Tina Janssen, Noel Spinks, Ken Wilton. Recently Deceased: Keith Stocks, Frank Edwards. 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 Baptisms: Nora and Elsie Duncan (Branxton). Called by name to be a child of God.
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.	
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES The Most Holy Trinity, Year C 1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5 Gospel: John 16:12-15	
MYSTERY OF FAITH We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.	

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 15 JUNE 2025						
	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Langford	J Dries	J Dries	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Commentator		M Ingold	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	SCCC Staff	
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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
9 June <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	10 June	11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	12 June	13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	14 June	15 June <i>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, YEAR C</i>
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton <u>11.00am</u> Mass Elizabeth Gates	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> Mass <u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton		<u>6.00pm</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.35am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> SCAE 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.

Parish Changes this Week

Fr Thomas will be taking leave from 30 April and returning on 1 July. We wish him a safe and restful time away.

Singleton Catholic Cemetery

Please be advised that the gates to the Singleton Catholic Cemetery on Queen Street will be kept closed if we have had significant rainfall. This is to prevent parts of the cemetery being damaged by vehicles parking and turning around. Once these are damaged by vehicles it makes it difficult and dangerous for our volunteers to mow them.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to those visiting the cemetery. We have a pedestrian gate installed to the left of the double gates and it is always accessible. We understand that not all visitors are able to walk the distance to those they are paying tribute to, but we also need to keep our property, volunteers and equipment safe.

The gates will be open 9am-5pm whenever possible after the grounds have been inspected. With so much rain lately, once we get a little bit of rain the area becomes boggy quite quickly.

A permanent solution to cordoning off the areas of concern is being discussed by the Parish councils. If you have any concerns, please email singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au

St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 7 June 2025 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for *Bev Janssen and Donald Lynch*, and all those whose anniversaries occur in June.

We also welcome you to join us to pray the Novena from 9am each Saturday.

Senior Singles Lunch

The monthly Senior Singles lunch will be held on Tuesday 10 June 2025 at 12.00pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. All senior singles welcome to share fellowship and a chat over a meal.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be held on Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 1.30pm in the home of Jennifer Tindale, 23 Oldknow Crescent, Singleton Heights. All are welcome and we would love to see there.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Luncheon

Bring a friend and join the St Brigid's Caritas group for lunch at 12pm on Friday 13 June at Miller Park Hotel. It's a great opportunity to come together as an ecumenical group in fellowship over a meal. This lunch is an open invitation to all Christians, regardless of their denomination, to strengthen our shared faith.

St Catherine's Greta Morning Tea

Join us after Mass at St Catherine's Church Greta for morning tea on Sunday 29 June 2025. All welcome!

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. They are particularly looking for yearbooks from 1978-80, 1982-85, 1998-99, 2002, 2004 and 2015-2024.

All items will be returned after the exhibition. Please drop any items to the Parish Office during office hours, clearly labelled with your name and contact details.



Church Cleaners Needed

Can you help with cleaning St Patrick's Church Singleton by joining the roster at least once a month? One of our cleaners is going away for a month so we urgently need assistance. Please call the Parish Office if you can volunteer in this important ministry!

Vinnies Need Volunteers!

There is an urgent need for extra volunteers in Singleton to at the Vinnies Retail Shop. Contact the shop in Macquarie Street, Singleton or the Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator on phone 4967 6277 or email maitland.newcastle@vinnies.org.au

Vinnies has been part of our local community for more than 50 years and continues to help individuals and families in need.

Join the aMeN caMiNo 2025

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Mission & Evangelisation are offering two unique local aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage experiences. One over 2 days and the other over 5 days. To learn more, attend our physical Walk & Talk Information Session on Saturday, 14 June. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/XFXfcBJ927> Find out more about the aMeN caMiNo via the website: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/amen-camino/>

Memorial Mass of St Josemaria Escriva

A memorial Mass for St Josemaria Escriva the founder of Opus Dei will be held on Thursday 19 June 2025 at 7.30pm in St Therese's Church, 53 Royal St, New Lambton with Mgr Victor Martinez. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6.45pm and dinner will be available in the Parish House after Mass. Please contact Troy on 0432 445 854 for more information.

SRE Reflection Day

Are you a teacher of Special Religious Education or someone eager to explore this vital ministry? Come and be inspired at Bishop Michael's Reflection Day—a special gathering to reflect, learn, and connect. Join us on Thursday 10 July 9:30am–12:30pm at St Stephens, Tea Gardens. Deepen your understanding, share experiences, and be encouraged in your role. For more information and to register - <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sre-reflection-day-with-bishop-michael-kennedy/>



Project 27 – Finish the House



The Hope Tree Group will be assisting with a donation of \$1500 after receiving a letter from Fr George Mullappillil. Pictured are Fr George and Fr Thomas viewing the work on the house in May 2025.

Dear Members of the Hope Tree Group,

I am writing to you with deep gratitude and a humble request for assistance. I am Fr. George Mullappillil, and through the generosity of kind-hearted individuals and the resources I was able to gather, I embarked on a mission to provide a home for a family in desperate need. Together, we made significant progress, bringing the vision of a safe and dignified shelter closer to reality.

However, I am now transitioning to serve another parish, and before I leave, my earnest desire is to complete the house's construction to ensure this family has a fully functional and secure place to call home. While much has been accomplished, essential finishing tasks remain—installing windowpanes, doors, and a functioning toilet. Unfortunately, I have exhausted the funds available to me, and I am currently facing a shortfall of \$1,500 to complete this project.

It is with hope and trust that I turn to the Hope Tree Group, whose generosity and spirit of community have been a beacon to so many. I kindly ask for your support to bridge this financial gap and help bring this endeavour to fruition. Your contributions, will make a direct, tangible impact on the lives of this family, offering them not only a roof over their heads but the dignity and comfort they deserve.

Thank you for considering this urgent request. With your assistance, we can ensure that this house becomes a true home—a testament to compassion and solidarity. Please feel free to reach out to me should you require further details or wish to discuss this matter further.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Fr. George Mullappillil

The Hope Tree Group has also been working in the background to assist other projects. Here is an update on requests received and donations made. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Hope Tree Group!

- Our 2024 Christmas collection was donated to help medical camps to conduct visits in rural districts of Odisha, India. They provide essential healthcare to underserved communities. **\$1703.99** was donated.
- Project 20 was to provide a tricycle for Rehema in India, improving her mobility. **\$486.99** donated.
- Project 21 request for equipment in the Saint Clara Health Centre, Tanzania to improve medical care for patients.
- Project 22 assisted Anite Maria Antony with medical expenses after she was hit by a bus while riding her motor scooter to work in December 2024. She suffered severe injuries meaning many surgeries and a long stay in hospital rendering her unable to work. **\$1503.99** donated.
- Project 23 was to help Jeswin Jojoy whose family were assisted with buying goats. He needed to purchase a laptop to help with his studies in a Bachelor of Computer Application at university. **\$852.99** donated.
- Project 24 is an ongoing donation funded by a private benefactor. Bernard is a seminarian, and his fees are subsidised by these generous donations.
- Project 25 provided a donation of **\$401.99** to help stock a small pharmacy/shop in a Tanzanian village.
- Project 26 was support for Sonia Binoy and her family who were victims of a landslide in India during August 2024. They were left with nothing after their house was destroyed. \$100.99 donated from The Legion of Mary in Greta-Branxton and a further **\$1002.99** was donated from Hope Tree Group.