

**The Most Holy Trinity, Year C**

**15 June 2025**

**First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31**

*A reading from the book of Proverbs.*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,  
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,  
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,  
there were no springs to gush with water.  
Before the mountains were settled,  
before the hills, I came to birth;  
before he made the earth, the countryside,  
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,  
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,  
when he thickened the clouds above,  
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,  
when he assigned the sea its boundaries – and the waters will not invade the shore – when he laid down the foundations of the earth,  
I was by his side, a master craftsman,  
delighting him day after day,  
ever at play in his presence,  
at play everywhere in his world,  
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2**

**(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
what is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
gave him power over the works of your hand,  
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.*

**Romans 5:1-5**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation See Apocalypse 1:8**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel**

**John 16:12-15**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



**LEO'S LENS**

**REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE**

Speaking to representatives of other Churches and Christian communities, Pope Leo XIV strongly expressed his interest in unity. He wants to prioritise 'seeking the re-establishment of full and visible communion among all those who profess the same faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.'

Unity, Leo pointed out, is 'a constant concern of mine'. All Christians, he added, have a duty to pray and work toward it.

Reflecting on this mystery, Leo pointed out 'that synodality and ecumenism are closely linked.' Like Pope Francis before him, Leo encourages all members of the Church to journey together as a listening people.

Desiring 'to continue Pope Francis' commitment to promoting the synodal nature of the Catholic Church and developing new and concrete forms for an ever stronger synodality in ecumenical relations', Leo therefore encourages us all to do our part. We might start by becoming truly open to embracing those who might seem different. A truly Catholic Church, after all, is a unity of diversity.

Leo's example reminds all of us that we are called to be a community that can reach out to others. Our oneness in Christ means we must reach out with Christ to the many.

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<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b> Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love. <b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b> Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.	<b>We remember in our prayers:</b> <b>Sick:</b> Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Mary Bailey, Sienna Baker, Chris Cantrall, Lorraine Cooper, Josè Joaquim De Sousa, Austin Hoffman, Dulcie Maynard, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Anne Standing, Allan Seque, Selene Stanholm-Atkins, Ross Timmins, Sharon Wood, Zoe. <b>Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.</b> <b>Anniversaries:</b> Pat Kenna, Jack Gresham, Cyril Kealy, Esma Burton. <b>Recently Deceased:</b> Mary Della-ca. <b>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</b> <b>Baptisms:</b> Beau Caskey, Harper Trees, Blayke Vitnell. <b>Called by name to be a child of God.</b>
<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES</b> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C <b>1st Reading:</b> Genesis 14:18-20 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 9:11-17	
<b>MYSTERY OF FAITH</b> We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.	

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025						
	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Langford	J Dries	J Dries	17 June 2025
<b>Commentator</b>		D Clarke	G Cattermole	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	H Rapp	G McMillan
<b>Readers</b>	P Conroy S Stafa	K Ingold	S Bates N Alexandroy	L Stevenson H Sapitula	H Rapp O Brackenrig C Brackenrig	C Langford
<b>Prayers</b>		D Clarke	H Duldulao	Donna	A Skardon	
<b>Offertory</b>	C & A Trunk	L Harrison J Wilton	J Tindale E Thomas	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b> <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b> <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	C Trunk	C Miller	J Dunn	T Cochrane	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	

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 16 June	Tuesday 17 June	Wednesday 18 June	Thursday 19 June St Romuald	Friday 20 June World Refugee Day	Saturday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzsaga	Sunday 22 June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR C
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>		
8.00am <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	5.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	9.20am <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton	9.00am <b>Novena</b> 9.20am <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton  5.00pm <b>SCAE</b> Glendonbrook	7.00am <b>Mass</b> 10.00m <b>Mass</b> 5.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Patrick's Singleton
	9.20am <b>Mass</b> St Catherine's Greta		9.20am <b>Mass</b> St Brigid's Branxton		6.00pm <b>Mass</b> St Brigid's Branxton	7.35am <b>Rosary</b> 8.15am <b>Mass</b> 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://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 28 June. We wish him a safe and restful time away.

## **Eucharistic Adoration - Corpus Christi**



Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Sunday 22 June for the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in St Patrick's Church, Singleton. Please join us in prayer and worship focused on the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

## **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!

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Catherine's College Singleton**

2025 sees the 150<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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/>

## **Bishops Flood Appeal – Manning Community**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in recent days, I have witnessed the immense resilience, generosity, and compassion flowing through our Diocese in response to the floods that have so deeply affected our communities. While the immediate danger has eased, the impact is ongoing and the road to recovery will be long for many. Homes, schools, parishes, and businesses within the region continue to grapple with loss. Some communities are only now beginning to understand the full extent of the impact. As we look ahead, the journey of recovery will require ongoing care and practical support.

With this in mind, I am launching the **Bishop's Flood Appeal – Manning Community**. This appeal will provide direct assistance to those most affected across our Diocese, with funds directed to the local parish to provide on the ground support as people rebuild their lives. Every donation—no matter the size—will offer real hope to those in need.

In his letter to the Galatians, St Paul reminds us to “carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Whether through financial support, volunteering, or simply holding affected communities in your prayers, your response is a powerful way of living out that call.

Let us continue to be a people of compassion and action. In times like these, the Gospel is made visible not only in our words, but in our willingness to accompany and uplift one another.

More information about how you can support the cause is available on the flyer on the noticeboard, and donations can be made directly on the Diocesan website <https://mn.catholic.org.au/bishopsappeal/>

We continue to support all our services across the Diocese that were impacted in the recent natural disaster. May God bless you for your generosity and for the love you continue to show to those in need.

Yours in Christ, Most Reverend Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle.



*Our parishes will be taking physical collections over the next couple of weekends if you are unable to use the online donation facilities.*

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Combined Churches of Singleton – Picnic in the Park**

On Sunday 29 June 2025 from 12.30pm at Rosepoint Park let's enjoy a time of fellowship and BYO picnic lunch together as Christian brothers and sisters. We are blessed to part of 7 local churches that represent the one church of our Lord Jesus Christ! All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! For more information have a chat with Chris Langford.

## **Mass Times App to be Discontinued**

From 1 July, the Diocese will cease using the Mass Times App as a tool for parish communication. To keep informed about Mass times, events, and parish news, we encourage you to consider using some of the following channels:

**Website:** [www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au](http://www.singletoncatholicparish.org.au)

**Facebook Page:** Catholic Parishes of Singleton & Branxton

**Email Distribution List:** email the parish office to be added to the list to receive the bulletin each week.

For Diocesan news and events, you can check their website [www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

If you are making payments via the Mass App these will also cease. Direct Debits can be set up via the Catholic Community Fund, please contact the parish office.



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



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*Year 9 –  
25 years  
plus leaders*



MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOV – 2 DEC 2025

ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from all across Australia. The Festival will be held over three days from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and offers young people from across Australia a chance to come together in fellowship, grow in their faith, strengthen their relationship with Jesus and be inspired to live out their Catholic values in everyday life. The Festival will include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians and speakers.

The Festival is shaped around the following foundations:

- Encounter:** Offering high-quality formative and experiential opportunities for young people to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church.
- Evangelise:** Evangelising young people and empowering them to share their faith with others.
- Listen:** Listening to young people and providing them with the opportunity to share and discuss the unique challenges they face in today's world.
- Experience:** Providing local experiences for young people to discover more about vocation opportunities, social action, liturgy, prayer, music and catechesis.

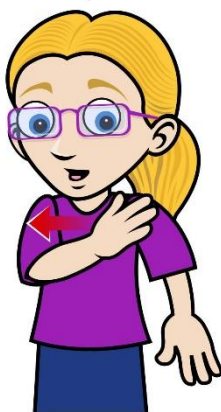
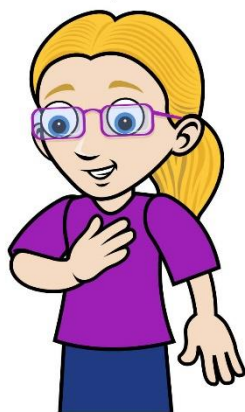
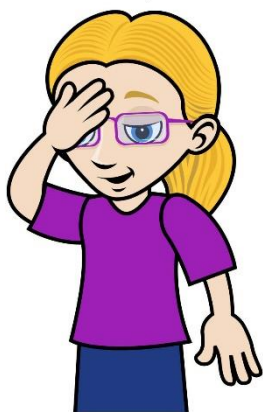
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There is a simple prayer that we say almost every day, which reminds us of the Trinity.  
That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father...

and of the Son...

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



## The Spirit shows what is true

Write down whether these statements are true or false

- God created the world in eight days. ☐
- God the Father loves us so much that he gave us his only Son. ☐
- Jesus was baptized by John the Evangelist. ☐
- Jesus died so that we may have eternal life. ☐
- The disciples received the Holy Spirit on Easter Monday. ☐
- The Holy Spirit allowed the disciples to speak in many different languages. ☐

Find your way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

