

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5 October 2025**

**First Reading Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**  
*A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not  
deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at  
rights,  
but the upright man will live by his  
faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8**  
**(R.) If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**  
*A reading from the second letter to St Paul to Timothy.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the  
gift that God gave you when I laid my hands  
on you. God's gift was not a spirit of  
timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love,  
and self-control. So you are never to be  
ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or  
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but  
with me, bear the hardships for the sake of  
the Good News, relying on the power of  
God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching  
you have heard from me, in the faith and  
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been  
trusted to look after something precious;  
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who  
lives in us.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 1:25**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good  
News.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Luke 17:5-10**  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our  
faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the  
size of a mustard seed you could say to this  
mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in  
the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or  
minding sheep, would say to him when he  
returned from the fields, "Come and have  
your meal immediately"? Would he not be  
more likely to say, "Get my supper laid;  
make yourself tidy and wait on me while I  
eat and drink. You can eat and drink  
yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful  
to the servant for doing what he was told?  
So with you: when you have done all you  
have been told to do, say, "We are merely  
servants: we have done no more than our  
duty."'

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



**LEO'S LENS  
REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE**

'Sometimes, unfortunately,' Pope Leo says, 'faith can grow old.' This tends to happen, he suggests, 'where human self-reliance prevails, where material comfort and a certain complacency dull the conscience.'

Faith is meant to be lived, not accumulated. By deflecting his apostles' way of thinking, Jesus makes this abundantly clear. They were focused on increasing faith, almost as if it was a mystical currency to hoard. Jesus wants them to consider that faith is grander than that! Imagine what even the tiniest bit of faith can help you do!

The Pope picks up this thread of Jesus' teaching. He reminds us that the day we believe 'becomes also a day that calls us to choose – *how* and *for whom* we shall live.' We are called to be the Lord's servants in the light of a faith that is alive, activating our entire being.

As the Pope reflects, 'the Resurrection enters our world even today ... the life of God breaks through our despair.' And, he adds, this breaking through into the present is manifested 'through concrete experiences of fraternity and new gestures of solidarity.'

This, the Pope reminds us, is what a life of faith looks like: fraternity and solidarity. 'As individuals and as the Church, we no longer live for ourselves,' he says. 'Our victory over death begins here and now' in lives of faithful service.

[Quotes from Homily for the Solemnity of the Assumption, 15 August 2025: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20250815-omelia-castelgandolfo.html>]

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<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b> Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.  <b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b> The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.	<p><b><i>We remember in our prayers:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Sick:</i></b> Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Mary Bailey, Sienna Baker, Chris Cantrall, Lorraine Cooper, Josè Joaquim De Sousa, Austin Hoffman, Dulcie Maynard, Anne McAleer, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Marianne Reynolds, Allan Seque, Sharon Wood, Zoe. <b><i>Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Baptisms:</i></b> Ferguson Duri, Marcella Duri and Sonny Farrell (Branxton). <b><i>Called by name to be a child of God.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Recently Deceased:</i></b> Bishop Pat Power.</p> <p><b><i>Anniversaries:</i></b> Hilton Cox, Bill Ryan, Karen Varnum.</p> <p><b><i>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.</i></b></p>
<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C <b>1st Reading:</b> 2 Kings 5:14-17 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 2:8-13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 17:11-19	
<b>MYSTERY OF FAITH</b> <i>When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again.</i>	

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025						
	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
<b>Welcomer</b>	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Langford	J Dries	J Dries	J Brackenrig
<b>Commentator</b>		M Ingold	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	E Janssen	
<b>Readers</b>	H Hartcher C Trunk	M McKenzie	J Duldulao H Duldulao	M Stowe R James	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
<b>Prayers</b>		M Ingold	C Langford	F King	E Janssen	
<b>Offertory</b>	M Thomas K Gould	Lynn Joan	J Dunn M George	J Cowley C Becus	<b>VOLUNTEERS REQ'D</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	S Purdon	N/A	J Dunn	M Stowe	C Tysoe	

*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
<b>6 October</b> <i>St Bruno</i>	<b>7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>8 October</b>	<b>9 October</b> <i>St Denis &amp; Companions</i> <i>St John Leonardi</i>	<b>10 October</b>	<b>11 October</b> <i>St John XXIII</i>	<b>12 October</b> 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>MISSION APPEAL</b>	<b>MISSION APPEAL</b>
<u>8.00am</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>6.00pm</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>10.00m</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>6.00pm</u> <b>SCAE</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<b>NO MASS</b> <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		<u>6.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	<u>7.50am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> <b>Mass</b> <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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au) for more information and resources.

## **Parish Office Hours**

Fr Thomas will be on leave from the Parish from Monday 29 September to 11 October. He will then attend Clergy Retreat from 12-17 October 2025. Please check the Mass Diary for changes. The Parish Office will be closed 6 and 9 October.

## **Daylight Savings Starts 5 October 2025**

Summer is on the way! And with it comes the commencement of daylight savings at 2am on Sunday 5 October 2025, evening Mass times in Singleton will change to **6pm** from Monday 6 October.

## **St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting**

The next guild meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 October at 1.40pm in the home of Jennifer Tindale, 23 Oldknow Cres, Singleton Heights. New members always welcome!

## **St Brigid's Caritas Luncheon**

The St Brigid's Caritas group will host their monthly luncheon on Friday 10 October at 12pm in the Miller Park Hotel restaurant. Everyone is welcome to join the group for a social lunch!

## **Australia Needs Fatima – Save the Date**

Save the date for the 2025 Public Rosary on Saturday 11 October from 5.30pm. We will gather around the statue of Mary in the old St Brigid's School from 5.30pm. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer.

## **111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 5 October, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE." For this day, Pope Leo has written his first message. He makes direct reference to the fact that so many in the world today are experiencing "frightening scenarios and the possibility of Global devastation." This is making so many people go on the move either as Migrants or Refugees.

## **Migrants, missionaries of hope: Message of Pope Leo XIV**

"... Migrants and refugees remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland, sustained by a hope that is a theological virtue. ..."

Read Pope Leo XIV's message at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.pdf>

## **Singleton Senior Singles Lunch**

The Singleton Senior Singles will hold their monthly lunch on Tuesday 14 October at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. Any seniors on their own are welcome to join the group for lunch.

## **Synodality and the New Diocesan Governance Framework**

A letter from Bishop Michael Kennedy on Synodality and the New Diocesan Governance Framework is available on our Diocesan website under <https://mn.catholic.org.au/news/letter-from-bishop-michael-kennedy-on-synodality-and-the-new-diocesan-governance-framework-for-the-diocese-of-maitland-newcastle/>

In coming months, an invitation will be extended for those who feel called to contribute their insight, skills, and experience to express their interest to be members of advisory boards and councils. Copies of the letter are available at the back of the Church.

## **Ordination of Deacon Anton Perera to the Priesthood**

The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle cordially invite the People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to the priesthood ordination of **Deacon Anton Suranga Perera** by Most Reverend Michael Kennedy on Saturday 8 November 2025 at 10.00am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West. Refreshments will be served in the Southern Cross Hall following the ceremony.

Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 9 November 2025 at 9.30am in St Mary Immaculate Church, Charlestown.

## **Discover Palms Volunteering**

*Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!* Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

**Venue:** Online - go to [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 30 October 2025 7pm – 8.30pm AEDT

**More Info:** 02 9560 5333 | [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## **Advent, Christmas and the Creative Arts**

Join us at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle on Friday 10 October 2025 10am-2pm as we prepare hearts and spaces for the season of hope and joy! Explore creative ways to celebrate Advent and Christmas with children and families— through art, storytelling, music, and more. Whether you're a seasoned leader or just starting out, this gathering offers inspiration, practical ideas, and a chance to connect with others passionate about nurturing faith through creativity. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/advent-christmas-the-creative-arts-newcastle-tickets-1229537593039>

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



**Zimmerman Service Healing and Support** provide support and assistance to anyone impacted by sexual assault perpetrated by an employee (paid or volunteer) of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or in another religious institution and who now lives in our Diocese.

If you are a survivor or a relative, please contact the confidential service on 49230636 or email

[ZimmermanService@healingandsupport.org.au](mailto:ZimmermanService@healingandsupport.org.au).

Their hours are 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Reception is available Tuesday through Thursday. Feel free to leave a message at any time, and a team member will respond as soon as possible.



MISSIONARIES OF

HOPE

*among all peoples*

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**



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**OCTOBER**

*Month of the Holy Rosary*

**October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time to reflect on the life of Jesus through the Mysteries of the Rosary and to seek Mary's maternal protection and the graces necessary for a faithful life.**

*'Where the Rosary is recited, there will be days of peace + tranquility.'*

*St John Bosco*

**To celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary, Rosary Beads are available to purchase from the Parish Office.**

**Wooden beads, in a round saint container \$2.50**

**White beads, in a square container \$2.50**

**Selection of other rosary beads in clear crystal, white, black and wood (no container) \$1.50**

*To purchase please contact the office or place money in an envelope on the collection plate, clearly marked with your name and type of beads.*

