



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

The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

31 May 2026

First Reading Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the temple of your glory.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest who gaze into the depths.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

Second Reading 2 Cor 13:11-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

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



LEO'S LENS

REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE

'The mystery of union with Christ lies at the heart of mission', Pope Leo XIV reminds us. Indeed, as he explains, the Church itself is 'a communion that flows from the Trinity, and continues to be sustained by the Trinity. A communion at the service of fraternity among all human beings and harmony with all creation.'

'Being a Christian', therefore, the Pope explains, 'means abiding in Christ ... immersed in the life of the Trinity.' As the Pope puts it, 'the more united we are in Christ, the better able we will be to carry out together the mission that he entrusts to us.'

Our proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, the Pope adds, should be 'an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.' He encourages us to 'learn to recognise joyfully the good that the Spirit inspires in each person, to embrace diversity as a treasure, to bear one another's burdens and always to seek the unity that comes from above.'

'The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole,' the Pope encourages us to recollect, 'is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love.'

[Quotes from Message for World Mission Day 2026:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html>]

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<p>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 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.</p> <p>COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.</p> <p>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Gospel: John 6:51-58</p> <p>MYSTERY OF FAITH <i>When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.</i></p>	<p>We remember in our prayers:</p> <p>Sick: Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Sienna Baker, Lorraine Cooper, Brady Curtis, José Joaquim De Sousa, Dulcie Maynard, Fleur McAlister, Jen Phillips, Paul Ruigrok, Vincent Smolenaers, Rosita Watkinson, Sharon Wood, Elizabeth, Dorothea, Pam and Zoe. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.</p> <p>Recently Deceased: Ester Villaluz, Stephen Ross Ezzy.</p> <p>Anniversaries: Reverend Gerard Flatley, Esma Burton, Jimmy Kennedy, Mary McAlister, Ken Wilton.</p> <p>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.</p>
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St Patrick's Parish PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)			
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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

	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	**Weds 3 June J Brackenrig
Commentator		M Ingold	G Cattermole	N Marzol	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
Readers	P Conroy S Purdon	A Humphreys	J Tindale E Thomas	T Cochrane J Dyson	P Goodwin	
Prayers		M Ingold	P Boyd	N Marzol	M Cunningham	
Offertory	M Thomas K Gould	D Clarke J Clarke	G Cattermole & Friend	T & P Abenes	Kevin & Jonathon M	
Extraordinary Minister	N/A	N/A	M Aisleben	A Grant (N Marzol)	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	

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
1 June <i>St Justin</i>	2 June <i>St Marcellinus & Peter</i>	3 June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	4 June	5 June <i>St Boniface</i>	6 June <i>St Norbert St Marcellin Champagnat</i>	7 June THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, YEAR A
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	10.00am Bishop's Staff Day Visit 5.00pm Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.20am Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	5.00pm Mass <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.20am Mass Adoration & Benediction <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	9.00am Novena 9.20am Mass <i>First Anniversary St Patrick's Singleton</i>	7.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 5.00pm SCAE <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	NO MASS <i>St Catherine's Greta</i>		9.20am Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>		6.00pm Mass <i>St Brigid's Branxton</i>	7.50am Rosary 8.15am 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 contact the Parish Office for a Welcome Pack, complete and return the Member forms and one of our welcoming team will contact you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Wonnarua people, who have walked upon and cared for the land we meet on 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.

St Catherine's Greta – Morning Tea

You are invited to stay after Mass at St Catherine's Church Greta this Sunday 31 May for morning tea and a chat with fellow parishioners.

Bishop's Staff Day

The Singleton Parish is included in Bishop's Staff Day this year. Thank you to those who have accepted the invitation to attend and welcome the Diocesan staff to our community. Please keep the group in your prayers as they "come together around our shared mission" and the 41 visiting Diocesan staff connect more deeply with our parish community.

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 2 June to attend.

St Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass

The 1st Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 6 June 2026 at 9.20am. We will be offering Mass for *Mary Della-Ca* and all those whose anniversaries occur in June.

This Mass is a very special ministry of the St Patrick's Women's Guild. If you would like to assist them to commemorate the anniversaries of our parishioners, please speak to Elaine Thomas or Jennifer Tindale.

Celebrating 60 Years of the St. Patrick's Women's Guild

Since their very first meeting on April 16, 1966, the Women's Guild has been a cornerstone of our Parish life. We are delighted to invite all parishioners to join us in honouring their 60 years of dedicated service with a *Mass and Anniversary Luncheon* on Saturday, 13 June 2026. Mass will be said in St Patrick's Church at 11am followed by lunch at Club Singleton. Those attending are asked to pay \$40 per head for a two-course meal and cake for dessert. To help us finalise our bookings, please RSVP to the Parish Office or Elaine Thomas by 31 May 2026. We look forward to marking this amazing occasion with you!

Can you help share the Sacristan Role in Branxton?

Our wonderful Ann Keegan has generously stepped into the Sacristan role, but she will be away from 23 June to 4 September. To keep things running smoothly while she is tracking down some well-deserved downtime, we are looking for **one or two people** to step in and share the load. Sharing the role means the time commitment is light, and it's a beautiful, practical way to support our parish community behind the scenes. Ann is happy to show you the ropes before she heads off, so you'll feel completely comfortable and prepared. If you can lend a hand—either for a few weeks or the whole duration—please chat with Ann or Fr Thomas after Mass or contact the parish office. Thank you for considering this vital ministry!

Vinnies Needs Your Help!

Our local St Vincent de Paul store in Singleton is looking for volunteers to help us continue our mission of supporting those in need. We invite you to join our team! Whether you have a few hours to spare *weekly or fortnightly*, your time helps us keep our doors open and our community supported. It is a wonderful way to give back and meet new people.

How to help:

- **Visit us:** Drop into the store on Macquarie Street, Singleton to chat with our team about how to get involved.
- **Apply online:** you can find out more and apply at vinnies.org.au/get-involved/volunteering/volunteer-with-us

Diocesan Cursillo 3-Day Course

Do you wonder how to be more fully alive? If so, then you may like to consider attending our Cursillo 3-day course.

The annual Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 2026 Cursillo 3 days has the theme "Joy of the Lord is my strength".

The Cursillo is actually a short course that will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values, and will be asking each participant "How can I **BE** Christian in my many everyday environments?"

It will be held at Catalina Conference Centre, Rathmines from 7.30pm Thursday 11 June to 5.30pm Sunday 14 June at a cost of \$360.00 per person (includes 3 nights accommodation and all meals).

If you are interested in joining the Cursillo Movement, enrolling for the Cursillo 3 days, or just wishing to learn more about Cursillo, please feel free to contact either of the following:

DAVID McGOVERN: 0493 394 323 or via email: livedogster@gmail.com or **JOANNE STANDING:** 0401 438 967 or via email: joannestanding@gmail.com

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Reflect & Adore

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026
AFTER 10:00AM MASS
ST PATRICK'S SINGLETON
FROM 11:00AM - 1:00PM
PRAYER AND REFLECTION
IN THE CHANCEL

everyone is invited to enjoy a

HANGI PICNIC

Sunday 7 June 2026, 1.00pm
The Presbytery
4 Patrick Street, Singleton



RSVP using the sheet
at the church or
phone the Parish Office

Attendees are asked
to bring a dessert



Hope Tree
Group

Project 33 - A House for Omana

Can you help contribute to providing a safe and dignified home for Omana?

Omana faces significant daily challenges; she is a person with a disability, having lost her leg due to complications from severe diabetes. She currently resides with her son, a seasonal agricultural labourer, whose modest income is not enough to cover the costs of a stable home.

While a local government grant of **Rs 500,000** has been secured to begin construction, it falls short of the amount needed to make the house liveable. An additional **Rs 200,000 (\$2898 AUD)** is required to complete the structure and ensure Omana has a roof over her head.

How You Can Help: Any amount, large or small, will go directly toward the completion of Omana's home, bridging the gap to provide her with the security and comfort she deserves.

Donation Details:

- Place your donation in the HOPE TREE Collection box at Mass
- Click on the DONATE button on our parish website <https://singletoncatholicparish.org.au/> to make an online or electronic transfer donation.

Thank you for your continued compassion and for being the "hope" in the Hope Tree Group. Together, we can help Omana move into her new home.

