



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

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A**

**7 June 2026**

**First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16**  
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

He has established peace on your borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
To Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

**Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17**

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

**Sequence – see back page**

**Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;**  
**whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 6:51-58**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.  
As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



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

Pope Leo wants us to remember the connection between Communion, unity and change. 'Christians are truly born from above, regenerated by God as brothers and sisters of Jesus,' he says, 'and the Church that nourishes them with the sacraments is the welcoming bosom for all peoples.'

Being called to unity is something we cannot do alone. This is why the Pope encourages us to reflect on 'the lifestyle that characterises humanity when it has been renewed by the Holy Spirit.' We are called to be people who love each other, even those who may despise us or rattle our complacency.

The Pope encourages us to reflect on what such 'spiritual unity' looks like in practice. Surely it flows from 'harmony of faith, affections, ideas and life decisions centred on the love of God who became man to save all the peoples of the earth?' Ours is therefore a unity which 'embraces peoples of every language and culture.'

The Pope also reminds us that 'in the face of poverty and oppression, the guiding principle above all for Christians is charity: let us do to those around us, as we would have them do to us.' In doing so, we become authentic witnesses of our Communion with Christ.

[Quotes from Homily at the Basilica of St Augustine (Annaba), 14 April 2026:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026/documents/20260414-algeria-messa-annaba.html>]

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<b>ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:</b> He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.	<h2 style="text-align: center;">We remember in our prayers:</h2> <p><b>Sick:</b> 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. <b>Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.</b></p> <p><b>Baptisms:</b> Wren and Mack Marvig (Branxton). Elsie Nowland, Jasmine Ragh, Nina Ragh (Singleton). <b>Called by name to be a child of God.</b></p> <p><b>Recently Deceased:</b> Anna</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Mollie Allen, Mary Della-Ca, Tina Janssen, Benjamin Mañacap.</p> <p><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></p>
<b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON:</b> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.	
<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES</b> Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A <b>1st Reading:</b> Exodus 19:2-6 <b>2nd Reading:</b> Romans 5:6-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 9:36 – 10:8	
<b>MYSTERY OF FAITH</b> When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.	

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<b>St Patrick's Parish</b>			
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Broke	Immaculate Conception Catholic Church	Wollombi Street, Broke	
Glendon Brook	St. Paul's Catholic Church	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook	
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<b>Schools in our Parishes</b>			
St. Catherine's Catholic College	<b>Principal: Mr David Crawford</b>	K-12 Office: 02 6578 9600	Email: <a href="mailto:admin@singleton.catholic.edu.au">admin@singleton.catholic.edu.au</a>
Rosary Park Catholic School	<b>Principal: Mr Ashley Borg</b>	K-6 Office: 02 4938 1541	Email: <a href="mailto:admin@branxton.mn.catholic.edu.au">admin@branxton.mn.catholic.edu.au</a>

MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026						
	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	Tues 9 June
<b>Commentator</b>		D Clarke	G Cattermole	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	E Janssen	
<b>Readers</b>	H Hartcher C Trunk	M Ingold	J Duldulao H Duldulao	R James <b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	T Janssen N Janssen H Janssen	
<b>Prayers</b>		D Clarke	C Langford	F King	E Janssen	
<b>Offertory</b>	S McAlister S Purdon	Colleen Janette	M George J Dunn	J & C Cowley	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	
<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>	N/A	N/A	J Dunn	T Cochrane A Cochrane	Chris 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>8 June</b>	<b>9 June</b> <i>St Ephrem</i>	<b>10 June</b>	<b>11 June</b> <i>St Barnabas</i>	<b>12 June</b> <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	<b>13 June</b> <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	<b>14 June</b> <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A</i>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>	<b>OFFICE OPEN</b>		
<u>8.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>5.00pm</u> <b>LOTW</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>  <u>11.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>Elizabeth Gates</i>	<u>9.00am</u> <b>Novena</b> <u>9.20am</u> <b>Mass</b>  <u>11.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>	<u>7.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>10.00am</u> <b>Mass</b> <u>5.00pm</u> <b>Mass</b> <i>St Patrick's Singleton</i>
	<u>9.20am</u> <b>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> <b>Rosary</b> <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 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au) for more information and resources.

## **Singleton Senior Singles Lunch**

The Singleton Senior Singles will hold their monthly lunch on Tuesday 9 June at 12pm in the Albion Hotel Restaurant. Any seniors on their own are welcome to join the group for lunch.

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

The Women's Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday 10 June at 1.30pm in the home of Elaine Thomas, 21 Henry Drive, Singleton Heights. New members most welcome.

## **St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Lunch**

The St Brigid's Caritas Group will hold their monthly lunch on Friday 19 June at 12pm in Miller Park Hotel Branxton. All are invited to join them for fellowship over a meal.

## **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](http://vinnies.org.au/get-involved/volunteering/volunteer-with-us)

## **Memorial Mass of St Josemaria Escriva**

Annual Mass in honour of St Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei will be held on Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 7.00pm in St Therese's Church, 53 Royal St, New Lambton with Mgr Victor Martinez. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 6.30pm and refreshments at 8.00pm. Parking in parish carpark. Please contact Troy on 0432 445 854 for more information.



**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

## **Diocesan Cursillo 3-Day Course**

11-14 June 2026

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](mailto:livedogster@gmail.com) or **JOANNE STANDING:** 0401 438 967 or via email: [joannestanding@gmail.com](mailto:joannestanding@gmail.com)

## **2026 Magdalene Award**

Nominations close Monday 8 June 2026

Celebrate the women who have and continue to shape our Church. Inspired by Mary Magdalene - courageous disciple and first witness to the Risen Christ - the Award honours a woman in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle whose life reflects Gospel values through leadership, service and faith. Open to women aged 18+ actively contributing in a voluntary capacity. Scan the QR Code in the flyer attached, or email Kate for a Nomination Pack: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **Pilgrimage to Ireland**

Departing 21 September 2026

St Francis of Assisi Parish, Dungog Gresford is organising a 'Soul of Ireland' Pilgrimage departing 21 September 2026. The itinerary document can be downloaded from the parish's website at [www.dungoggresfordcatholic.org.au/resources/](http://www.dungoggresfordcatholic.org.au/resources/)

Any interested parishioners from across the diocese would be most welcome to join this opportunity to explore and experience the 'Soul of Ireland'. Please contact Parish Priest, Fr Andrew Doohan, [andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au) | 0412 405 671 with any enquiries.

## **Fishing Weekend**

10 - 12 July 2026

You are invited to an approved Men's Fishing Weekend at Forster - "God for Blokes" - facilitated by the Missionaries of God's Love. See the flyer on the noticeboard for more information and registration details.



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.



### Sequence - Sing forth, O Zion

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing  
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,  
In hymns and canticles divine;  
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song  
Worthy his praises to prolong,  
So far surpassing powers like thine.  
Today no theme of common praise  
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –  
The living, life-dispensing food –  
That food which at the sacred board  
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord  
His parting legacy bestowed.  
Then be the anthem clear and strong,  
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,  
The very music of the breast:  
For now shines forth the day sublime  
That brings remembrance of the time  
When Jesus first his table blessed.  
Within our new King's banquet-hall  
They meet to keep the festival  
That closed the ancient paschal rite:  
The old is by the new replaced;  
The substance hath the shadow chased;  
And rising day dispels the night.  
Christ willed what he himself had done  
Should be renewed while time should run,  
In memory of his parting hour:  
Thus, tutored in his school divine,  
We consecrate the bread and wine;  
And lo – a Host of saving power.  
This faith to Christian men is given –  
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:  
Into his blood the wine is turned:  
What though it baffles nature's powers  
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours  
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.  
Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,  
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,  
There lie the mysteries adored:  
The living body is our food;  
Our drink the ever-precious blood;  
In each, one undivided Lord.  
Not he that eateth it divides  
The sacred food, which whole abides  
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;  
Be one, or be a thousand fed,  
They eat alike that living bread  
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.  
The good, the guilty share therein,  
With sure increase of grace or sin,  
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:  
Death to the guilty; to the good  
Immortal life. See how one food  
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.  
We break the Sacrament; but bold  
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;  
Deem not the whole doth more enfold  
Than in the fractured part resides:  
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;  
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;  
The hidden deep reality  
In all its fullness still abides.