St Patrick's, Singleton
St Brigid's, Branxton
St Catherine's, Greta
Immaculate Conception, Broke
St Paul's, Glendon Brook

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A ***8 November 2026***

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading from the book of the Wisdom.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. ***(R.)***

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***(R.)***

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***(R.)***

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***(R.)***

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WALKING IN FAITH
PARISH LIFE WITH FR PETER

Dear Brothers and Sisters

As you know the bishop has appointed me as successor to Fr. Thomas. On Wednesday I made the required Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith and have assumed the ecclesiastical office of Parish Priest of Singleton and Parish Administrator of Branxton.

As I said at Masses last week it is the joy and privilege of my priestly life to serve God in these communities. In the first few months of next year our parishes will each commence a Parish Assembly process to establish new pastoral plans for our 2 parishes.

Over the next few weeks, I will meet with the Parish Pastoral Councils and the Finance Councils of each Parish, I will release financial statements for each parish by the end of November. Once I have a deeper understanding of the building projects that each parish is undertaking, I will communicate this to each community.

Somebody asked me recently what my priority was for our parishes, quite simply it is the mottos that our previous Bishop and current Bishop had chosen, Bishop Wright's motto "In Principio Verbum" this is from the Prologue of St John, it translates to "In the Beginning was the Word." It also will take the translation, "In the first place the Word." Bishop Michael Kenndy's motto is "Euntes Docete" go forth and teach. I would like our communities to know Jesus, The Word of God incarnate, and be able to share him with those we encounter.

With Love
Fr. Peter Street

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

MYSTERY OF FAITH
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

We remember in our prayers:

Sick: *Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Sienna Baker, Lorraine Cooper, Josè Joaquim De Sousa, Jen Phillips, Paul Ruigrok, Vincent Smolenaers, John Tindale, Betty Thompson, Sharon Wood.* ***Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers.***

Recently Deceased*: Bernadette Bailey (Lochinvar 9/11/26, 11am).*

Anniversaries*: Bishop Bill Wright.* ***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.***

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St Patrick's Parish	**PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)**	
Singleton	*St Patrick's Church*	Queen Street Singleton 2330
Broke	*Immaculate Conception Catholic Church*	Wollombi Street, Broke
Glendon Brook	*St. Paul's Catholic Church*	874 Glendonbrook Road, Glendon Brook
St Brigid's Parish	**PLEASE PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE FOR BOOKINGS OF PARISH CHURCHES (5507 4048)**	
Branxton	St Brigid's Catholic Church	Station St, Branxton 2335
Greta	St Catherine's Catholic Church	Branxton Street, Greta 2334

Schools in our Parishes

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Rosary Park Catholic School	***Principal: Mr Ashley Borg***	K-6 Office: 02 4938 1541	Email: admin@branxton.mn.catholic.edu.au

MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 6pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Langford	J Dries	J Dries	*Tues 10 Nov* *J Brackenrig*
Commentator		K Ingold	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	SCCC Staff	
Readers	P Conroy M Thomas	D Clarke	C Spiteri D Thompson	T Cochrane J Bray	SCCC Staff	
Prayers		K Ingold	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	SCCC Staff	
Offertory	J & K Zaragoza	Cecilia Joan	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	SCCC Staff	
Extraordinary Minister			J Duldulao	R James	M Cunningham	

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 November ***THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA***	**10 November** ***St Leo the Great***	**11 November** ***St Martin of Tours***	**12 November** ***St Josaphat***	**13 November**	**14 November**	**15 November** ***THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A***
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	9.20am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton* 11.00am **Mass** *Elizabeth Gates*	9.00am **Novena** 9.20am **Mass** ***Reconciliation*** *St Patrick's Singleton*	7.00am **Mass** 10.00m **Mass** 6.00pm **SCAE** *St Patrick's Singleton*
	9.20am **Mass** ***Reconciliation*** *St Catherine's Greta*		9.20am **Mass** ***Reconciliation*** *St Brigid's Branxton*		5.30pm ***Reconciliation*** 6.00pm **Mass** *St Brigid's Branxton*	7.50am **Rosary** 8.15am **Mass** *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 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.

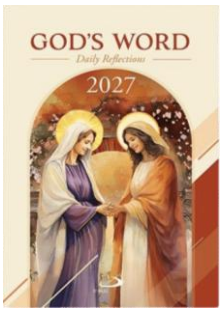
SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

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.

Parish Office changes this week

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 9 November and Wednesday 11 November.

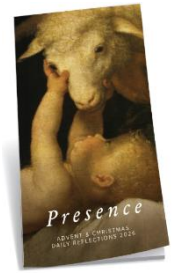
God's Word Reflections 2027 – Now Available



God's Word Reflection books are now available from the Parish Office. If you would like a copy, ***please leave an envelope with $15 in the collection plate with your name and Mass centre/time*** so it can be delivered to you.

The books contain the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. A life-changing companion to nourish you, help make God's Word the foundation of your life, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others.

Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026



This Advent and Christmas, discover the God who is closer than we think. ***Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026*** is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027), ***Presence*** offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey and is available for purchase from the parish office for $5. You can leave money in an envelope with your name and Mass attended or visit the office to purchase. There are 50 copies available so don't miss out on this special resource.

Red November Appeal

During the month of November, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites everyone in Australia and New Zealand to remember, pray for, and support Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. Aid to the Church in Need's Red November Appeal raises vital funds to support suffering and persecuted Christians around the world. Your help can change the lives of those who need it the most. Mass will be said for Red November at Singleton on 18 November at 6pm. Please make a generous offering today. https://aidtochurch.org/rednovemberappeal

Singleton Mass Rosters

It is time to renew our Mass rosters at St Patrick's Church! Blank roster sheets are now on the noticeboard at the back of the church. These will start on the First Week of Advent (29/11/26). We warmly invite both new and existing parishioners to sign up for any of the following ministries:

- ***Readers & Commentators***
- ***Altar Servers***
- ***Presentation of Gifts***
- ***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion***

If you are currently on a roster and wish to step down or update your details, please adjust your preferences on the blank sheets. All volunteers must ensure they have completed the Volunteer Registration prior to commencing or renewing their ministry. Please go https://mn.catholic.org.au/about/working-in-the-diocese/volunteer/

Thank you for your generosity in serving our parish community!

Singleton Senior Singles Lunch

Tuesday 10 November 2026, 12.00pm Albion Hotel, Singleton

The Singleton Senior Singles group invite any singles to join then when they meet for their monthly catch up for a chat over a meal.

St Patrick's Women's Guild Meeting

Wednesday 11 November 2026, 1.30pm

The Women's Guild will meet for their monthly meeting in the home of Jennifer Tindale 23 Olknow Cres.

St Brigid's Caritas Monthly Lunch

Friday 13 November 2026, 12.00pm Miller Park Hotel, Branxton

The St Brigid's Caritas group invite all parishioners to join them for lunch and fellowship at the Miller Park Hotel. They look forward to seeing you there.

Nourishment Day for Sacristans and Servers

Saturday 14 November, 10am-3pm, Toohey Room

A Day of Prayer, Formation, Fellowship and Rene wal. Sacristans and Servers are warmly invited to a special day of spiritual nourishment and community. Activities include Formation Session, Practical Workshop, Fellowship & Sharing, Lunch and Refreshments. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" *Psalm 34:8.*

To learn more or visit:
https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/nourishment-day-for-sacristans-and-servers-newcastle-west/

MN KIDs Formation Day: Newcastle and Taree

Taree – Saturday 28 November, 9:30am – 3pm
Newcastle – Sunday 06 November, 9:30am – 3pm

Give your child the opportunity to prepare for Advent in a meaningful and memorable way at the MN KIDS Formation Day. Led by experienced Religious Education facilitators from the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, this special day combines faith-filled learning with interactive activities, friendship, and fun. Through engaging and age-appropriate experiences, children will grow in their understanding of the Gospel and be encouraged in their spiritual journey. Learn More: https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/mnkids-formation-day-newcastle-west/

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During November, we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us - our family, friends, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. Masses throughout the month will be offered for all those named on our special **November Mass Envelopes**. Please write the names of your loved ones clearly on an envelope and place it in either collection basket during Mass. November Mass Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Joseph and Paul
The relatives and friends of Sue McAlister
The relatives and friends of Pao, Teena and Sofia Cruz
The Enright and Thomas family members
The Brittliffe and Rapp family members
The Alsleben, Schafer and Holz family members
The family and friends of B & N Holz
Pam and Barry Davy



Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra _ _ _.

Five were _ _ _ _. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _ _ _ _ _ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, "Open the _ _ _ _ _!", but they were not allowed inside.