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

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A **World Day of the Poor** **15 November 2026**

First Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
A reading from the book of the Proverbs.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ***(R.)***

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ***(R.)***

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. ***(R.)***

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.
But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:4, 5**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 24:14-30**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WALKING IN FAITH
PARISH LIFE WITH FR PETER

One of the often-untapped treasures of the Liturgy of Holy Mother Church are the Votive Masses found in the back of the missal.

The word votive comes from the Latin votum, meaning a "vow," "wish," or "prayer." On certain weekdays in Ordinary Time when no major feast is scheduled, the Church permits the priest to select a Votive Mass to foster the devotion of the faithful or address a specific pastoral need.

Votive Masses focus our collective prayer on a central mystery of our faith. "Masses for Various Needs and Occasions," also allow parishes to pray intentionally for vocations, the sick, peace and justice, or unity among Christians.

Far from breaking the rhythm of the Church year, Votive Masses enrich our spiritual lives. They remind us that the Eucharist is deeply connected to the daily needs of our parish community and the universal Church, drawing us closer to Christ and the communion of saints in a personal, focused way.

As such when the Ordo allows, I will start making use of these Masses. Traditionally there is a structure to the use of these Votive Masses:

Monday: The Most Holy Trinity
Tuesday: The Holy Angels
Wednesday: St. Joseph | Sts. Peter and Paul | All Holy Apostles
Thursday: The Holy Spirit | The Most Holy Eucharist | Christ the Eternal High Priest
Friday: The Holy Cross | The Passion of Our Lord | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Blessed Virgin Mary

If you would like to request a Votive Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, A
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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, Geoff Brodbeck, 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*: Tony McNamara.*

Anniversaries*: Annie May Slattery, William Dagg, Josphine Dagg, Josie Wilcher.* ***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.***

Baptism*: Bowie and Louis Moody.* ***Called by name to be a child God.***

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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)**		
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Greta	St Catherine's Catholic Church	Branxton Street, Greta 2334	

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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 22 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 17 Nov* *G McMillan* *C Langford*
Commentator		F Tomy	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	H Rapp	
Readers	S Purdon C Trunk	L Harrison	S Bates N Alexandroy	L Stevenson A Jacob	H Rapp O Brackenrig C Brackenrig	
Prayers		F Tomy	H Duldulao	Donna	A Skardon	
Offertory	S McAlister A Trunk	Colleen Norma	J Tindale E Thomas	Jacob family	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Extraordinary Minister			J Dunn	T & A Cochrane	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
16 November ***St Margaret of Scotland*** ***St Gertrude***	**17 November** ***St Elizabeth of Hungary***	**18 November** ***The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul***	**19 November**	**20 November**	**21 November** ***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***	**22 November** ***OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A***
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Red November Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	9.20am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton* 11.00am **Mass** *Cooinda*	9.00am **Novena** 9.20am **Mass** ***Reconciliation*** *St Patrick's Singleton* 5.00pm **Mass** *Glendonbrook*	7.00am **Mass** 10.00m **Mass** **Adoration** 6.00pm **Mass** *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.

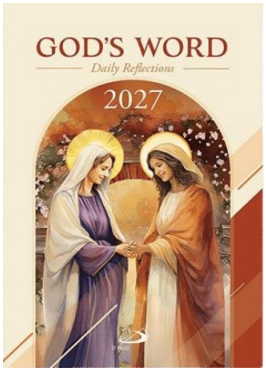
Mass changes this week

Mass on Wednesday 18 November will be said at 6.00pm in St Patricks' Church to commemorate Red November.

Red November: Pray for Persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a *free prayer card* and *complimentary pair of Rosary beads*, handmade by Christians in Syria. To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

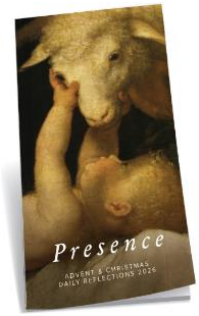
God's Word Reflections 2027 – Now Available



God's Word Reflection books are now available. If you would like a copy, ***envelopes are available at each church for you to leave your $15 payment in the collection plate. Make sure your name and Mass centre/time*** are on it, so your copy 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 ***Envelopes are available at each church for you to leave your $5 payment in the collection plate. Make sure your name and Mass centre/time*** are on it, so your copy can be delivered to you. There are 50 copies available so don't miss out on this special resource.

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!

MN KIDs Formation Day: Newcastle and Taree

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

40th Anniversary of Saint John Paul II's Historic Alice Springs Address

Sunday 29 November, 9.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

As we light the Candle of Hope on the First Sunday of Advent, join us as we commemorate a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia: Saint John Paul II's historic Alice Springs address of 29 November 1986. This Mass will include | Smoking Ceremony | Traditional Welcome by an Elder | Cultural Dance and Song | Yidaki (Didgeridoo) Players| Prayer and reflection inspired by Saint John Paull II's message | Morning Tea on the grass grounds. Learn more https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/40th-anniversary-of-saint-john-paul-iis-historic-alice-springs-address/

Exhibition Celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods

October Until 20 December, Diocesan Resource Centre
Monday and Friday 10am-5pm, 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 10am-2pm.

Inspired by Sr Jan Tranter's recently published book, the exhibition offers a unique insight into Fr Wood's life through geological specimens, photographs, books, a looping presentation and other historical materials. Learn More: https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/exhibition-celebrating-the-life-and-work-of-fr-julian-tenison-woods/

World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people (aged 16-35) held every three years with the Pope. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is leading a pilgrimage in July 2027 to the next one in South Korea with an extended retreat in Japan following. Serious expressions of interest have now opened and can be logged on our webpage. We expect bookings to open in November with an $800 deposit. Learn more: https://mn.catholic.org.au/church/world-youth-day-2027/



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 Maria
Leo Bendeich, Cec, Flo & Bob Crouch, Adrian Stafa, Members of the Bendeich Family
Gerhard Stafa, Wayne Gurr, Members of the Bendeich & Stafa Families
Members of the Gorczyca and Miller Families
Sharyn McKeahnie, Charles McKeahnie, Heather McKeahnie and Chris Behan
Benjamin Mañacap, Ma Cristina Mañacap, Eudocia Ruzol, Adolfo Marquez Sr, Catalina Mañacap,
Avelino Marquez, Luisa Marquez, Jennifer Pagador, Christopher Franco
Edgaardo Pascum, John Edward Pascum, Elena Pascual
Noeline & George Cattermole, Alf & Val (Eileen) Pucher, Wendy & Ryan Pucher, Ron & Lidwina Briley,
All friends and family of the Cattermole family
Members of the Dunn and McShane Families
Members of the Howlett Family
The Jones, Hughes and Cahill Families

Farewell Dinner

ERICA JANSSEN



Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a **farewell dinner** to thank Erica Janssen for her dedicated service as Parish Secretary.

After 12 years serving our parish community, Erica will be finishing in her role on **27 November**.

The dinner will be held on **Wednesday 18 November** at **6.30pm** in the **Club Singleton Function Room**.

This will be an opportunity for parishioners, staff, volunteers and friends to gather, share a meal, and thank Erica for her commitment and contribution to parish life over many years.

Please RSVP via the sheets in the church or by calling the Parish Office. We hope you can join us.



In today's gospel how many servants did the master leave in charge?



How much money did he give them?

What happened when the Master returned?

Why was the Master pleased?

What little things that we do show that we are good and faithful?