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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A — *22 November 2026*

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**

A reading from the prophet of Ezekiel.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***(R.)***

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. ***(R.)***

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***(R.)***

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ***(R.)***

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

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

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation **Mark 11:9-10**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'
The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



WALKING IN FAITH
PARISH LIFE WITH FR PETER

His Lordship, the Most Reverend Michael Kennedy, Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle, has announced that Fr. Peter Thoi has been appointed to the Parishes of Singleton and Branxton, commencing on 1 January 2027. We look forward to welcoming him to our communities.

Given that I am currently caring for both parishes by myself, the full Mass schedule is too heavy a load, making it necessary to temporarily reintroduce Sunday Celebrations in Anticipation of the Eucharist (SCAEs). I believe each parish should have at least one weekly Mass time that remains unchanged. Therefore, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, the following schedule will apply:

- **1st & 3rd Sundays of the month:** Greta will have Mass at 8:15am, and the 7:00am service at Singleton will be an SCAE.
- **2nd & 4th Sundays of the month:** Singleton will have Mass at 7:00am, and the 8:15am service at Greta will be an SCAE.

This schedule provides certainty and ensures that those who prefer not to attend an SCAE still have the opportunity to attend Mass within their own parish. Following the Bishop's announcement, please be assured that this is a temporary measure.

We also welcome Monica Plant as she commences her role as Parish Secretary. Please make her feel at home - you can read more about her on the back page.

Finally, please note that Christmas Mass times will be announced next week.

Fr Peter

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
First Sunday of Advent, Year B
1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

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 (Thursday 26.11.26, 11am), Rene Blyton and Marie Burrell.*

Anniversaries*: Rodney Nowland, Mons Vincent Dilley, Patrick Kelly, Ned Kelly, Maternidad Panogadia, Adrian Stafa.* ***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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Facebook	Catholic Parishes of Singleton and Branxton	**Promoters of Safeguarding** Contact via the Parish Office	Singleton Parish: Niamh Marzol Branxton Parish: Allan Humphreys
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 29 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 24 Nov* *J. Woolley*
Commentator		A Humphreys	G Cattermole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	H Rapp	
Readers	C. Trunk S. Purdon	K. Ingold	Carl Matanisga Bibi Matanisiga	J. Bray	M. Cunningham Kevin	
Prayers		A Humphreys	Carmel Spiteri	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	A Skardon	
Offertory	A. Trunk S. McAlister	Joan Janette	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	J. Cowley C.Cowley	Kevin Jonathon	
Extraordinary Minister			J Duldulao	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	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
23 November ***St Columban*** ***St Clement 1***	**24 November** ***St Andrew Dung Lac and Companions***	**25 November** ***St Catherine of Alexandria***	**26 November**	**27 November**	**28 November**	**29 November** ***First Sunday of Advent Year B***
OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN		
8.00am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	9.20am **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	6.00pm **Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	9.20am **Anointing Mass** *St Patrick's Singleton*	9.00am **Novena** 9.20am **Mass** ***Reconciliation*** *St Patrick's Singleton*	7.00am **Mass** 10.00am **Mass** 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.

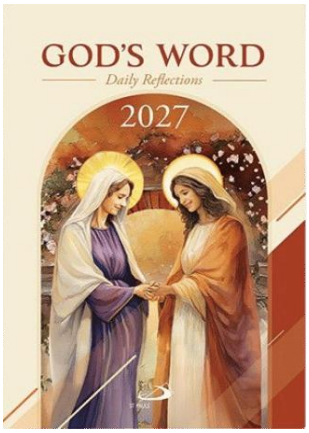
SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

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.

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 Parish Christmas Dinner

Club Singleton Wednesday 9th December 6pm

Come along and celebrate the Christmas season together as a parish family! All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for a festive evening of good food and fellowship. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

MN KIDs Formation Day: Newcastle and Taree

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/

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/

Accommodation Needed

We are seeking local accommodation for a father and son who have recently moved to Australia and are settling into our community. If you have a room, granny flat, or rental property available - or know someone who might be able to help - please contact Megan Constable at St Catherine's Catholic College on 6578 9600 as soon as possible. Any assistance in helping them feel at home is greatly appreciated.

Give the Gift of Sight

Do you have any spare or unused reading glasses sitting in a drawer at home? Our parishes are collecting pre-loved reading glasses to send to overseas missions, where they will make a life-changing difference for those without access to eye care. Please place your donations in the collection box at the back of the Church. Thank you for helping others see clearly!

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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.

Members of the Bunt and Tunnage Families
Friends and family of Rosaleen James
Members of the Gee & Nowland Families
Nathan Grant, Mollie Bogan, Lester Bogan
Members of the Barry, Bogan and Grant Families
Margaret & Joe Clement
Tori Cowburn
Cathy Fay

Welcome Our New Parish Secretary, Monica Plant!

We are delighted to welcome Monica Plant as our new Parish Secretary, supporting both St Patrick's Parish Singleton and St Brigid's Parish Branxton.



Monica brings a wealth of experience in administration, customer service, and business operations, alongside a genuine love for our local community. Having attended St Catherine's Catholic College from Kindergarten through to Year 12, Monica has a longstanding connection to the school and the parish, and with her sons starting at St Catherine's over the next couple of years, this role holds special meaning for her family.

In her previous roles, as a Salon Manager, a Property Manager, currently running her own local coffee van business, *The Grove Hunter Valley*, and working casually at Singleton Heights Pre-School, Monica has developed strong organisational skills, great attention to detail, and hands-on experience so we know she'll be great support to the Parishes in her new role!



Known for her approachable nature and great big smile, Monica looks forward to supporting our Parish Priests, parish teams, and parishioners to work together for our parish communities.

Please join us in giving Monica a big warm welcome when you drop into or call the Parish office as she officially starts this week!