

Newcastle Inner City Parishes

12th February 2012
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CITY PASTORAL REGION ENCOMPASSES THE PARISHES OF:
Broadmeadow, Hamilton, Tighes Hill/Carrington, Newcastle, Mayfield, Mayfield West, & Stockton

Vision Statement: We are a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive, Catholic faith community, sustained by Gospel values and active in the community.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors:

We come to the Table of the Lord's Word and Table of the Eucharist on the 5th Sunday in the ordinariness of our lives.

In the First Reading today, God gives instructions to further impress upon Israel that they are called to be an example for the **rest** of the nations.

In the Gospel, when Jesus is confronted with a leper (leprosy was a skin disease that people feared because it isolated them from society), he shows compassion by touching the leper and tells him to show himself to the priest (Rabbi) who has the authority to readmit him to the community'.

Today at the 5pm Mass in the Cathedral we have the Opening Mass for St Joseph's and Holy Family Schools. The new families will be welcomed and the School Captains blessed and receive their badges as will the Sports' Captains.

In December 2011, the Australian Newspaper published a glossy magazine entitled *The Australian Innovation Challenge - Our Pioneers Unearthing the Nation's Inventive Heart*.

The contents included:

- Innovate or Perish: **Judging the state of innovation** in the nation
- Overall Winner: *Nanopatches* for **improved vaccines**
- Adoptive Brainchild: The winding road to **commercialisation**
- Proving Our Mettle: **Persistence** is the key to success
- Australia Fair Advances: **Rethinking our market potential**

Ann Pickard, Country Chair, of *Shell Australia*, summed up the challenge - *Whatever your definition of innovation, ultimately it's about **people**.*

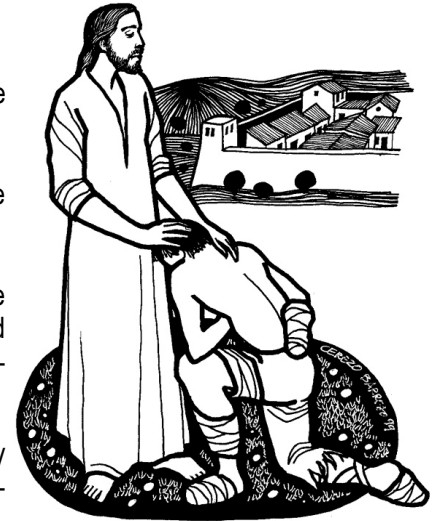
As we look at some of these phrases above, we need to acknowledge that we, the **Church**, are a **community of people** who need to be innovative:

- The most important person is **Jesus Christ** who tells us: *I am the way, the truth and the life.* (St John)
What is our relationship with him?
- The second aspect of our Community has always been - **Persistence** in our faith.
- The third aspect of our Community (and there is certainly room for improvement here!) is **How do we re-think our market potential?**
 - ✘ We have the **solid faith** of our **elders** who have shown **persistence in their faith**
 - ✘ Who are our parishioners who have the gift of **ingenuity**?
 - ✘ What is the **market potential** of our Catholic Schools?
 - ✘ Who are our people with skills to help plan our **innovation**?
 - ✘ What is the **challenge** in each of our **faith communities**?

In the section *Australia's Fair Advances*, there is an admission that as Australians, **we are lousy at the game of collaboration**. A recent ABS Study found that only 2.4% of Australian innovations-Active businesses collaborate with universities. Not good! And in our own backyard, collaboration between parish and Catholic schools has been on the agenda for a number of years and we are not there yet.

We have people asking for the initiation of their children into the Faith community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We have adults embracing the faith through the *Rite of Christian Initiation*. This Innovation Challenge is a call to us to be an active part of the **Mass Communities** where we can all grow in an appreciation of the gift of **Eucharist** in our lives.

As a Community, we will be also having an **Assembly** as we reflect on our present needs and move forward with the challenge of the Year of Grace. The Combined Parish Assembly will take place on **Friday, 9th March in the St Joseph's Hall, 6pm to 7:30pm.**



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SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY MASSES: Vigil 5:30pm;
 9.30am; (11.30am-Polish Mass); 5pm
 Slovenian Mass: 5th Sunday of the
 month at 6.00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES & NOVENA

8:20 am Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri
12:05pm Wed, Thurs, Fri
9:20am Saturday & 10am Novena

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 10:30-11am & 5-5.15pm
 Sunday: 9am-9.15am
 Wed, Thurs Fri: 11:00am-11:55am

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Cnr Union St & Tighes Terrace
TIGHES HILL - SUNDAY : 8.00 am
 RECONCILIATION : Before Sunday Mass

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE

125 Broadmeadow Rd
 BROADMEADOW

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:30pm

SUNDAY 9:30am (Italian)

ST MARY'S, NEWCASTLE

54 Perkins Street, Newcastle
SUNDAY 7:30am

ST JOSEPH'S, THE JUNCTION

Cnr Kenrick & Farquhar Sts

SUNDAY 9:00am

USUAL WEEKDAY TIMES

Mon 7am St Joseph's
 (Liturgy of the Word with Communion)
Tues-Thurs 7am St Joseph's
Fri 10:15am St Joseph's

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Primary School, The Junction
 Holy Family Primary School, Merewether

PRAYERS REQUESTED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marcella McKee, Paul Wenman, Elmer Dablio, Harry Hutchens, June o'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES: Trish Leishman, Margaret Watt, Consolacion Dagpin Uy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Raquel Zaragosa, Lily England, Michael Karanges, Richard Taper, Sr Clare Wooden, MFS, Adelle Brennan, Don Chandler, Sheila Clifton, Therese Graham, Sr Pauline Wicks RSJ, Ellen Dan, Herbie Williams, Isabel Madula, Jim Connell, Charlie Turner, Jordan-Katie Fahey

Bulletin notices or Prayer Requests: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au or 4979 1101
The deadline for Bulletin notices and prayer requests is Wednesday at 5:00pm.

CHARITY HOUSIE REPRESENTATIVE

The Parish of Sacred Heart conducts a Charity Housie on Thursdays and Saturdays. The law requires us to have a Charity Representative present at the Housie. They have a number of duties to perform so that we conform to government legislation. The Housies are from 5.30pm to approximately 10pm. If you would be interested in speaking about this, please approach Mons Allan. If two people apply, they might be able to do one night each.

THE PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB - The next gathering of this group is on **Monday, 13th February**. The group gathers at 6.30am in the City Region Catholic Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. Chris Chapman will be the guest speaker at this breakfast and the topic will be *Renewal of Newcastle City. "Respecting the Past and building the Future"*. For further information ring Roger Peters on 4927 0779.

FISH AND CHIPS AT BAR BEACH - Friday, 17th February from 5pm. All welcome. Meet at the large pavilion. Buy dinner at kiosk or BYO. Contact Chris D 4926 5194.

Monthly Luncheon for all Parishioners of the City Region: Monday, 20th February at 12.30pm at the Victor Peters Suite, Hamilton. **For catering purposes** phone Mary Loscocco 4961 3242.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP - The first meeting for 2012 takes place on **Monday, 27 February, 7.30-9pm** in the City Region Catholic Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction. All meetings take place on the 4th Monday of each month. All welcome.

TASTE AND SEE - The Adult Faith Development group encourages parishioners to consider the 'Taste and See' unit being run at the Broadmeadow Resources Centre on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 7.30 pm as your 'Lenten exercise'. Commencing 21st Feb, this unit "Taking time to savour Hebrew Scriptures and its impact on our lives", will be offered by Sr Patricia Boland rsj, of the Tenison Woods Education Centre. For more information, see the Notice Board or phone Sr Patricia, 49608831.

THE GIFT OF CONTEMPLATION - Living Waters Meditation Centre presents *The Gift of Contemplation* on Saturday, 3rd March from 9.30am to 12noon in the Toohey Room, (on the western side of Sacred Heart Cathedral). Teaching, morning tea and meditation. RSVP carmel.moore@ssjl.org.au or 0412 122 297.

ADVANCE IMPORTANT NOTICE - At the Parish Masses at the weekend of the 25th and 26th February you will be invited to fill in a questionnaire which is designed to elicit your perceptions and experiences in regard to the International (Overseas) Priests Program. It will take approximately 5 minutes. Chris Cavenagh is the Project Officer of this review as requested by Bishop Bill as 2012 is the last year of their contract.

SECOND ADVANCE NOTICE - On Friday night, 9th March, we will have a Inner City Parish Assembly in order to discern changes we need to implement due to Sr Patricia and Sr Jeannine's conclusion of their contract. As well we will be preparing for the Year of Grace which will be coordinated by Sr Louise Gannon, Diocesan Coordinator. The Assembly will be held in St Joseph's Hall at 7pm. Next weekend we hope to have some type of outline for you. Please put this in your diary.

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS - 19th February 2012

MASS CENTRE	TIME	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	OTHER
Sacred Heart	Vigil 5:30pm	R & M Jessa	R Todd R Anicich		A Brierley , R & M Jessa, H Bridges, P Spence, B Connors	
Sacred Heart	9:30am	D Riley	M Harrison C Harrison		P Owens , B Stott, M Smith, A Portus, Volunteer x 2	
Sacred Heart	5:00pm	Volunteers	D Hiscox D Doyle		K Gilholme , I Macleod, V Walker, L Keeling, Volunteer x 2	
St Mary's	7:30am	Tony Roger	C Moore T Mather	Children Volunteers	H Fleming, P Clark, K A Fogarty	
Tighes Hill	8:00am	D Norman D Hiscox	M Hall J Edwards	C & T O'Kane	D Hiscox, M O'Connor, Sr M Lantry, L Hallinan (H)	CHILDREN'S LITURGY: C Sorenson & R Sorenson
St Joseph's	9:00am	O'Connor Family	M Gordon C Cavenagh	Hensen Family	M Smith, M/C Flanagan, A Burgess, K Russell , A & D Holz	COUNTERS: R Hampson, R Rossi