

# Newcastle Inner City Parishes

19th February 2012  
7th 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:

As we come to the table of the Lord's Word and the Eucharistic table today, we give a warm welcome at the 9.30 am Mass, to all who are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Newcastle foundation of Our Lady Nurses of the Poor, the Brown Sisters. Bishop Bill is presiding at this Mass.

The theme of today's liturgy could well be: **Imitate Christ**. This theme leads us into our Lenten Season which begins this week with Ash Wednesday (see back page). We are called to recognize and celebrate the role Jesus plays in the healing of:

- our bodies
- our minds
- our spirits

We open ourselves to receive the healing that, in honesty, we all need.

The First Reading from Isaiah promises us that God is **renewing the earth** and all human kind.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the paralytic: **'Stand up and take your mat and go to your home'**. This leads us to reflect on: **how we carry our mats**.

In everyday life, we hear of AA – Alcoholics Anonymous, or Gambling Anonymous and more recently Sex Anonymous. The simplicity of Jesus' teaching is echoed in their philosophy:

*Everyday I must say to myself, I am an alcoholic, I am a gambler, or I am a sex addict.*

These people name their cross in honesty and, with the help from friends, walk towards **freedom**.

**So, in honesty, we all need to pick up and carry our own individual mat each day! Lent is an appropriate time to begin.**

As we prepare for our Assembly, I repeat some of the phrases, used in last week's bulletin 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**?



Eileen O'Connor



Fr Edward McGrath

As we move towards our Assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, may we be open to our movement of the spirit to be **innovative for God's work** as was Eileen O'Connor and Fr Edward McGrath.

The care initiative of Eileen O'Connor and Fr McGrath when they founded Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor (OLN) in 1913 at Coogee, Sydney is a wonderful Australian example of **innovation for God's work**. Today we celebrate the foundation of the Merewether Beach community 50 yrs ago and give thanks for the gift of the Sisters and the local auxiliary volunteers who have helped and supported them throughout these years. With great humanity and love, they have **touched** the lives of so many poor in our Newcastle area and given witness to the compassionate touch of Jesus in our time and place.

*Mike Allan*

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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:** Paul Summers, Glenys Wilkinson, Aileen Schott, Sabbia Bucci

**ANNIVERSARIES:** David McLellan (Margaret Masters' son), Elizabeth Stott, Edna & Harry Hancock, Marie (Caesar) Maddrell, Adolfo Halasan

**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](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au) or 4979 1101  
**The deadline for Bulletin notices and prayer requests is Wednesday at 5:00pm.**



*Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.*

**ASH WEDNESDAY - 22nd FEBRUARY**

7.00am	St Joseph's, The Junction
7.30am	St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow
8.00am	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
9.00am	St Joseph's School, The Junction
10.30am	Holy Family School, Merewether
12 noon	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
5.30pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tighes Hill

**Pastoral Notes:**

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (no meat) ages 18-60!
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.
- **Project Compassion Boxes** - please take a box and return it on Holy Thursday for care of the poor.

**LENTEN GROUPS OF PRAYER AND DISCUSSION** - The following groups are inviting people to join:

- Merewether, Thursdays 2-3.30pm commencing 23rd February. Contact Pauline 4963 5952.
- CRCC, The Junction, Wednesday 7-8pm commencing 29th February. Contact Moira 4963 2046.

**NEWCASTLE CONSERVATORIUM** is pleased to announce the commencement in February 2012 of a **'School for Young Organists'**, for children aged 5 and upwards. Scholarships available. Please contact 4921 8900 or [conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au). No previous keyboard experience necessary.

**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.

**TASTE AND SEE** - The 'Taste and See' unit being run at the Broadmeadow Resources Centre on Tuesday evenings from 5 pm to 7.30pm commences **21st Feb**. This unit will be offered by Sr Patricia Boland rsj. For more information, see the Notice Board or phone Sr Patricia, 49608831.

**FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday, 22nd February** at 7pm in the City Region Catholic Centre.

**PASTORAL CARE MEETING - Thursday, 23rd February** at 3.30pm in the City Region Catholic Centre.

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY TEAM MEETING - Friday, 24th February** at 11am in the City Region Catholic Centre.

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, "LET JUSTICE PREVAIL"**. A worldwide movement of Christian women of all traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. **Friday 2 March, 10am**, Salvation Army, 67 Cleary St Hamilton. In Newcastle, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Laman Street at 10am.

**HOLY FAMILY, MEREWETHER BEACH REUNION - Sunday, 18th March (more details next week.)**

**NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTERS - 26th February 2012**

MASS CENTRE	TIME	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	OTHER
Sacred Heart	<b>Vigil 5:30pm</b>	C & D Burke	M Alexander D Vaughan		<b>K Gilholme</b> , A Nash, C & D Burke, J Hayden, Volunteer	
Sacred Heart	<b>9:30am</b>	D Riley	J Woodcock G Lovell		<b>P Owens</b> , T van Schyndel, C Lovell, M Harrison, T Harrison, Volunteer	
Sacred Heart	<b>5:00pm</b>	Volunteers	Br David M Moulston		<b>A Brierley</b> , J & R de Ville, D Hiscox, Volunteer x 2	
St Mary's	<b>7:30am</b>	Tony / Roger	C Prider R Rossi	Volunteer	J Fleming, New Minister, T Mather	
Tighes Hill	<b>8:00am</b>	L Hallinan M Crockett	Sr M Lantry M Crockett	B & P Frazer	M Samwell, A Turner, E McCosker, J Hayes	<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY:</b> J Edwards & Friend
St Joseph's	<b>9:00am</b>	V Quinn L Larson	K Purkiss K Walker	E Harvey V Colyvas	<b>J Carmichael</b> , D Callinan, C & J Cavenagh, C Dowling, S Edwards	<b>COUNTERS:</b> C & R Perrin, T Collins