



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST BENEDICT'S INNER NEWCASTLE, MAYFIELD AND STOCKTON

Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2018

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR C

Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

Proclaiming Christ in the inner suburbs of the City of Newcastle

Clergy of St Benedict's Parish

Fr Andrew Doohan (*Parish Priest*)

Fr John Kedari (*Assistant Priest*)

Fr Victor Babu Doss (*Assistant Priest*)

Deacon Anthony Coloma (*Deacon*)

Parish Office—St Benedict's Centre

25 Farquhar Street, The Junction

PO Box 6, The Junction 2291

P: (02) 4979 1101 F: (02) 4962 4644

E: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

W: www.newcastlecatholic.org.au

Parish Office Staff

Chris Cootes (*Parish Business Manager*)

Margaret Cox (*Reception & Administration*)

Rebecca Millard (*Sacraments & Administration*)

Jade Simonsen (*Administration*)

Dr Anne Millard (*Director of Music & Liturgy*)

Office Hours: The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm.

Other Contacts

Lingard Hospital Team Contact the Parish Office

Mercy Pastoral Team Sr Patricia Whitten rsm
(02) 4979 1116

St Joseph's Pastoral Team Contact the Parish Office

Celebrating the Sacraments

Reconciliation is available at **Sacred Heart Cathedral:**

Usually Fridays from **11am** until **11.55am** and on Saturdays from **about 10.30am** until **11am**. Other times available by appointment.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, either during or after any of our Sunday Masses. A monthly Baptism Preparation meeting takes place on the first Wednesday of each month—the next meeting will take place in the Parish Office on **Wednesday 6 February** commencing at **5.30pm**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details, or visit the St Benedict's website.

A **Sacramental Preparation** process runs each year in the Parish for children wishing to complete the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation as part of the Parish community. Please contact the Parish Office for more details, or visit the St Benedict's website.

For adults who wish to become part of the Church, the Parish offers the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** for those who have not been baptised, and the process of **Reception into Full Communion** for those who have been baptised in other churches. Please contact the Parish Office for more details, or visit the St Benedict's website.

Weddings are celebrated by arrangement with at least three (and preferably more) months notice. Please contact the Parish Office for more details, or visit the St Benedict's website.

Parish Bulletin

The Parish Bulletin is published weekly. Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday—1 January

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—2 January

Memorial of Saints Basil and Gregory

7:30am Mass @ The Junction

8:20am Mass @ The Cathedral

9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Thursday—3 January

7:30am Mass @ The Junction

8:20am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

5:30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre

Friday—4 January

8:20am Mass @ The Cathedral

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

NOON Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—5 January

9:20am Mass @ The Cathedral

10am Novena @ The Cathedral (followed by Reconciliation until 11am)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ Broadmeadow

Sunday—6 January

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9am Mass @ The Junction

9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maurice Kline, James Holley, Helen O'Sullivan.

ANNIVERSARIES: Phillip Oates.

SICK:

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

So we stand on the cusp another calendar year, a year that promises much...if we are prepared to attend to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit as it moves among us.

We can be tempted when we think we are listening to the promptings of the Spirit to assume that whatever idea pops into our heads comes from the Holy Spirit. This, of course, is not always true. Sometimes it's just our own particular thought bubbles and unconscious biases emerging.

To ensure that it is the Holy Spirit working within us requires time, requires prayer, requires conversation, and most of all requires being open to others who might have other ideas.

Over the coming year, as our Parish community continues to discern how we are called to 'be Church' in the inner city of Newcastle in 2019 (and beyond), my only plea is that we continue to focus on the mission of the Church—which is summed up simply as the proclamation of the Gospel—rather than on internal issues.

The mission of the Church must always be our focus—everything else flows from that. When we 'waste time' on internal issues to the detriment of the mission entrusted to us, we risk our very identity as 'the Church' and 'the Body of Christ'. If we focus on the mission, the other stuff will naturally follow.

A happy New Year to you all—may the Spirit guide us all to be about the work we are called to be about.

Until next week . . .

Fr Andrew

NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE

Liturgical rosters for **The Cathedral, The Junction and Tighes Hill** are available from those churches this weekend. These rosters cover the period from January to March 2019.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please be aware the Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and New Year from **Friday 21st December till Wednesday 2nd January**.

Phone calls and emails during this time will be answered ASAP upon our return in 2019.

PARISHES OF STOCKTON AND MAYFIELD

Clergy of Mayfield West and Stockton Parish

Fr Matthew Muller	Parish Priest
Fr Joseph Figurado	Assist. Priest
Deacon Lawrence Caelli	Pastoral Worker (Mayfield)
Deacon John Mahony	Pastoral Worker (Stockton)

Parish of St Peter's Stockton (1919)

13 Dunbar Street Stockton, NSW 2295
Ph: (02) 4920 1703

Email: stockton.parish@mn.catholic.org.au

Parish of St Columban's Mayfield (1924)

Christ the King Mayfield West
388 Maitland Rd Mayfield West, NSW 2304
Ph: (02) 4979 1101

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM ST PETER'S, STOCKTON

In 2019, the parish of St Peter's Stockton will offer preparation programs for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. These programs will be offered between February and June 2019, culminating in reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist on **Sunday 9 June, 2019, Pentecost Sunday.**

Enrolment for all three sacraments will be advertised on the resumption of the school year.

Firstly, children will be invited to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which will be celebrated during Lent.

Children from the age of 7 years will be invited to participate in the preparation programs.

Parents and parishioners who would like to be part of the Sacramental Team will be invited to meet in February 2019 to plan the preparation period.

Next Week's Readings:

The Epiphany of the Lord, 6 Jan, Year C
Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3:2-3, 5-6, Mat 2: 1-12

PASTORAL BLESSING

Fathers Matthew & Joseph wish to offer blessings and thanks to all the parishioners who have been so helpful in the church life of Christ the King & St Peter in Chains. May 2019 bring the blessings so richly deserved by the people of faith.

New Volunteers are most welcome to be part of our church life in 2019.

Liturgical Celebrations

Monday, 24th December

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West
6:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass @ Stockton

Tuesday, 25th December

8:45am Rosary @ Stockton
9am Christmas Day Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 26th December

6pm Rosary Marist Laity Group
@ Mayfield West

Thursday, 27th December

8am Mass @ Stockton
9:30am Mass @ Mayfield West
10am Marian Prayer Group (all welcome)
@ Mayfield West

Friday, 28th December

8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
@ Stockton
10:30am Anointing Mass @ Charles O'Neill Hostel

Saturday, 29th December

5:30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West
6pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday, 30th December

9am Mass @ Stockton
3pm Divine Mercy Group @ Mayfield West
(all welcome)

This Week's Liturgy

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Ps 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

(R) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : Acts 16: 14

Alleluia, alleluia

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia

GOSPEL : Luke 2: 41-52

Those for whom we pray:

Recently Deceased

Our Sick:

Anniversaries:

that they will be strengthened by the father's love and prayers of the community.

WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
29 December 5.30pm	Louise Outram	D Vaughan Kath Williams	M Simmons, Pedrita Spence, Douglas Burke, Ching Burke	Dorothea & Katie
30 December 9.30am	Christopher Lovell	Vincia Martin Kerri Morante	Jane McNaughton, Clare Walsh- Gregory, Vera Walker, Ian Macleod	
30 December 5pm	Allen Brierley	David Hayes Chris Stubbs	Vera Walker, Ian Macleod, Elizabeth Keeling	
5 January 5:30pm	Louise Outram	Kath Williams VOLUNTEER	Rose Jessa, Mansoor Jessa, Helen Bridges, Kath Williams	
6 January 9:30am	Peter Owens	Gail Lovell Mary Allado	Christopher Lovell, Frances Barber, Trish O'Dowd, Betty Stott.	
6 January 5pm	Allen Brierley	Clare Walsh-Gregory Iam Macleod	Clare Walsh-Gregory, Ian McLeod, Vera Walker, VOLUNTEER	

NEWCASTLE	READERS	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
30 December 7.30am	R. Rossi, T Mather	Volunteers	K. Frasca, Roger Peters
6 January 7:30am	Roger Peters, K. Frasca	Volunteers	C. Allen, Ian Thomas.

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
30 December 8am	L Hallinan M Lantry	X Lamont S Horton	R Hayes	A Turner, A Podgorelec, B O'Donnell
6 January 8am	L. Hallinan A. Turner	S Wooldridge X Lamont	K Bannister K Lamont	D Norman, M Lantry, J Gurr

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
30 December 9am	Isaac Flanagan Cheree Flanagan	M de Souza K Walker	Whittaker Family	Michael Blake, John Cavenagh, Pam Dagwell	G. Radecki M. Williams
6 January 9am	Anna Holz Des Holz	Kathy Russell Cath Purkiss	Sidonie Coffey	Sally Casey, Lena Josue, Rebecca Stokes	M. Williams, C Mowbray, B. Straiton

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
29 December 5.30pm				
5 January 5:30pm				

	WELCOMERS	READERS	GIFT BEARERS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
Mayfield West 29 December 6pm	Dianne & Doreen	K. Williams A. Jenkins	Sister C. O'Connor	Deacon J. Mahony, M. Williamson, M. Caelli
Mayfield West 5 January 6pm	Dianne & Doreen	J. Belcher K. Williamson	Sister Clare Conroy	Deacon J Mahony, R Ahkin, S. Versonesi
Stockton 30 December 9am	Marie	Helen O'B Lyn S	Janine Jan D	Margaret, Wendy, Jan
Stockton 6 January 9am				