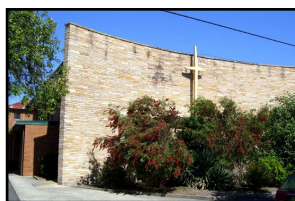




Sacred Heart Cathedral,  
Hamilton



St Joseph's,  
The Junction



St Mary, Star of the Sea,  
Newcastle



Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Tighes Hill



St Laurence O'Toole's,  
Broadmeadow



Christ the King,  
Mayfield West



St Peter-in-Chains',  
Stockton

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY PASTORAL REGION

**SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019**  
**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

*Incorporating the Parishes of St Benedict's, Inner Newcastle, St Columban's, Mayfield, and St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton, our mission is to proclaim Christ in the inner suburbs of the City of Newcastle.*

*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.*

## Clergy in the Region

Fr Andrew Doohan

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Fr Peter Street

Fr Matthew Muller

Fr James Odoh

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## Office Hours

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

## Other Contacts

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## Regional Bulletin

The Bulletin is published weekly.

Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Regional Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

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

18th Week in Ordinary Time

### Monday 5 August

- 8.30am Liturgy with Communion @ Stockton  
8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

### Tuesday 6 August

*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction  
8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral  
8.45am Rosary @ Stockton  
9.15am Mass @ Stockton  
9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

### Wednesday 7 August

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction  
8am Mass @ Mayfield West  
8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral  
9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill  
10am Anointing Mass @ Mayfield Aged Care

### Thursday 8 August

*Feast of St Mary MacKillop*

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction  
8am Mass @ Stockton  
8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral  
9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West  
9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow  
5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

### Friday 9 August

- 8.30am Liturgy with Communion @ Stockton  
9.15am Mass @ Mayfield West  
9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill  
10.15am Mass @ The Junction  
11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation @ The Cathedral  
12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

### Saturday 10 August

*Feast of St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*

- 9.15am Mass & Novena @ The Cathedral  
5.30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow  
5.30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral  
5.30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West  
6pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West



The **Wurlitzer Organ** in St Laurence O'Toole Broadmeadow Church is no longer needed. Anyone interested in it please see Sr Carol or ph. 0423 700 523.

### Sunday 11 August

- 7.30am Mass @ Newcastle  
8am Mass @ Tighes Hill  
9am Mass @ The Junction  
9am Mass @ Stockton  
9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral  
10.30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow  
11.30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral  
3pm Divine Mercy Group @ Mayfield West  
5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

## IMPORTANT NOTICE! CHANGES TO MASS TIMES FROM MONDAY, 5 AUGUST

On an ongoing basis From this week, the Tuesday 8am Mass at **Mayfield West** will move to Wednesday at 8am.

Fr Joseph

The Mass preceding the **Novena** at the **Cathedral** on Saturdays will start at 9.15am and the rosary preceding the Mass will start at 8.50am.

At the **Cathedral**, an 8.15am Mass will be added on Mondays and the 8.20am Mass on Fridays will be discontinued. There will be no change to the 12.05pm Mass on Fridays. ie. From Monday, 5 August, the Cathedral weekday Mass times will be:

- Monday 8.15am  
Tuesday 8.15am  
Wednesday 8.15am  
Thursday 8.15am  
Friday 12.05pm

Fr Andrew Doohan, Rector SHC

From this week, there will be additional Masses offered at **Broadmeadow** and **Tighes Hill**. There will be a 9.15am Mass at **Broadmeadow** on Tuesdays (in addition to the existing 9.15am Thursday Mass). There will also be a 9.15am Mass at **Tighes Hill** on Fridays (in addition to the existing 9.15am Wednesday Mass).

Please note these changes are subject to Clergy availability and leave. Any future alterations will be communicated in advance.

God Bless from Fr James

*The Cathedral and St Joseph's are served by a hearing loop—use the setting marked "T".*

## 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 Regional Office on **Wednesday, 7th  
August**, commencing at **5.30pm**. Please contact the  
Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

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

For adults who wish to become part of the Church, 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  
Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

**Weddings** are celebrated by arrangement with at least  
three (and preferably more) months notice. Please  
contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit  
the website.

### IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ursula (Mary) Kentwell,  
Winifred Frost, Maryanne Watters, Helen Hall,  
Julie Anne Lee, Iris Corrigan, Louise Van Sanders,  
Margaret Fairhall, Ronald Lovell

**ANNIVERSARY:** John & Sarah Mennie: Robert, Jack,  
Richard & Joseph Mennie, Dallas Humphries,  
Marie Therese Brice, Betty Allsop, Tony Mangioni,  
Daniel Finnegan, Pat Alexander,  
Edna Street

**SICK:** Betty Stott, Lauren Koppers,  
Warren Shepherd, Geraldine Bound,  
Ignacio Umali, Mercedes Umali,  
Shane Walsh, Kate Newsome,  
Phil Milman, Finn Fitzpatrick,  
Ken Jeary, Jean Curry

*Names may be placed here by contacting the Regional Office.  
Please refer to the Policy Document on the Regional website—  
visit [www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).*



## THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

**First Reading** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

All things are vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v. 1

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Second Reading** Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Set your heart on the greater things.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Lk 12:13-21

Parable of the rich man with a good harvest.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**First Reading** Wis 18:6-9

**Second Reading** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel** Lk 12:32-48

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST ADVANCE NOTICE OF MASS TIMES

7.30am	Mass @ Newcastle
8.15am	Mass @ The Cathedral
9am	Mass @ The Junction (with school)
9.15am	Mass @ Broadmeadow
9.15am	Mass @ Mayfield West (in school hall)
10.30am	Mass @ Holy Family (in hall)
12 noon	Mass @ The Cathedral
6pm	Mass @ Tighes Hill
6.30pm	Mass @ Stockton

## REGIONAL NOTICES

**Men's Breakfast:** On Monday, 12 August, from  
**6.30am (for 7.00am)**. The guest speaker will be Anne  
Millard, our very talented Director of Music, Liturgy  
and the Sacramental Program. Ladies are most  
welcome to attend, also, to hear Anne's story!

**Regional Luncheon:** Share great company and a  
delicious meal with dessert. Cost \$15. Monday, 19  
August @ 12.30pm at the Victor Peters Suite (841  
Hunter St, Newcastle West). Contact Maureen on  
4961 6254 or Kay on 0407 676973.

Many thanks to the **Stockton** community for their  
generous donation to our **St V de P Winter Appeal of  
\$1515.00**.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our community at St Joseph's Primary School Merewether has recently been working incredibly hard on obtaining a sizeable Service NSW grant. We were very pleased to recently hear that our proposed playground project is a NSW My Community Project finalist. We need as many people as possible who reside in the Newcastle electorate to vote for our project to secure \$143,000 in funding. The project that receives the most votes is the one who receives the grant. The school's playground is used by students, children at playgroup and vacation care - a great community asset!

Everyone 16 years and over who is on a Medicare card can vote. Our project is called: *A multipurpose all weather greenspace @ The Junction.*

Information on how to vote can be found at [mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au](http://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au). If you have any questions about how to vote, please contact the school on 4961 2827 in school hours.

Please be quick! Voting closes on 15 August 2019.

**Bookclub** meets at 6.30pm on the first Sunday of each month at the St Benedict's Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. All are welcome to join Bookclub for one book or for them all. We bring along a light snack to share. We meet this Sunday, 4 August, to share our thoughts on *The Promised Land* by Barry Maitland.

**Financial Reports 2018/2019:** The table hereunder provides a snapshot of the 2018/2019 income and expenditure for the Inner Newcastle Parish. If you would like a copy of the full reports for Inner Newcastle - or for Mayfield and Stockton parishes - please email [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au), for the attention of the Business Manager, Chris Cootes.

## OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

**Diocesan Reflection Days:** Share a day of Prayer and Reflection with Bishop Bill. Options are:

- Kotara - Friday, 9 August, 9.00am to 2.30pm, or
- Toronto - Thursday, 29 August, 9.30am to 3pm.

(This is a one day session, repeated at each venue.)

Please bring a plate to share. Information and registration to participate - please RSVP by phone on 4979 1111 or email [events@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Positions Vacant:** Chaplaincy is one of the many outreach ministries provided by Pastoral Ministries in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of Chaplaincy is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support to individuals in a safe environment. The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is currently seeking either one or two chaplains to provide ministry in the Diocese for the following positions: hospital chaplain and/or port chaplain. See [www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/)

## NEW REGIONAL COUNCILS.

Now that we have moved into the Moderator Model and have had the regional forum, it is time to constitute a Regional Pastoral Council. As such, I invite each Mass time community within the City Pastoral Region to choose a member from among their own community to be on the council. Each community is to decide for itself how that process will be run. I ask that the name of the person chosen be forwarded to me once chosen. It is hoped that the first meeting of the new council will take place in September. A new Finance Council will also be appointed with membership based on experience and skills in financial matters. Statutes for each council are being finalised at this present time. There will be more information about these new councils in the coming weeks. Fr Peter, Moderator

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Donations & Collections	28%	\$246,000.00	Staffing & Volunteers	35%	\$340,000.00
Housie	42%	\$362,000.00	Operations:		
			Admin	20%	\$195,000.00
*Commercial Ops	30%	\$260,000.00	Business Costs	20%	\$165,000.00
			Liturgical	5%	\$30,000.00
Other	>1%	\$1,000	Clergy	5%	\$20,000.00
			Community Engagement	15%	\$120,000.00
			Capital Expenditure		\$50,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$869,000</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>\$920,000</b>

## Inner City Pastoral Region Forum—27 July 2019

Fifty-five people attended the forum. There were thirty-three parishioners from St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish (including one from Newcastle, eight from Tighes Hill, nine from The Junction, three from Broadmeadow and eleven from the Cathedral). There were eleven parishioners from Mayfield and five from Stockton. There were six clergy and parish staff and six apologies.

The forum was opened by a welcome and prayer led by our Moderator, Fr Peter. The Chancellor, Fr Matthew, then facilitated a presentation and answered questions on the contents of the discussion paper. In small groups of six to eight people, the participants identified issues they believed were important and, during a delightful lunch, the points made by each group were considered. Each participant was then given three dots (stickers) to place beside the points they considered a priority.

The points have been grouped in themes based on the five foundations and are verbatim from the sheets the forum participants formulated. Each asterisk (\*) represents a dot placed by a participant, and a number with an asterisk (\*) indicates multiples.

### 1. PROCESS – QUESTIONS or STATEMENTS

- 1.1 Is there still a parish priest?
- 1.2 What authority does the pastor have?
- 1.3 Who will have pastoral responsibility if the usual pastor is away?
- 1.4 Will it bring the young back?
- 1.5 Is the moderator model just semantics, when individual priests are appointed as pastors?
- 1.6 Where to next after 10 years of diminishing priests, females ordained 4\*
- 1.7 Canon law is difficult for parishioners to deal with
- 1.8 Is there a plan to implement the model?

### 2. IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY

- 2.1 Lay leadership at a parish level: finance – administration \*\*– building maintenance.
- 2.2 Pastoral care is much broader than the sacramental role of the priests 6\*
- 2.3 Pastoral care is about encouraging relationship building
- 2.4 How do we build community with a sense of belonging and to develop relationships 3\*
- 2.5 How can we highlight the importance of the discernment of the Holy Spirit in this whole process \*\*

- 2.6 Issue of ageing among committed Catholics \*
- 2.7 Problem of mobility as so many are not settled in any one parish
- 2.8 What basic committees do we need to keep our parish functioning \*
- 2.9 Basic committees, small groups of three or four\*, liturgy assisting organist\*, liaison with school\*, set up church, roster to be organised fortnightly\*.
- 2.10 Projects such as RCIA, social justice, individuals to join regional group.
- 2.11 Our faith communities need this as our common vision
- 2.12 Recognition of what is currently being done in Mass centres 4\*
- 2.13 Pastoral coordinating teams to support pastor in each Mass centre based on the five foundations 8\*
- 2.14 They take responsibility and provide leadership for each foundational rea, meet regularly and two members attend regional pastoral council meetings providing input and feedback 3\*
- 2.15 Identification of and utilisation of skills of all parishioners within each Mass centre \*\*

### 3. WORSHIP AND PRAYER

- 3.1 All ministries choose to have succession planning
- 3.2 The ministry of spiritual direction should be promoted and supported by the diocese 11\*
- 3.3 Active and ongoing training in homily skills 3\*
- 3.4 How do we celebrate community without the sacraments?
- 3.5 Primary responsibility is liturgy, which forms us as Christians \*\*
- 3.6 Responsibility for youth, regional youth Mass \*\*
- 3.7 Bring back the tradition of celebrating parish feast together
- 3.8 Let the spirit guide us\*
- 3.9 Under this model the spiritual life of the region is of prime importance 5\*

### 4. FORMATION AND EDUCATION

- 4.1 Transparency, parish council, finance 5\*
- 4.2 More involvement of priests in schools, Holy family 267 students, 160 families, no connection to church \*\*

### 5. LEADERSHIP AND STRUCTURE

- 5.1 Paid pastoral worker (a woman) \*\*
- 5.2 Backlog in building maintenance \*\*

- 5.3 Environment/stewardship, parish, schools, diocese
- 5.4 Butchers paper and dots do not solve the problem or give a solution. We want a transparent, accountable, action plan with ongoing consultation, discussion and feedback 8\*
- 5.5 KPI's for parish business manager
- 5.6 Under the heading of collaboration - consultation & openness\*\*\*, mutual trust & transparency \*, cooperation & respect & listening, communication \*\*, shared responsibility, ongoing opportunities for training, opportunities for involvement of families and young adults, courage to invite children & young adults to participate \*, women deacons \*, recognise the human needs of the priests and pastorally support them.
- 5.7 Smell of the sheep, pastor people need to have a real shepherd sheep relationship, Australian context.
- 5.8 It is important to have active, vital, energetic teams in each Mass centre 10\*
- 5.9 Roles of parish teams clarified, training, education, ministries 6\*
- 5.10 Finance major, minor, maintenance
- 5.11 Decision for this model has already been made, priest resigned their positions, so what is now left is organisational matters for parishioners to consider\*
- 5.12 Pope Francis is trying to decentralize, but this model is centralisation
- 5.13 Small groups could be swamped
- 5.14 Why no financial yearly report
- 5.15 Position descriptions for all, paid, unpaid, pastors for clarity, effectiveness, and efficiency
- 5.16 Engage a pastoral associate to provide a network of connection and support to pastoral teams \*\*
- 5.17 Develop a strategic plan for region, focus on our future, consultative process, hope filled prophetic 9\*
- 5.18 Formalise procedures around volunteer induction
- 5.19 Develop a regional pastoral and finance council with two reps from each Mass centre

## 6. MISSION AND OUTREACH

- 6.1 Let us start Mass with a welcome coffee \*
- 6.2 Using the cathedral to celebrate and acknowledge significant national, world, local community events \*

- 6.3 Youth ministry not mentioned in priorities
- 6.4 The missing generation are a concern 5\*
- 6.5 A vision of ourselves as 'service to the community' - what would that look like and how do we get there 5\*
- 6.6 Passionist family groups bring people together \*\*\*
- 6.7 Need for youth ministry 8\*

*What now...*

In the coming weeks, the statutes for the Regional Pastoral and Finance Councils will be published and will be made available in every church. Nominations for the Regional Pastoral council will be called for and when both councils have been formed, dealing with the results of the forum will be their responsibility.

With thanks  
Fr Matthew

### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

One of the themes running through the gospel is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

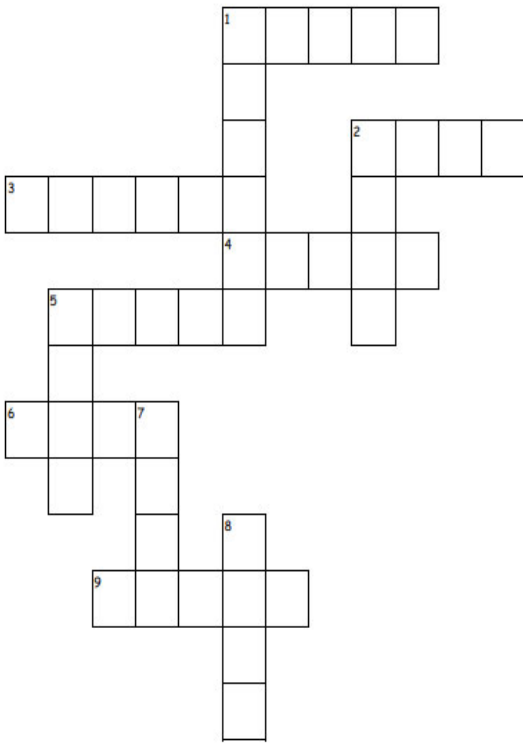
The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others. Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. How would we answer God's question, 'so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?'

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**CROSSWORD**

**Earthly wealth does not last**

Lk 12:16-21



**Across**

- 1: the ability to see
- 2: a place where food is grown and animals are raised
- 3: larger
- 4: have fun or appreciate
- 5: construct
- 6: that which is harvested on a farm
- 9: a substance that comes from wheat

**Down**

- 1: collected and put away
- 2: someone who is foolish
- 5: a farm building used for storage
- 7: lacking things you need
- 8: wealthy

**JUNIOR WORDSEARCH**

**Set your heart on what is in heaven**

Col 3:1-4  
Ps 147:1, 3-4, 5 and 7 R, Is 30:18  
Lk 12:16-21



Try to find these words:

- Christ
- appear
- beside
- bigger
- earth
- enjoy
- farm
- grain
- hidden
- poor
- raised
- rich

## COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
<b>10 Aug 5.30pm</b>	Louise Outram	Kath Williams Michael Fuller	Pedrita Spence, M Simmons, S Jarmain, Helen Bridges	Luke & Susana
<b>11 Aug 9.30am</b>	Christopher Lovell	Joan Woodcock	Rosa Tomasetti, Betty Stott, Peter Owens, Trish O'Dowd	
<b>11 Aug 5.00pm</b>	Allen Brierley	Sue O'Sullivan James O'Sullivan	Elizabeth Keeling, Clare Walsh-Gregory, Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
<b>11 Aug 7.30am</b>	K Frasca C Prider	Volunteers	P Clark R Rossi

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
<b>11 Aug 9.00am</b>	Jan D	Stan, Helen D	Lyn, Sandra	Bernie, Pat, Harry

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
<b>11 Aug 8.00am</b>	Lawrence Hallinan	Peter Ryan Barry Reed	Catherine O'Kane Annemaree Turner	Dorothea Norman, Julie Gurr, Moya Lantry

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
<b>11 Aug 9.00am</b>	Isaac Flanagan Cheree Flanagan	Sidonie Coffey Eleanora MacDonald	Mary O'Connor	Lena Josue, Belinda Straiton, Christine Dowling	R Hampson R Rossi

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
<b>10 Aug 5.30pm</b>	Ted Tully Janet Tully	Gwen Haggerty	G Haggerty, R Cathcart, T Casey, A Skehan	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
<b>10 Aug 6.00pm</b>	Diane & Doreen	R Ahkin J Edstein/Boyes	C Conroy	P Boland S Veronesi, K Williamson