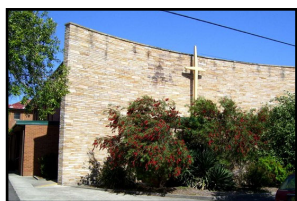


Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Hamilton



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, 26TH JANUARY 2020 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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 Noon on Wednesdays.

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

3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 27 January

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 28 January

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.45am Rosary @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 29 January

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Thursday 30 January

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Stockton

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral to celebrate start of SFX school year

9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West

5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 31 January

Memorial of St John Bosco, priest

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

10.15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation at The Cathedral

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 1 February

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

Sunday 2 February

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Please note that in addition to the 8.15am Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, 30th January, there will be a 9.30am Mass attended by SFX students and staff, to mark the start of the 2020 school year.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

(Please note special liturgy for Australia Day)

First Reading Is 32:15-18

God promises rich blessings.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.9

The Lord speaks of peace to His people.

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

Paul marvels at the variety of gifts in the community.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:

They shall be called children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

The Beatitudes.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading Heb 2:14-18

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Woodward, Odilla Cafagna, Anne Heggs (5th December)

ANNIVERSARY: Deceased members of the O'Brien family, Norm Manning, Vera Sheather, Rita Rumball, Hermina Pichler, Victor Spence, Felipe Duran, Aurella Duran, Joseph Duran, Rodrigo Duran, Moses Datiles, Erlinda Datiles, Rodrigo Datiles, Elenita Datiles, Anturo Datiles, Mary Craddock, Kathleen Wilson, Gerry Simmons, Wil O'Neill, Fr Daniel Linehan, Fr Michael Hanrahan, Marie Gardiner

SICK: John Belcher, Libby Oates, Graeme Burrage, Brian Swift, Monica Bound, Peter McCabe, Joan Haynes, Tom Towers, Kerry Davies, Lawson Rankin, Patricia (Pat) Gillett

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.



The Cathedral, St Joseph's, The Junction and St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow are served by a hearing loop. Use the setting marked "T".



*Next Sunday, 2nd February, is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, sometimes referred to as **CandleMass day**. It is a time to bless candles for our homes.*

You are invited to bring a candle to Mass for blessing, so you can then return home with a tangible reminder of the light of faith.

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, generally following our Sunday Masses. A monthly Baptism Preparation meeting takes place in the Regional Office on the first Wednesday of each month, 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, our parishes celebrate the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** for those who have not been baptised, and the **Rite of Reception into Full Communion** for those who have been baptised in other churches as part of our commitment to proclaim the Gospel. 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.

A reminder to **Mayfield** parishioners that the Friday morning Mass is held at 9.15am in the School Hall during school terms and at **8am in Christ the King Church during school holidays**.

A reminder, also, to **Stockton** parishioners that **Reconciliation** is available each **Sunday morning from 8.20am to 8.50am**, prior to 9am Mass.



The Newcastle St Vincent de Paul Conference is desperately seeking volunteers to participate in home visitations. The need for welfare assistance locally is ongoing and the opportunity to exercise charity is provided through the society. Those interested please phone Ian Black, 4940 8229, for further information.

REGIONAL NOTICES

Bookclub: Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on **Sunday, 2nd February** in the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. We bring along a light snack to share. All are welcome to join Bookclub for one book or for them all. At the February meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Daisy Jones & the Six*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid.



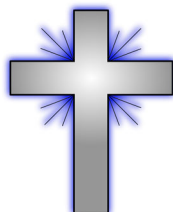
First Friday Fish & Chips: 7th February from 5pm at Bar Beach Pavilion. BYO everything. All welcome! Enquiries: Chris 0419 265194.

Broadmeadow and **Tighes Hill** parishioners, please note: Fr James is on leave until the end of January. Weekend Masses at Broadmeadow and Tighes Hill are continuing during this period, but there are **no weekday Masses**.

Broadmeadow and Tighes Hill parishioners are invited to attend other weekday Masses in the region, as detailed in the parish diary.

Stations of the Cross, Benediction & Adoration

Starting on Ash Wednesday, 26th February, and continuing every Wednesday until Easter, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction at St Mary's and St Joseph's Churches. This will commence at 6.30pm and will be held at St Mary's and St Joseph's in alternate weeks. Confessions will be available during the period of Adoration. Dates will be 26th February at St Mary's, 4th March at St Joseph's, 11th March at St Mary's, 18th March at St Joseph's, 25th March at St Mary's, 1st April at St Joseph's and 8th April at St Mary's. All parishioners from the region are welcome to attend.



Holy Hour for Vocations

On Thursday, 27th February, there will be a Holy Hour at St Joseph's Church, The Junction. This will be the first in a series of Holy Hours moving around the region, to be held on the last Thursday of each month. During this time of prayer we will pray for vocations to the Priesthood. All parishioners of the region are asked to come and pray that those men whom the Lord is calling to Priesthood may be open to responding with a yes to the call they receive from God.



Special Collection at Masses on Australia Day Weekend

Parishes across the country will be taking up a special collection at Masses on Australia Day, with all funds to be donated to Vinnie's bushfire appeal. (bit.ly/Help_Bushfire_Victims).



Please give as generously as you can to the retiring collections at our churches this weekend.

Student Accommodation: 34 Kenrick St, The Junction is a share-house owned by the parish, with four independent living quarters. Unit 2 is currently vacant and available for student accommodation in 2020. Unit 2 has one bedroom, bathroom and living room, and shares the kitchen, laundry, dining, lounge and common rooms with three other female occupants. This unit would suit a female university student, or newly employed person, looking for independent accommodation in Newcastle. If you know anyone looking for student accommodation in Newcastle, please pass on our contact details. Inquiries to the Business Manager, Chris Cootes, via email chris.cootes@mn.catholic.org.au, or phone 4979 1254.



We continue our prayers for those affected by crippling drought conditions - and for the gift of rain.

We pray especially for those affected by the fires and for all those who are donating their time, talents and money in response to the disaster.

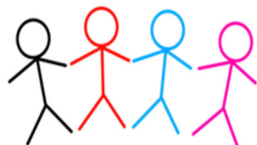
FIRST FRIDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

We are about to celebrate the start of our fifth year of FFF&F, a *one-stop shop* for spiritual and social enrichment! Those who attend the 10.15am Mass at St Joseph's on First Friday are invited to receive an anointing and then join together for morning tea in the regional centre at 25 Farquhar Street.

We have become a little community, where some of our most valued guests are the residents of the Lindsay Gardens facility.

Please consider joining the FFF&F community at St Joseph's in 2020. Our first get-together of the year is on **Friday, February 7th**.

You'll only know how good it is when you come and join us!



Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage September 2020

In September 2020, Fr Peter will be leading a Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, "In the Footsteps of Jesus", visiting the Dead Sea, Mt Nebo, Petra, the baptismal site of Jesus, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jericho, and Jerusalem. There will also be an optional extension to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play. The pilgrims will depart Australia on 3rd September 2020. The number of pilgrims will be limited, to heighten the experience for those undertaking the pilgrimage.

For centuries, Christians have gone on pilgrimage, to seek and immerse themselves in the presence of God. Pilgrimage is a journey of faith, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew those who journey. It is an opportunity to seek what our spirit longs for; it's travel with a purpose and faith that bears lasting fruit. Our pilgrimage operator, Harvest Journeys, has many years of experience in facilitating this experience.

More detailed information will be available in coming weeks, but if you would like to know more about the pilgrimage, please speak with Fr Peter.

We pray for all people of Australia: that we will live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

Blessings to you and your families this Australia Day!



ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A child's catholic faith journey begins with the sacrament of Baptism and continues with the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion (completing the sacraments of initiation).

The preparations for these sacraments in the region will run from February to June 2020. Preparations are completed as a family, with online activities and volunteer work within the community.

Enrolments for 2020 are now open for any child aged seven and above. If you are interested in participating, please visit the parish website and complete the online enrolment form: www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/

An information meeting will be held at the Southern Cross Hall in Hunter St, Newcastle West (near the Sacred Heart Cathedral) at 7pm on Tuesday, 18th February.

For more information please contact Anne Warren at the regional office on 4979 1101 or email anne.warren@mn.catholic.org.au



STOCKTON PARISH BUSHFIRE & DROUGHT RAFFLE:

Congratulations to the winner, Col Bryant!

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated and special thanks to Helen Douglas, who donated our prize. We raised \$184.00!

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

Lina's Project: In 2017, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle facilitated *The Atonement: Lina's Project* on behalf of Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy. Bishop Bill then established 15th September as a Perpetual Day of Remembrance and, for a week, Lina's Project was screened onto the external walls of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. A screening will be held at Toronto Multi-Purpose Centre (9 Thorne Street, Toronto) on Wednesday, 12th February, at 6pm and a barbeque will follow (6.30pm to 8pm) in the adjoining grounds. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 7th February to linaprojecttoronto@mn.catholic.org.au or on 4979 1188. Personal details are not required to RSVP – only the number of attendees. Community members are invited to attend this event to support victims and survivors of abuse and to gather in a spirit of recognition, healing and hope.

2020 Catechists Mass: Bishop Bill invites you to an annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists on Saturday, 22nd February at 2pm, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. We will be praying for our ministries in 2020 and will be acknowledging our long-standing catechists with awards for their many years of dedication and service. Come along and celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy.

The **National Biennial Liturgy Conference** 12th-14th March 2020 is a great formation opportunity for anyone involved in liturgy preparation and ministry – pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in the Church's liturgy. Keynote speaker, Fr Paul Turner (Kansas USA), is greatly respected by our local church and well worth hearing as he touches on some Australian Plenary Council themes. Members of our diocesan Liturgy Council will also be presenting a workshop! The Parramatta location is attractively close for our participation and accommodation is available at the conference venue. Early bird registrations close 1st February, so don't delay to seize this opportunity. For more information, see flyers at the church doors this weekend, or go to bit.ly/nlc2020event

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

You are invited to a four week program at 'LIVING WATERS', 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction.

Early in the New Year is a good time to reassess our Spiritual Journey. Learning to meditate can be of great benefit to our Spiritual Life.

This program provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience and practise in a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer in the contemporary world. The Program is open to all!

Wednesday Evenings: 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
January 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th.

For more information please contact Anne Cuskelly:
Email annecuskelly@hotmail.com
or phone 0407 436 808

The Bishop's Office is currently advertising for the position of Support Officer

The Opportunity

Do you have a personal vocation to participate in the life of the Church? Are you an experienced and highly professional administrative superstar looking to serve the Bishop and the Church using your unique skills and talents? If you've answered yes to these questions then this opportunity is for you.

The Bishop and the Bishop's Office of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking a Support Officer to provide outstanding professional administrative support to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop/Manager Bishop's Office.

In this position you will undertake a diverse range of duties which include managing of calendars, organising and co-ordination of travel arrangements and meetings, preparation of documents and electronic records management. You will also be involved and responsible for organising events and functions, plus liaising with and processing visa applications for overseas clergy.

This is a permanent full-time position.

If this opportunity excites you, your values align with our Vision and Mission and you are committed to promoting and modelling the Catholic mission, then we would love you to apply for this position.

Join Us and Make a Difference to the Community

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle serves the Hunter and Manning regions which have a population of some 150,000 Catholics. Through its parishes, pastoral groups, and its agencies of Catholic Schools, CatholicCare, St Nicholas Early Education and other agencies, the diocese provides pastoral, educational, social welfare, and community development. The Diocese employs approximately 3,500 staff across these agencies.

Our Vision

To live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world.

Our Mission

In 1992-93, the diocesan community resolved to embrace and promote the Vatican II understanding of the Church's mission contained in the following:

The Church, because it is the People of God and the Body of Christ enlivened by his Spirit, is called to be a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people (LG1). The Church exists to promote the Kingdom of God on earth (LG5). This it does by proclaiming Christ – the Good News of God's love for all people – and by working in the world for justice, peace and reconciliation.

For more information about the role, including the position description and selection criteria please visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/> or you can contact the Executive Assistant to Bishop/Manager Bishop's Office, Elizabeth Doyle on 4979 1109.

To Apply

Please go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/> and click on the job link, then click on Apply Now. To be considered for the position please provide a copy of your current resume and a cover letter individually addressing each of the essential criteria.

Please note that not adequately addressing the selection criteria will result in your application not being shortlisted.

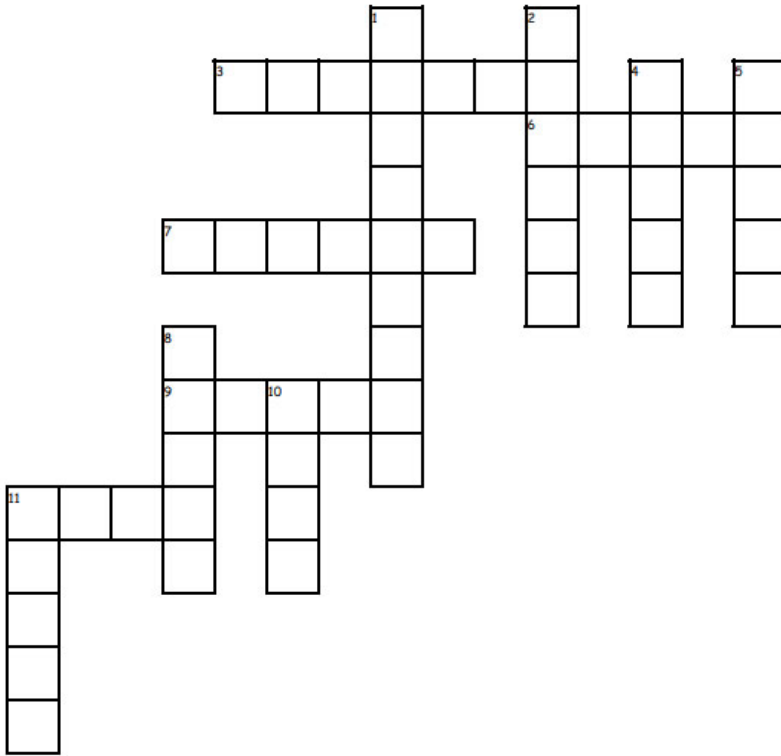
Applicants may be required to undertake a national police check, hold a current employee Working With Children Check, complete a health assessment declaration, hold a current NSW driver's licence, and must have the ability to work within Australia.

Applications close 11.59pm Wednesday, 29th January 2020.

CROSSWORD

The people have seen a great light

Is 9:2-4
Ps 27:1, 4abc
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:17-23



Across

- 3: Jesus walked along the shore of this lake
- 6: the opposite of disagree
- 7: wrecked, in need of fixing
- 9: to disagree in an angry way
- 11: a large body of water

Down

- 1: people who catch fish
- 2: God's kingdom of eternal life
- 4: the wooden structure used in a crucifixion
- 5: Simon, the fisherman, was also known as _____
- 8: The brother of John who was also a fisherman
- 10: not bad
- 11: the opposite of dark

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The people have seen a great light

Is 9:2-4
Ps 27:1, 4abc
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:17-23

J A M E S P E T E R S T S Y
 U N W B Q T L S Y M G W D J
 S D A E V G Z L I G H T L W
 L J B A G R E E A R G U E Q
 J M H G G V L W T M X E F Y
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 I I L K Y K U O Y P D N E E
 C R O S S G O O D B L K E N
 W C Q M G L A K E J J G P A

Try to find these words:

- agree
- argue
- broken
- cross
- fishermen
- Galilee
- good
- heaven
- James
- lake
- light
- Peter

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
1 Feb 5.30pm	Louise Outram	Kath Williams	Mansoor Jessa, Rose Jessa, Douglas Burke, Helen Bridges	Dorothea & Ray
2 Feb 9.30am	Peter Owens	M Jones Jane Mak	Christopher Lovell, Trish O'Dowd, John Askew, Frances Barber	
2 Feb 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Sue O'Sullivan James O'Sullivan	Clare Walsh, Elizabeth Keeling, Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
2 Feb 7.30am	R Rossi, T Mather	Volunteer	K Frasca, C Allan

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
2 Feb 9.00am	Mel	Barb W, Jan D	Paul & carer	Mel, Stan, Margaret

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
2 Feb 8.00am	Dorothea Norman Barry Reed	John Hayes Sue Horton	Bob Frazer Mary Samwell	Anton Podgorelec, Mike O'Connor, Moya Lantry

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
2 Feb 9.00am	Diane Murphy	Michael Alexander Eleanora Macdonald	Cathy Olds	Cathy Olds, Rebeka Stokes, Sally Casey	R Hampson R Rossi

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
1 Feb 5.30pm	Sr Judith Murphy rsm Terry Casey	Rosalie Nunn	Judy & Denis Johns	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
1 Feb 6.00pm	Doreen	M Humphries J Edstein-Boyes	L Tolhurst	L Caelli M Caelli, M Williamson