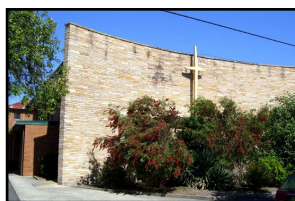




Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Hamilton



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, 16TH FEBRUARY 2020 6TH 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)

6th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 17 February

8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

Tuesday 18 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8.45am Rosary @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

11am Anointing Mass @ Wescott

Wednesday 19 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Thursday 20 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Stockton

9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 21 February

8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall

9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

10.15am Mass @ The Junction

Saturday 22 February

10am Ordination Mass @ The Cathedral
(Deacon Graham Fullick)

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West

6pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 23 February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 remember in your prayers Deacon Graham Fullick, who will be ordained at the Sacred Heart Cathedral next Saturday, 22nd February, Mass starting at 10am.

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

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

First Reading Sir 15:15-20

We may choose life or death.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34.R.v.1

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

God reveals his wisdom through the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

Jesus comes to fulfil the law.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

IMPORTANT TO NOTE!

There will be no weekday Masses at the Cathedral this week - ie. no 8.15am Masses from Monday 17th to Thursday 20th February inclusive and no midday Mass nor Exposition/Reconciliation on Friday 21st February. This is due to the installation of the new audiovisual system. We apologise for any inconvenience and invite parishioners to attend the other weekday Masses in the region, as detailed in the parish diary.

Next Saturday, 22nd February, there will be no 9.15am Mass and Novena at the Cathedral, due to the ordination of Deacon Graham Fullick starting at 10am.

On Ash Wednesday, 26th February, the usual morning Masses at St Joseph's (7.30am) and at Mayfield West (8am) will not be held.

Please see the separate bulletin notice regarding Ash Wednesday Mass times in the region.

NOTICE TO STOCKTON PARISHIONERS

Fr Joseph invites Stockton parishioners to a parish meeting (approximately one hour), following the 9am Mass this Sunday, 16th February.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY

MASS TIMES

8:15am	Mass @ The Cathedral
9am	Mass @ The Junction (St Joseph's School also attending)
9.15am	Mass @ Stockton (St Peter's School also attending)
9.15am	Mass @ Tighes Hill
12 noon	Mass @ The Cathedral
5.30pm	Mass @ Broadmeadow
6pm	Mass @ Mayfield West

REGIONAL NOTICES

Parish Luncheon recommences on **Monday, 17th February**, in the Victor Peters Suite, starting at 12.30pm. Please consider joining this social gathering, so all those within our region can get to know each other. Lunch is \$15 per head. Please contact Maureen 49616254 or Kay 49676973, to ensure we know you're coming!

View, Chew & Chat meets in the Regional Centre each third Wednesday of the month from 6pm. The next get-together is this **Wednesday, 19th February**. We share wine and nibbles and a light meal. All are welcome!



Newcastle City Region Social Justice Group will meet at 7pm on **Monday, 24th February** in the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction. We explore Catholic principles of social justice. This first meeting will set the structure, format and priorities for this year. Anyone interested in social justice in our world is invited to attend. Inquiries to Moira Gordon on 0438 632046.

Bookclub: Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on **Sunday, 1st March**, 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 March meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Boy Swallows Universe*, by Trent Dalton.

Christian Meditation - Stilling the Mind in Meditation
The Desert Fathers had a saying. "If you cannot catch the wind, neither can you prevent distracting thoughts from coming into your head." This morning will focus on managing these distractions and on preparing for meditation. **Saturday, 7th March**, 9.30 am to 12.00pm. Chapel of the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction (enter via the laneway). Cost is \$5. Morning tea will be provided. RSVP on 0407 436808 or to annecuskelly@hotmail.com

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Nola McLean (nee Thomas),
Dr Angela Worthington-Smith, Neville Burley

ANNIVERSARY: Joan Cubis, Fr Thomas Mulcahy,
Fr John Lynch, Fr James Meagher, Fr John Curran,
Fr Edward Jordan, Fr Patrick Corcoran, Fr Hugh Cullen,
Fr Peter Cogan, Margaret Watt, Elizabeth Stott

SICK: Terry Davies, Joan Woodcock, Margaret Cox,
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.



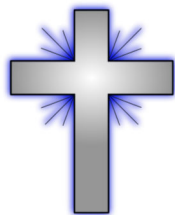


A reminder to please return last year's palms to your church, in readiness for Ash Wednesday, 26th February!

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.

26th Feb	St Mary's
4th Mar	St Joseph's
11th Mar	St Mary's
18th Mar	St Joseph's
25th Mar	St Mary's
1st Apr	St Joseph's
8th Apr	St Mary's



Each evening will commence at 6.30pm. Reconciliation will be available during the period of Adoration. All parishioners from the region are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A child's catholic faith journey begins with the sacrament of Baptism and continues with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and then celebrating their 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 in Year 4 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 this **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



ST MARY'S ORGAN

As many parishioners will be aware, we have had the pleasure of the use of an organ on loan from Mr. Jim Clinch of All Organs Australia. We accepted the offer of the loan organ as the old one at St Mary's is nearing the end of its life. This loan organ has been chosen to suit the size and acoustics of St Mary's. The sound it produces is sublime, and will be even better when its speakers are properly installed. Valued at \$31,000, it produces a sound that is not only equal to, but in many respects better than a pipe organ. It comes with numerous hymns pre-installed and can have hundreds more recorded onto it. It can be operated remotely via an app from a mobile phone over Wi-Fi.

The time has come to decide as a community if we wish to purchase it. There are many benefits to buying the organ. The most important benefit is that the music it offers us helps us give praise and worship to God. If God is indeed God, we quite simply owe him the best. Having an organ that is capable of making such beautiful sound will help us attract couples for weddings in the Church. St. Mary's could also become a place where concerts are held, to help with fund raising for the restoration of this most beautiful of Churches. There will be an organ recital and workshops to showcase this organ to the wider community in April. More details will be released at a later date.

It is hoped that parishioners who are willing and are able to, will contribute to the purchase of this beautiful instrument. I myself have contributed the first \$1,000. Anyone who is willing to donate can see me, or alternatively place a note in an "organ fund" envelope on the collection plate. (The envelopes can be found at the back of the Church.) Alternatively you can send your clearly-marked donation to the regional office. Thank You.

Fr Peter

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On **Thursday, 27th February at 6pm**, there will be a Holy Hour at St Joseph's Church, The Junction. It 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 who the Lord is calling to Priesthood may be open to responding with a yes to the call they receive from God.

LENTEN GROUP

Lent is a time of renewal in faith, hope and love, preparing us for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. Starting on **Tuesday, 25th February** and continuing on each Tuesday of Lent, Fr Peter will lead a Lenten Group in the chapel of the Regional Centre at The Junction. Reflections and discussions will be inspired by the Lenten Program, 'Grace', a Wollongong Diocese publication. The start time is 9.30am and morning tea will follow each session. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

This year's World Day of Prayer theme is centred around Zimbabwe, focussing on women and children with disabilities. It is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. We, too, are called to take up our mats. Let us give a healing hand to the needy, embrace children with love and open our arms in joy. The time for change has come!

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Joseph's, The Junction at midday on **Friday, 6th March**, followed by light refreshments and a chat. If you are able to bring a plate of food to share, this would be gratefully received. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Bek via email, bek.stokes@mn.catholic.edu.au

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

Project Compassion 2020 Launch: The diocesan community is warmly invited to this time of prayer which begins our Lenten Season. 10.30am to 12.30pm on **Tuesday, 25th February**, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, followed by pancakes in the Victor Peters Suite. For catering purposes, RSVP by Thursday, 20th February to jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or ph. 4979 1334

The Rite of Election at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 2.30pm on **Sunday, 1st March**. This is an opportunity to welcome all the catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil. [A catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church]. Join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to become Catholic. Afternoon tea will follow, so for catering purposes, please RSVP via email to sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au, or phone 4979 1134. See further details on the church noticeboards.

Pastoral Ministries is seeking an energetic person with an active faith life, who feels called to work with young people to explore and deepen their awareness of themselves as missionary disciples. We are looking for someone who is deeply interested in Catholic social teaching and promoting justice and action through the Young Christian Student (YCS) movement. The YCS movement employs key leadership strategies and training modules, which the ideal candidate will feel confident to coordinate and run with passion and creativity. Experience in youth ministry or teaching is highly desirable. Applications close **21st February**. For more information, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/young-christian-student-worker/

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. For more information see the church noticeboards, or go to bit.ly/nlc2020event

Back to Singleton 2020: In conjunction with the celebrations in Singleton for the 200th anniversary of the town's discovery, St Patrick's Parish will be celebrating this and the Feast of St Patrick with a Mass at 10am on **Sunday, 15th March** at St Patrick's Church, Queen St, Singleton. Morning tea will follow in St Catherine's Catholic College hall, with a display of Parish and College memorabilia. All past and present Singleton parishioners are invited to attend. The parish would welcome contributions to the display (photos, booklets, certificates, clothing or written memories). Please contact the Parish Office on 02 5507 4048 for more details.

2020 Catechists Mass: Bishop Bill invites you to an annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists on **Saturday, 21st March** 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.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service: The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks in administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking & cleaning. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, go to www.broomediocese.org or contact the volunteer coordinator, Anneliese Rohr, on 08 9192 1060 or via email, volunteers@broomediocese.org

Palms Australia is seeking volunteers to assist overseas communities in developing self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms will provide you with thorough preparation and support. Volunteer and you will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine. Look at www.palms.org.au and call Roger on 0422472567, or email palms@palms.org.au
'Reach Beyond...Become Simply Rich...'



FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Each weekend at our parish Masses, there are two collections. The 1st collection immediately follows the Prayers of the Faithful, while the timing of the 2nd collection may vary (either immediately following the 1st collection, or after communion).

THE FIRST COLLECTION goes to the support of the priests working in parishes and those on special duties. The funds are effectively 'centralized' and are distributed by the Maitland Clergy Central Fund. None of this money goes to the retired priests; their support comes from the Age Pension and from bequests specifically given for the benefit of the retired priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTION provides the income for all the running expenses of your parish - staff employment, insurance, maintenance, maintaining and operating the Regional Office and the Churches, liturgical supplies, waste collection and, most importantly, parish and regional ministries and services. Surplus funds stay in your parish and are invested to meet the parish's future needs.

First Collection: Currently the only way to contribute to the 1st collection is via a weekly cash contribution to the collection plate.

Second Collection: There are various ways to contribute to the 2nd collection:

1. **Cash** donations on the 2nd collection plate.
2. **Weekly Envelopes** (known as the planned giving scheme) which are placed in the 2nd collection each weekend during Mass. Contributions made via Planned Giving can be offset against any Catholic School Building Levy you may be liable for, when you have one or more children attend a Catholic Primary or High School.
3. **Automated contributions** via your credit card or direct debit. The Catholic Development Fund can make a charge to your nominated credit card or bank account on a monthly, fortnightly or weekly basis according to a signed authority, offering a 'set and forget' option for contributions. Of course you can withdraw your authorisation for these contributions at any time. This type of planned giving is also an eligible offset to the School Building Levy.

If you wish to apply for Weekly Envelopes, set up a periodical contribution or have a monthly contribution activated, please contact the Regional Office in person at 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction, by post to PO Box 6, The Junction 2291, or by emailing your request to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Many Catholic diocesan and parish works currently helping those in need in the Hunter region are made possible by bequests. Each of us finds different ways to make our mark on the world. One way of doing this is by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift left in a will. When you leave a bequest to the Church, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered.

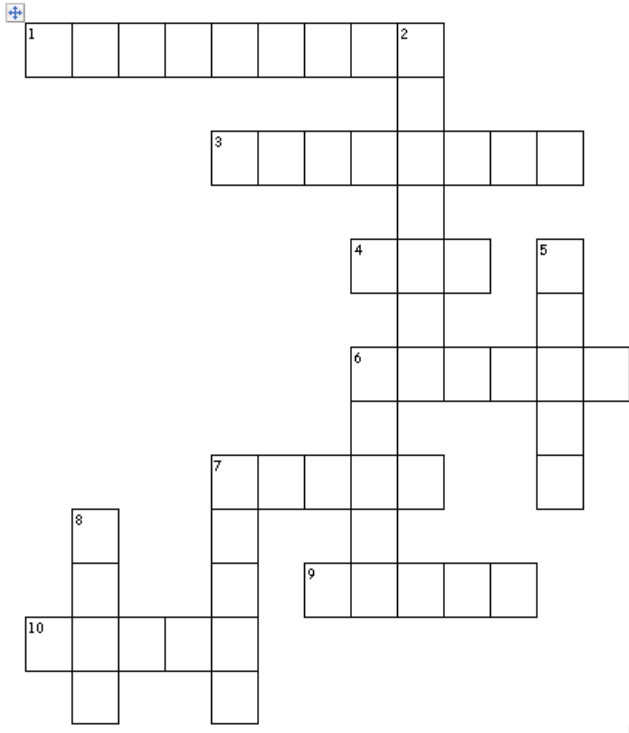
Since 1841 the Catholic Church has been meeting the material and spiritual needs of the people of the Hunter. That need is always growing. The work of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle in the parishes of the Newcastle, Mayfield and Stockton Region takes many forms.

After providing for your family, a bequest to your parish is a special way of ensuring the work of the Church in the parishes of the City Pastoral Region continues. Depending on family situations, some bequests are large and some are small, but all are vital to the work of the Church. Please consider donating to your parish to ensure that the work of spreading the message of Jesus Christ can continue.

CROSSWORD

Make peace before offering your gift to God

Mt 5:23-24



Across

- 1: followers of Jesus
- 3: to recall a memory
- 4: our Father in heaven
- 6: 'cats' is to 'cat' as 'people' is to '_____'
- 7: the priest breaks the bread at the _____
- 9: to go away from
- 10: to willingly give something

Down

- 2: a person we may or may not know
- 5: the opposite of back
- 6: when there is no more fighting or war
- 7: very mad
- 8: something we give, like a present

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

We follow the law of God

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 33-34
Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:23-24

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Try to find these words:

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COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
22 Feb 5.30pm	Louise Outram	Sue Paton Kath Williams	Mansoor Jessa, Rose Jessa, S Jarmain, Kath Williams	Luke & Susana
23 Feb 9.30am	Christopher Lovell	Kerri Morante Joan Woodcock	Peter Owens, John Askew, Trish O'Dowd, Betty Stott	
23 Feb 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Teresa Brierley Clare Walsh	Clare Walsh, Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
23 Feb 7.30am	C Prider T Mather	Volunteer	P Clark Roger Peters

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
23 Feb 9.00am	Jan D	Mel, Lyn S	Paul, Luisa	Mark, Anne, Margaret

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
23 Feb 8.00am	Lawrence Hallinan Moya Lantry	Sophia Wooldridge Xanthe Lamont	Sue Horton Keziah Lamont	John Hayes, Dorothea Norman, Anton Podgorelec

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
23 Feb 9.00am	Des Holz Anna Holz	D / B Mitchell Anna Holz	Cath Purkiss	Belinda Straiton, Rebeka Stokes Cathy Olds	G Radecki M Williams

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
22 Feb 5.30pm	Dennis Nolan Sr Judith Murphy rsm	Gwen Haggerty	G Haggerty, R Cathcart, T Casey, A Skehan	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
22 Feb 6.00pm	Doreen	T Oto P Boland	C Conroy	L Caelli S Veronesi, A Jenkins