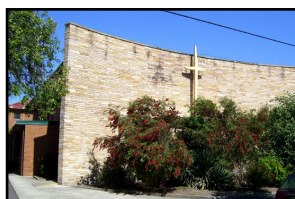


Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Hamilton



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, 9TH FEBRUARY 2020 5TH 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.

Clergy in the Region

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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 Noon on Wednesdays.

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

5th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 10 February

Memorial of St Scholastica, virgin

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

Tuesday 11 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.45am Rosary @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

Wednesday 12 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

10.30am Anointing Mass @ Fronditha Aged Care
(30 Crebert St, Mayfield)

Thursday 13 February

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Stockton

9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 14 February

Memorial of St Cyril, monk, and St Methodius, bishop

8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall

9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

10.15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 15 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 16 February

6th 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

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9.R.v.4

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

Faith is a gift from God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel Mt 5:17-37

IMPORTANT TO NOTE!

There will be no 8.15am Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, 13th February. There will be a diocesan staff Mass at 9.30am on that day, to celebrate the start of the year. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

On 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, there will be no 7.30am Mass at St Joseph's. There will be a 9am parish Mass on that day, with the children from St Joseph's School attending.

WELCOME BACK FR JAMES!

We hope you had a restful holiday, sharing special times with your family!

With Fr James' return, weekday Masses will resume this week at Broadmeadow and Tighes Hill.

NOTICE TO STOCKTON PARISHIONERS

Fr Joseph invites Stockton parishioners to a parish meeting (approximately one hour), following the 9am Mass on 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.

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Yvonne Long, John Moore, Caitlin Potts

ANNIVERSARY: June Bailey, Margaret Dixon, Wallace George Humphries, Vera Humphries, Sr Cecily Coldrake rsm, Vera Sheather, Rodney Wright, Anthony Norris, Fr John Jensen, Fr James Kelly, Fr James Costello, Fr Alexander McDonnell

SICK: 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.



thank you!

Hamilton St Vincent de Paul Society thanks parishioners from the Cathedral and from Tighes Hill for your generous support of our recent Christmas Appeal.

The total amount donated was \$9,928. This has assisted us to supply local needy people with vouchers for food and children's presents during the Christmas season.

Many thanks, also, for your generous donations to the bushfire appeal. \$381.50 was raised at Tighes Hill and \$1,359.45 at the Cathedral.

Tighes Hill also donated \$135 to Children's Mission Partners in December/January.

Your generosity towards these important causes is very much appreciated, thank you.

REGIONAL NOTICES

St Peter's Primary Stockton will be joining the Parish to celebrate Mass on **Tuesday, 11th February** at 9:15am. This will be our first Eucharistic celebration for the school year and we would love our community to join us to welcome all the new students and families to the St Peter's community!

Faith Matters—Tuesday 11th February @ 7pm: Spirituality: what style of prayer and worship helps you to draw closer to God? This month we will be doing an overview of the different types of spirituality to which the Church has given birth. Later in the year we may look at some of these in more detail. Also, with Lent starting in late February, we will be thinking about a Lenten discussion group. Inquiries: Clare 043 9411 276

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 on **19th February**. We share wine and nibbles and a light meal. All are welcome to join us!

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

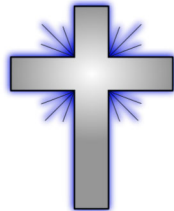


A reminder to please return last year's palms to your church, in readiness for Ash Wednesday, 26th February!

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.

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

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.

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 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



MENS' BREAKFAST

Women and men – all welcome!

Sr Di Santleben speaking on **ZARA's House for Refugee Women and Children.**

MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

Tea/Coffee and toast from **6.30am.**

Talk starts at **7am**, followed by questions.

All finished by 8am.

Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction.

Please use the **BACK DOOR.**



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,

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, particularly focused 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.

Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. We, too, are called to take up our mats. Let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change!

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

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

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, Jade Simonsen, via email jade.simonsen@mn.catholic.org.au, or phone 4979 1254.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

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 and 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.

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 have been extended to 10th February. For more information see the church noticeboards, or go to bit.ly/nlc2020event

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. (Please note the change of date from the previously advertised 22nd February.) 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.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

The Cathedral Choir is seeking members who would like to join the choir for significant liturgical events. We are now taking names for the Project Compassion Launch on 25th February. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Murphy ASAP on 49791134 or via email, sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au There are flyers with more information on the church noticeboards this weekend.



THE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL is running a Christian Formation Course, commencing in April. Please consider participating if you would like to:

- enrich your faith;
- be better equipped to participate in conversations with friends or colleagues about issues of faith; and
- join a class of like-minded people wishing to explore their faith.

Christian Formation Course 2020

Now is the time to enrol in the CFC 2020 beginning after Easter

The Christian Formation course is a face-to-face learning experience of twelve months duration with eight units each of five weeks – two units in each school term. The course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and spirituality.

Venue	CatholicCare, Mayfield	Corcoran Centre, Morpeth
Day	Tuesday	Wednesday
Date Commences	28 April 2020	29 April 2020
Time	6:00pm to 9:00pm	9:30 am to 12:30 pm

UNIT	NAME	WEEK BEGINNING
1	Journey of Faith	27 April 2020
2	Revelation of God	1 June 2020
3	Revelation in Scripture: Old Testament	20 July 2020
4	Revelation in Scripture: New Testament	24 August 2020
5	The Church from Age to Age	12 October 2020
6	People of God	16 November 2020
7	Sacramental Life of the Church	Term 1 2021
8	Liturgical Life of the Church	Term 1 2021

Course Fee: \$480.00 (In the belief that cost should not be a barrier to faith formation, fees are negotiable in the event of financial difficulty. Please contact Course Administration if fee assistance is required).

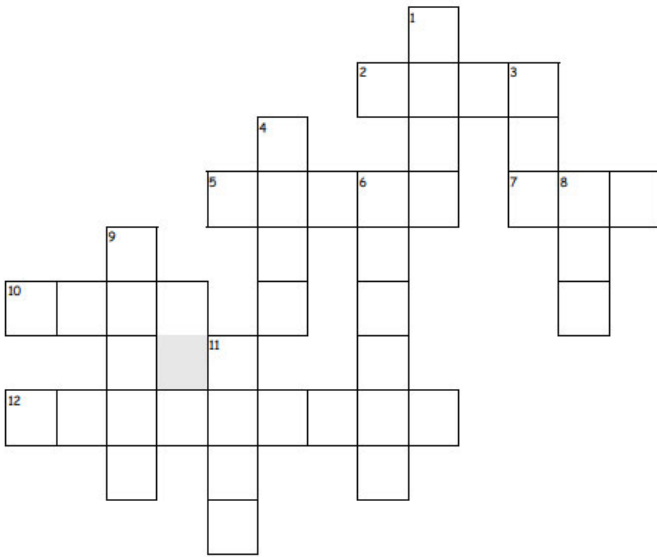


For enquiries call 02 4979 1334 or email jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

CROSSWORD

You are like light for the whole world

Mt 5:13-16



Across

- 2: a light you can carry around
- 5: not dark
- 7: the opposite of bottom
- 10: you eat this when you are hungry
- 12: Jesus' friends

Down

- 1: Jesus told the disciples they were like _____ for everyone on earth
- 3: an indoor plant grows in this
- 4: a very large town
- 6: kept out of sight
- 8: the number before two
- 9: a place where you live
- 11: a small mountain

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Your light will shine like the dawn

Is 58:7-10
Ps 112:4-5, 8ab & 9 R.v.4a
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

P H H J U X L W B D M B K W
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Try to find these words:

- city
- hidden
- homeless
- honest
- hungry
- lamp
- light
- pot
- relatives
- salt
- shine
- sun

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
15 Feb 5.30pm	Peter Owens	Kath Williams Michael Fuller	Helen Bridges, Douglas Burke, Kath Williams, Rose Jessa	Annunciata & Marian
16 Feb 9.30am	Peter Owens	Vincia Martin Gail Lovell	Cora Armstrong, Frances Barber, Trish O'Dowd, Betty Stott	
16 Feb 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Clare Walsh Jane McNaughton	Elizabeth Keeling, Vera Walker, Jane McNaughton, Clare Walsh	

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

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
16 Feb 9.00am	Mary V	Mark, Anne	Helen D, Jan D	Angela, Jan, Helen O'B

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
16 Feb 8.00am	Dorothea Norman Barry Reed	Mike o'Connor Peter Ryan	Sue Horton Mary Samwell	Maureen Hall, Julie Gurr, Moya Lantry

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
16 Feb 9.00am	Isaac Flanagan Cheree Flanagan	Eleanora Macdonald M de Souza	Diane Murphy	John Cavenagh Lena Josue Elizabeth Hickling	D Lederwasch A Frost P Kish

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
15 Feb 5.30pm	Sr Carmel Hanson rsj Sr Ann Thomson rsm	Christine Mason	Judy & Denis Johns	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
15 Feb 6.00pm	Doreen	R Ahkin A Jenkins	D Bleakley	G Mundy, M Caelli, K Williamson