

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, 1ST MARCH 2020 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 REGIONAL DIARY...(for the week ahead)

1st Week of Lent

Monday 2 March

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

Tuesday 3 March

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.45am Rosary @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

Wednesday 4 March

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 5 March

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Stockton

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West 9am

9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 6 March

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 @ The Cathedral

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 7 March

9.15am Mass & Novena @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West

Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West 6pm

Sunday 8 March

2nd Sunday of Lent

7.30am Mass @ Newcastle

Mass @ Tighes Hill 8am

Mass @ The Junction 9am

Mass @ Stockton 9am

9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral

10.30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11.30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

Mass @ The Cathedral 5pm

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 Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17.R.see v.3

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Gen 12:1-4

Second Reading 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ TIGHES HILL

every Friday during Lent, directly following the 9.15am Mass.

BENEDICTION & ADORATION BROADMEADOW every Wednesday during Lent, starting at 5.30pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION & Adoration @ St Mary's & St Joseph's

At 6.30pm on each Wednesday until Easter, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction at St Mary's and St Joseph's Churches (in alternate weeks). Reconciliation will be available during the period of Adoration.

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



End poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity! Your generosity will COMPASSION empower communities with hope and GO FURTHER TOGETHER help those in need to shape a better

future. Let's go further together!

Project Compassion boxes are available at the churches this weekend.

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: Joan Woodcock,

Bonnie Patricia Tapp

ANNIVERSARY: Reg Rees, Thelma Doohan, Maurice Abercrombie, Sr Elsie Krelle rsj, Michael Burke, Fr John Kavanagh, Bishop Edmund Gleeson, Fr John O'Flynn, Fr Patrick Carey

SICK: Terry Davies, 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.

LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten Discussion Group at The Junction - Tuesdays at 9.30am. On each Tuesday of Lent, Fr Peter is leading a Lenten Group in the chapel of the Regional Centre at The Junction. Reflections and discussions are based on the Lenten Program, "Grace", a Wollongong Diocese publication. Morning tea follows each session. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!

Lenten Discussion Group at The Junction - Tuesdays @ 7pm: The Faith Matters group is running a Lenten discussion group on Tuesday nights during Lent. Again, the program used is "Grace", from the Wollongong diocese. All are welcome. Please let me know if you would like to attend, so that I can arrange books. Meet at the Regional Centre at The Junction. (Come through the rear entrance.) Inquiries Clare 043 9411 276 or ask at the Regional office.

Lenten Program at Tighes Hill: As we journey together towards the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021, all Australians are invited to contribute through listening to and discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now.

This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local community today.

The process you will engage in is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Each week we will look at one of the six themes arising from the Plenary Council. The themes are as follows:

Week 1: Prayerful and Eucharistic - March 1

Week 2: Missionary and Evangelising -March 8

Week 3: Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal - March

Week 4: Humble, Healing and Merciful - March 22

Week 5: Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform - March 29

Week 6: A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community - April 5

Starting this weekend, 1st March, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Tighes Hill, following the Sunday 8am Mass.

REGIONAL NOTICES

Bookclub meets at 6.30pm this 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 this meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, Boy Swallows Universe, by Trent Dalton.

First Friday Food & Fellowship

Our February FFF&F Mass, Anointing & morning tea was somewhat marred by bad weather. Nevertheless, we still enjoyed the opportunity to gather & share stories of our lives and our faith.

So, on **Friday, 6th March** we will again gather to receive an anointing after 10.15am Mass & then share a cuppa afterwards in the parish centre.



As a bonus, the World Day of Prayer is to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church, so why not recharge your batteries at morning tea and join other faithful for the ecumenical service at 12 noon.

First Friday Fish & Chips: 6th March from 5pm at Bar Beach Pavilion. BYO everything. All welcome! Enquiries: Chris 0419 265194.

World Day of Prayer 2020, Friday 6th March: This year's 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 and give a healing hand to the needy. A World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Joseph's, The Junction, at 12 noon 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, RSVP to bek.stokes@mn.catholic.edu.au

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 session 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

Mens Breakfast - Women and men - all welcome

Wayne Grant speaking at **The Newcastle Mens Shed.**We will hear all the good stuff.

Monday, 9th March.

Tea/Coffee and toast from 6.30am.

Bring your 'keep cup'.

If you don't have one, now is the perfect time to buy one.

Talk starts at **7am**, followed by questions. All finished by **8am**.

50 Clyde Street, Hamilton North - near Avis. Enter the side lane - 1st building on the left.

3rd and 4th talks in the 2020 series, on Monday, 13th April and Monday, 11th May:

Upcycling – Melanie McKinnon Volunteering in remote Aboriginal WA Communities

More details to be announced.

Harvest Journeys Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome and Medjugorje: 17 nights, departing 9 May 2020. Cost is dependent on numbers, but will include airfares, accommodation with breakfast and dinner daily, deluxe air-conditioned coach travel with English speaking tour guides, as well as entrance fees per the pilgrimage itinerary. The pilgrimage will proceed as planned, provided the coronavirus situation is resolved. If not, it may have to be postponed or cancelled. For more information, please see Fr James.

The 2020 Sacramental Program 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 open for any child in Year 4 and above. If you are interested in participating, please complete the online enrolment form: www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/

For more information please contact Anne Warren at the Regional Office on 4979 1101 or email newcparish@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 from the region 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 Church doors this weekend. We have provided envelopes at all of our Churches, to enable parishioners throughout the region the opportunity to contribute. Alternatively you can send your clearly-marked donation to the regional office. Thank You. Fr Peter

Invitation to Stockton Parishioners: You are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer 2020 at Paul's Anglican Church, corner of Church & Maitland Streets, Stockton, on Friday, 6th March at 10am. The theme for this year is "Rise! Take your mat and Walk!" It has been prepared by Christian men and women of Zimbabwe. The Service will be followed by a shared morning tea. You are invited to bring along a plate. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ROSTER COORDINATORS

A review of the existing automated rostering system used for Tighes Hill, The Junction and the Cathedral indicates that the capability of the software to cope with the complexities of three different sites, each with differing requirements and level of demands, is not as originally envisioned. Accordingly, from the start of the next roster period (i.e. from the beginning of April), the automated rostering system will no longer be used for Tighes Hill and The Junction. The only site to continue using the system will be the Cathedral.

In light of this, there is now the opportunity for a 'Volunteer Roster Coordinator' for both Tighes Hill and The Junction. The primary task of the Coordinator will be the compiling of the liturgical roster for their location several times each year (once a quarter would be ideal) and then providing this to the Regional Office for inclusion in the bulletin. Tracking changes in availability and assisting in managing swaps would also be required from time to time.

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the Regional Office on 49791101, or via email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

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.

St Peter's Primary Stockton

invites you to come and celebrate



Friday, 6th March 2020

Students will also participate in a school-wide tabloid event later in the day



8:00am Come as a family, join us to celebrate St Peter's community by sharing breakfast!





9:00am Join us for CSW Liturgy in the Hall – a time to reflect on who we are as the community of St Peter's.

Al range



9:30am Visit our classrooms – see the innovating teaching and courageous learning we are striving for!

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

The Rite of Election at the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 2.30pm this **Sunday, 1st March**. An opportunity to welcome all the catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil. Join the People of God in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to become Catholic.

The National Biennial Liturgy Conference 12th-14th March 2020 is a great formation opportunity for anyone involved in liturgy preparation and ministry. 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

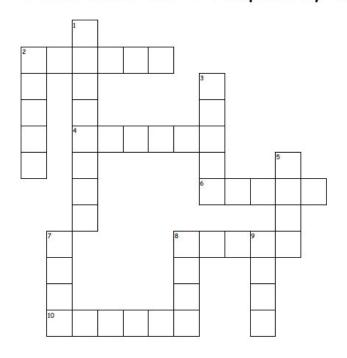
Position Vacant: Pastoral Ministries is seeking an energetic person with an active faith life, who feels called to work with young people to deepen their awareness of themselves as missionary disciples. We are looking for someone who is deeply interested in Catholic social teaching and promoting justice 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. For more information, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/young-christian-student-worker/

2020 Catechists Mass: Celebrate 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.

The CACW Contact Group for Women, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, invites you to *Keeping the Faith* on Saturday, 28th March at 9.30am in the Parish Hall, Lake St, Forster. An opportunity to meet new friends, hear diverse voices, share your story and be informed about the Plenary Council. Brooke Stephens, the principal of Holy Name Primary School, Forster, will share her story. Cost is \$10. Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP essential by 20th March to *tracey.edstein@bigpond.com*, or on 0421 879 221.

The ACTiv8 Chisholm Youth ministry presents a concert with Fr Rob Galea at All Saints' College, St Mary's Campus, 16 Grant St, Maitland, on Tuesday, 31st March, from 6.30pm to 8pm. Fr Rob's passion is to draw others to the heart of God through music. Buy your tickets at *eventbrite.com.au* (type in "ACTiv8 Youth — Concert with Fr Rob Galea".) See flyer on church noticeboards.

The 2020 Christian Formation Course will commence on 28th April (Tuesday evenings at CatholicCare, Mayfield, or Wednesday mornings at the Corcoran Centre, Morpeth). If you would like to enrich your faith, be better equipped to participate in conversations with friends or colleagues about issues of faith, or join a class of like-minded people wishing to explore their faith, see the flyer on the Church noticeboard or the Adult Faith Formation page on *mn.catholic.org.au*



Across

- 2: the devil told Jesus to turn these into bread
- 4: a place to worship God
- 6: he tested Jesus in the desert
- 8: Jesus did not eat for this many days and nights
- 10: a barren, sandy environment

Down

- 1: a very tall, large land mass
- 2: another name for the devil
- 3: a common food made from wheat
- 5: a large area with many people and buildings
- 7: you eat this when you are hungry
- 8: these have toes on them
- 9: an exam

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Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Mt 4:1-11

Ps 51:1, 10, 12, 15 R.v.3a

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH God is always merciful

M 5 N Ι N M 0 T 0 J Z 5 R 0 В T 5 N H Z В 0 B F 5 R D G I В E J R N E E T R Q 5 R Ι 5 Q M E T Ι D D R M E 0 Z I R D 0 G G H D 5 T R R Ι A I 5 E E S E K 0

Try to find these words:

Adam

desert

devil

fig

forty

fruit

middle

mountain

Satan

stones

tree

wrong

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
7 Mar 5.30pm	Louise Outram	Dominic Wakely Kath Williams	Helen Bridges, S Jarmain, Pedrita Spence, M Simmons	Dorothea & Ray
8 Mar 9.30am	Christopher Lovell	Reese Allado Charlize Allado	Trish O'Dowd, Cora Armstrong, Frances Barber, Betty Stott	
8 Mar 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Teresa Brierley Clare Walsh	Clare Walsh, Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
8 Mar	P Clark	Volunteer	C Allen
7.30am	Roger Peters		Ian Thomas

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
8 Mar 9.00am	Luisa	Jan D, Sue M	Ann M, Pat	Bernie, Pat, Harry

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
8 Mar	Dorothea Norman	Sophia Wooldridge		Moya Lantry, Nicky Cathcart,
8.00am	Annemaree Turner	Xanthe Lamont		Brian O'Donnell

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
8 Mar 9.00am	Des Holz Anna Holz	Eleanora Macdonald Cath Purkiss	Brad Dagwell	Elizabeth Hickling Anna Holz Lina Josue	R Hampson R Rossi

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
7 Mar	Sr Carmel Hanson rsj	Sr Judith Murphy rsm	G Haggerty, R Cathcart,	Eileen Howard &
5.30pm	Sr Ann Thompson rsm		T Casey, A Skehan	Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
7 Mar 6.00pm	Doreen	J Woods K Mernagh	D Woodward	K Williamson M Williamson, P Boland