



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, 8TH MARCH 2020 2ND 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.

Clergy in the Region

Fr Andrew Doohan
Fr James Odoh
Fr Peter Street

Fr Matthew Muller
Deacon Lawrence Caelli

Regional Office—St Benedict's Centre

25 Farquhar Street, The Junction
PO Box 6, The Junction 2291
P: (02) 4979 1101 F: (02) 4962 4644
E: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au
W: www.newcastlecatholic.org.au

Regional Office Staff

Margaret Cox (*Reception & Administration*)
Jade Simonsen (*Business Manager*)
Anne Warren (*Administration*)
Dr Anne Millard (*Director of Music, Liturgy & Sacramental Program*)

Office Hours

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

Other Contacts

Lingard Hospital Team Contact the Regional Office
Mercy Pastoral Team Sr Patricia Whitten rsm (02) 4979 1116
St Joseph's Pastoral Team Contact the Regional Centre

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)

2nd Week of Lent

Monday 9 March

- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton
- 6.30pm Latin Mass @ Newcastle

Tuesday 10 March

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction
- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8.45am Rosary @ Stockton
- 9.15am Mass @ Stockton
- 9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 6.30pm Latin Mass @ Newcastle

Wednesday 11 March

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction
- 8am Mass @ Mayfield West
- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill
- 9.30am Latin Mass @ Newcastle
- 10.30am Anointing Mass @ Fronditha Care (30 Crebert St)

Thursday 12 March

- 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 13 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 14 March

- 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 15 March

3rd Sunday of Lent

- 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 Gen 12:1-4

Abram leaves home, receiving promises from the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R.v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

Following the Gospel entails some hardship.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear Him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James & John.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ TIGHES HILL

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ MAYFIELD WEST

at 10.30am, each Friday during Lent.

BENEDICTION & ADORATION @ BROADMEADOW

at 5.30pm, each Wednesday during Lent.

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.

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		

ADVANCE NOTICE RE ST JOSEPH'S DAY

There will be no 7.30am Mass at The Junction on **Thursday, 19th March**. There will be a parish Mass at 9.30am for the feast of St Joseph, with St Joseph's school attending.

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.

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. 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. Join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill, following the Sunday 8am Mass.

REGIONAL NOTICES

Parish Luncheon: How quickly a month goes! Our next luncheon is on **Monday, 16th March** in the Victor Peters Suite, starting at 12.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow parishioners. Lunch is \$15 per head. Please contact Maureen 49616254 or Kay 49676973, to ensure we know you're coming!



IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joan Woodcock, Wladislawa Myszczyzyn, Vittorio D'Angelo

ANNIVERSARY: Kevin Yong, Laurel Russell, Thelma Doohan, Jeanie Liddy, Albert Liddy, Rosemary Liddy, Kathryn Outram Allan, Darcy Keogh, Fr Florence McAuliffe, Fr James Watkins, Fr Harry Cressy

SICK: Elizabeth Evans, 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.

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

REGIONAL NOTICES

View, Chew & Chat meets in the Regional Centre each third Wednesday of the month from 6pm. The next get-together is on **18th March**. We share wine and nibbles and a light meal. All are welcome to join us!



Bookclub meets at 6.30pm on **Sunday, 5th April**, 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 April meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Wearing Paper Dresses* by Anne Brinsden.

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.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DETAILS! Mens Breakfast - Women and men – all welcome

The Newcastle Mens' Shed talk has been **postponed**. The venue for the March breakfast will be the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction. (Enter via the rear door.) Our guest speaker will be Jon Wilkinson, who will talk about volunteering in remote Aboriginal communities.

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**.

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

Upcycling - Melanie McKinnon

Newcastle Mens' Shed - Wayne Grant



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. 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 at 25 Farquhar St, The Junction.

Thank You.

Fr Peter

The 2020 Sacramental Program in the region runs 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/ **The program begins with a Commitment Ceremony in the Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6pm this Tuesday, 10th March.** For more information, please contact the Regional Office on 4979 1101 or email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

WATCH THE GOSPELS COME ALIVE

A powerful encounter into the heart of Christ's Passion

- ✓ 14 Day Pilgrimage
- ✓ Superior Accommodation
- ✓ Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- ✓ Private Daily Mass
- ✓ Professional Tour Escort

11 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS

Dead Sea (2 Nights) • Mt Nebo • Petra exploration • Baptismal site of Jesus • Bethlehem (2) • Nazareth • Cana • Sea of Galilee (3) • Mt Tabor • Mt Carmel • Haifa • Jericho • Jerusalem (4)



DEPARTS 3 SEP 2020

Accompanied by: Fr Peter Street

harvestjourneys.com
1800 819 156

AIR & TOUR FROM
twin share **\$6,990**

The genuine pilgrim experience

harvest
journeys

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 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 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.

We have a volunteer for The Junction, but if you are interested in taking on this role for Tighes Hill, please contact the Regional Office on 49791101, or via email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

Back to Singleton 2020. The 200th anniversary of the town's discovery and the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated with 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.

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.

Way of the Cross will be held on **Sunday, 29th March** at 3pm at St Joseph's Church and School Conference Grounds, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay. Be captivated by the story and accompanying movement. Join us as we journey with Jesus and encounter his way of the cross with reflection on Jesus in our lives. Call 4979 1117 for more information.

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.

In light of the current concerns about the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is observing the following precautions until further notice:

Individuals should consider their potential to infect others with an infectious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.

Holy water stoups are to be emptied of holy water.

When exchanging the sign of peace, members of the assembly are to avoid shaking hands.

Holy Communion from the Chalice is to be restricted to the celebrant(s) for the time being.

Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue until further notice.

Alcohol-based gels or other hand sanitisers, tissues and bins will be available near the entrances to the church buildings.

Parishioners are to be reminded that if they are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass, they can fulfil the Sunday obligation by prayer within their home, reading the Scriptures, or watching Mass on television.

Those assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion are to observe good hand hygiene.

More detail on these measures can be found in the letter from Bishop Bill, which is available at the Churches this weekend.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

Amen

Psalm 56:9 reminds us:

"The very moment I call to you for a Father's help, the tide of the battle turns and my enemies flee.

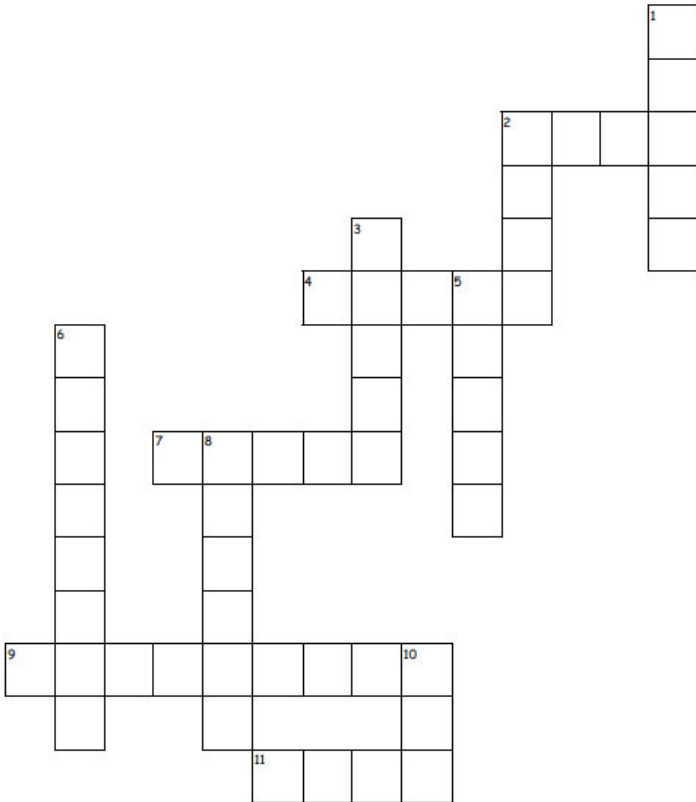
The one thing I know: God is on my side."

While there is great fear surrounding the threat of disease, we can rest assured that we have a Father in Heaven who is with us in all things.

CROSSWORD

Jesus' face shone like the sun

Mt 17:1-9



Across

- 2: level, even
- 4: hearing someone speak is to listen to their...
- 7: the brother of John
- 9: followers of Jesus
- 11: he was with his brother and Peter

Down

- 1: the disciple who was also known as Simon
- 2: the front of your head
- 3: he appeared along side Jesus and Elijah
- 5: the disciples heard God's voice coming from where?
- 6: the disciples witnessed the transfiguration at the top of a ...
- 8: scared
- 10: the brightest light in the sky

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

I will bless you and make you into a great nation

Gn 12:1-4a
Ps 33:4-5, 20 & 22 R.v.22
Mt 17:1-9

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

Try to find these words:

- Abraham
- cloud
- country
- family
- famous
- good
- James
- John
- mountain
- relatives
- sun
- voice

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
14 Mar 5.30pm	Peter Owens	Lina Josue Michael Fuller	Mansoor Jessa, Rose Jessa, Ching Burke, Kath Williams	John & Mary
15 Mar 9.30am	Peter Owens	Gail Lovell Jane Mak	Christopher Lovell, Cora Armstrong, Frances Barber, Betty Stott	
15 Mar 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Sue O'Sullivan James O'Sullivan	Elizabeth Keeling, Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
15 Mar 7.30am	T Mather K Frasca	Volunteer	C Prider K Rees

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
15 Mar 9.00am	Mary V	John, Angela	Sue, Harry	Harry, Stan, Angela

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
15 Mar 8.00am	Jacob Healey Barry Reed	Val O'Hara Rose McAllister	Ruby Edwards Sienna Edwards	Anton Podgorelec, Mary Samwell, Dorothea Norman

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
15 Mar 9.00am	Martyn Docherty Deb Docherty	Michael Alexander Diane Murphy	Whittaker Family	Deb Docherty, Cathy Olds, Sally Casey	C & R Perrin T & J Collins

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
14 Mar 5.30pm	Monica Murphy Michael Tully	Ted Tully	Judy & Denis Johns	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
14 Mar 6.00pm	Doreen	J Edstein / Boyes A Jenkins	K Harvey	R Ahkin J Wood, G Mundy