



**Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Hamilton**



**St Joseph  
The Junction**



**St Mary, Star of the Sea  
Newcastle**



**Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Tighes Hill**



**St Laurence O'Toole  
Broadmeadow**



**Christ the King  
Mayfield West**



**St Peter-in-Chains  
Stockton**

# THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY PASTORAL REGION

**SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2020  
TWENTY-FIRST 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)

*Twenty-first Week of Ordinary Time*

Monday—24th August

*Feast of St Bartholomew*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—25th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday 26th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—27th August

*Memorial of St Monica*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—28th August

*Memorial of St Augustine*

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am –12-pm Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—29th August

*Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist*

10:30am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

4:40pm Rosary @ Mayfield West

5:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday—30th August

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9am Mass @ The Junction

9am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed: [https:// www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/)

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

## REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

A furore broke out in a country diocese some years ago about the retreat style of priest who was taking Catholic students in their last year of high school or who were attending university away for weekend retreats. On the Friday night of the retreat this priest would tell the young people that by the end of the weekend they should make a decision about their Christian faith.

Some parents were shocked that their young people were given an ultimatum that included the possibility of rejecting their faith. The priest replied that Catholic youth have to make all sorts of decisions regarding career, lifestyle, residence, studies and relationships. Religion, he contended, often fell by the wayside, either not important enough on which to make a decision, or relegated to the personal shelf of neglect to be possibly taken down and dusted off years later for a hatching, matching or dispatching.

The priest argued that this wasn't good enough. After 12 years of Catholic education or many years of catechetics the Church had to take the risk of calling for a personal decision for faith. Some of the young people consciously chose membership in the Church. In making such a profession of faith many reported having a deep encounter with God and an experience of their faith in Christ. Other students made decisions against belonging to the Church, which is, of course, never irrevocable.

The entire retreat process was based on the question in today's Gospel: 'Who do you say that I am?'

The disciples, reflecting on their experiences with Jesus, offer various possibilities, but it is Peter who says that Jesus is the revelation of God for the world. This is the great profession of faith and the basis on which the Church comes into being.

And what was true then, is true now. At some point, if we want our faith to move from being a code of law, a concept, or some excellent ideas to something we can experience, we must take the faith of the Church, which has nurtured us up to now, and make it our own. In doing so, when we encounter Christ, we contribute to the re-founding of the Church in our generation.

Just being part of the 'Catholic crowd' is hardly the challenge Jesus presents to the disciples in today's Gospel. We are commissioned like the disciples to bear witness to Christ's personal love in the workplace, with our friends and in our families.

It's always helpful to be reminded that we might be the only face of Catholicism, or even Christianity, that another person may encounter. The way in which we bind them up or set them free might be the measure by which they judge if the Church is the face of Christ in today's world and whether they could find a home with us.

And it all hinges on that great question which is asked of each of us today: 'Who do you say that I am?' How we answer this question reveals so much, including whether Christ is an idea we like, or the object of our passion.

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## Who is JESUS?

In chemistry, he turned water into wine  
In biology, he was born without a normal conception

In physics, he defied gravity by ascending to heaven

In economics, he disproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5,000 with only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread

In history, he has no beginning and no end

In politics, he came to serve not to be served

**In Christianity, he is GOD, became man, died and resurrected to open heaven's gate for us**



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jacob Poile, John O'Neill, Sr Mary de Chantal, Gertrude & James Fenwick, George Russell, Harold Crockett, Tony Mangioni, Marie O'Callaghan, Dr Gordon Kerridge, Sr Norah Craegh, Maureen Grearly, Grace Mather, Kathleen Hart, Rev Austin Hayes, Rev Harry Fenton, Rev Florence Richard Ryan, Rev Cornelius McAuliffe, Rev Patrick Joseph Flanagan, Rev James Brennan, Very Rev Francis Coolahan, Rev Phillip Purcell

**SICK:** Patricia Williams, Catherine Horner (Bridges), Maria Lester Ehtashan Nadvi, Lee Murphy

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Timothy Cannon, Stanislaw Ozdzyński, Sr Judith Glaister RSM

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Please continue to pray for all those throughout the world who are affected by COVID-19 and for the victims and families affected by the explosion that rocked Beirut.

*Names may be placed here by contacting the Regional Office. Please refer to the Policy Document*

**EMERGENCY**

Aid to the Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

**APPEAL**  
for **Lebanon**

The funds raised will be used to support the most immediate needs in Lebanon (such as food and shelter) but they will also respond to the physical and spiritual needs that will arise in the coming weeks, months, and years.

ACN supports more than 5000 projects annually around the world and works directly with project partners in local dioceses, parishes and communities.

**GIVE NOW**

To support the appeal call **1800 101 201** or arrange your offering online at [www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon)

PONTIFICAL FOUNDATION

Founded in 1947, ACN is the only international Catholic Charity dedicated to the support of suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians.

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the  
day long.

**First Reading** Is 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his  
shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of  
the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**Second Reading**

Rom 11:33-36

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wis-  
dom and knowledge – and how impossible to pene-  
trate his motives or understand his methods! Who  
could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could  
ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him an-  
ything or lend him anything? All that exists comes  
from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory  
for ever! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Mt 16:13-20

**You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the  
kingdom of heaven.**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi  
he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people  
say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he  
is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah  
or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do  
you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are  
the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus  
replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man!  
Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this  
to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you:  
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out  
against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of  
heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be consid-  
ered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth  
shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave  
the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he  
was the Christ.

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Jn 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, says the Lord,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.

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# BOOK CLUB

We are continuing our 'Zoom' book club meetings. At 6.30pm on Sunday, 6th September we will share our thoughts on the book, *Chilbury Ladies' Choir*, by Jennifer Ryan. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to the parish office, [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

**Praying the Sunday Gospel:** Parishioners in the City Pastoral Region are invited to connect and pray with each other from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. You and your friends are welcome to join via the internet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86560170676>



**Hello Hunter** helps people who are feeling isolated, lonely or anxious. Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help or on request pray with the person. Hello Hunter has a call centre, which takes requests for assistance, then neighbourhood hubs mobilise their volunteers. Hubs are formed according to suburb and postcode. The goal is to have the person in need assisted by their nearest neighbour. Hello Hunter are now looking for hub leaders and volunteers. Volunteers need to submit a form, validated by their local parish priest or parish leader. Go to [hellohunter.org.au](http://hellohunter.org.au) for more information.

## Making it real art competition

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement *Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world*, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. The Statement points out that we are called not just to

be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes in the Social Justice Statement. Works must be on A3 paper, with a 150-word artist statement accompanying the work. Entries close Friday 14 August. The exhibition will be online. \$150 prize for each category (Stage 3,4,5,6 and adult). For more information contact [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)



## Sharing our story

Everyone has a story.

No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we've all got a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it.

As we enter a fallow period, we have been given the gift of time. A time to reflect on our life, a life of being faithful people.

We invite you to share your story.

You could use the following questions as a guide. Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?

Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?

How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?

In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use these stories as part of a Diocesan Formation and Education project.

Please send your story to:

[shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au)



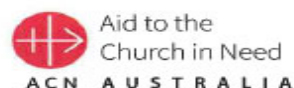
**The churches are locked**  
**but let us offer Masses for our world**

The coronavirus pandemic is testing all of us, but as people of faith, we believe in the power of prayer. At this time there is so much to pray for; those who have the virus, those who are losing their jobs, those who are scared, those who lead us, those who we love, and those who have died as a result of the virus.

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is arranging a spiritual bouquet of Masses imploring the graces that each of us will need during this time. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return these priests offer a Mass for the intentions of the benefactor.

We are arranging this bouquet because the **Mass is the most perfect prayer and prayer is multiplied when united**. It is as if each person brings a single rose, yet when combined, the beauty is shared by all. **Especially when we are deprived the grace to attend Mass and receive the Eucharist**, this bouquet unites the participants in a particular way to a Mass that is offered for their intentions.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the support of Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. The mission of ACN is to keep the faith alive in those places where it is at greatest risk.



Aid to the Church In Need PO Box 335 PENRITH NSW 2751, email [info@aidtochurch.org](mailto:info@aidtochurch.org), call 1800 101 201 or visit [www.aidtoshurch.org/coronavirus](http://www.aidtoshurch.org/coronavirus)

## **TIGHTENING OF COVID-19-RELATED RESTRICTIONS — 24 JULY**

There has been a tightening of COVID-19-related restrictions that had been previously announced by the NSW Government last week.

Because the presence of COVID-19 in our community remains a threat to the health and safety of the Australian and NSW communities, the NSW Government has determined that the public health requirements demands the tightening of some restrictions in order to protect our community. While this tightening once again impacts on the life of our Church, and may be a disappointment to some, we need to be conscious of more than just our own needs and wants in the face of the current pandemic event. As Christians, we should have not hesitancy in embracing personal sacrifice for the sake of the health and safety of the Australian community.

The announced tightening of restrictions will again come at a cost, but we must remain vigilant and disciplined in observing our moral and legal obligation towards our brothers and sisters and ensure we do all that we must to restrict the further spread of COVID-19. We look forward to a future easing of restrictions, and the opportunity to gather more freely as a worshipping community to celebrate our liturgical life in all its fullness.

### **Easing Taking Effect 24 July**

Amendments to the current Public Health Order have been gazetted to give effect to the NSW Government announcement. The limit on the number of persons who can be present in the Cathedral is now calculated as the lesser of allowing 4 square metres per person within the building, or 100 persons.

The size of the Cathedral building means that we are able to have the full limit of **100 persons**, which limit applies to all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, as well as the Cathedral's availability for private prayer.

### **Opening Hours of the Cathedral**

The Cathedral will continue to be open Monday through Friday from approximately 8am until approximately 5pm. You are welcome to attend the Cathedral during these hours for private prayer or a time of silence.

On weekends, the Cathedral will only be open when in use for Mass or other scheduled liturgies, generally from about one hour before the scheduled start time until approximately 30 minutes after conclusion. This decision is based on the increased need to clean the Cathedral after all liturgical

celebrations, which naturally are increased over the weekend. We apologise for any inconvenience this might cause but feel this is the most appropriate course of action in the current circumstances.

### **Continuing Restrictions**

Although the number of persons who can be in the Cathedral has increased, there is still a requirement for the collection of contact details for those who attend any liturgical celebration in the Cathedral (e.g. Mass, Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, etc.). If a 'discrete' group attends, e.g. a family, a husband and wife, people from the same household, etc., only one (adult) member of the group is required to provide their contact details. The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival.

We will provide a Contact Form at the door to permit this, and we have also provided an 'online' version via [SignIn.com.au](http://SignIn.com.au) which permits you to sign in via your mobile phone.

The requirements regarding cleaning, observing physical distancing, refraining from communal singing, etc. remain in place for the time being, as does the requirement to refrain from physical acts of devotion that involve touching or kissing icons or statues.

Because of the need to ensure health and safety, the previously advised adaptations to the celebration of Masses and other liturgical celebrations will continue to be observed.

To manage the entrance to and exit from the Cathedral, only one door – the side door closest to the Diocesan office building – will be used for the foreseeable future. This entrance has had a hand sanitiser unit mounted on the wall for convenience and provides adequate 'desk space' to allow for the recording of contact details. The use of one door will also permit the management of numbers within the Cathedral for Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

### **Requirements for Attending Mass**

There is no need to register in advance to attend Mass. If you wish to return to Mass, you are at liberty to do so, though there will still be the need to ensure that no more than 100 persons are at any particular Mass.

We ask those who are particularly at risk – the elderly, those with compromised health, those who are sick – to refrain from returning to Mass for the sake of their own health. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by the Bishop remains in place in these circumstances.

**For Sunday Masses at St Joseph's, The Junction and St Mary's, Newcastle**, the registration process still applies. To register, please visit the website, [www.newcastlecatholic.org.au](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au) or contact the Regional Office on 4979 1101 or via email, [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

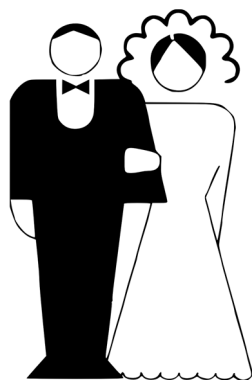
If you wish to attend the Saturday evening vigil at **Broadmeadow**, please contact Gwen on 49675010 or Fr James on 0402 223415 or via email, [jamesodoh768@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesodoh768@yahoo.com)

If you wish to attend the Sunday morning Mass at **Tighes Hill**, please contact Fr James on 0402 223415 or via email, [jamesodoh768@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesodoh768@yahoo.com)

**Important to note!** If you reach voicemail when you call to register for Mass, **please leave your name and phone number and clearly identify which Mass you wish to attend.** We need to be able to contact you on Friday afternoon/evening, to confirm your attendance. We received some voicemail messages at the Regional Office this week where phone numbers were not provided and we could not complete the registration. We remind you that if you are not registered, you cannot attend Mass.

We thank you for your understanding during these difficult times and appreciate your continuing patience and support in relation to the registration requirements. These are processes we must follow in order to comply with the current Public Health Order.

### Marriage and Relationship Education



Do you know someone who is getting married or someone in a relationship who would like to know more about how to create strong, stable relationships? CatholicCare Social Services Hunter Manning offers pre and post marriage and relationship education workshops and individual sessions that explore the research around intentional

connected relationships. They have the aim of supporting couples to build and maintain 'relationship satisfied' partnerships.

Online workshops will be run soon.  
Go to [www.catholiccare.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.org.au)

### Safeguarding training in parishes



**Who is this for:** If you are a paid or unpaid worker of the parish and have never attended any Safeguarding training (formerly Child Protection training) or last attended more than 6 years ago, this is for you. If you have attended child protection training a few years ago and want a refresher, you are also welcome to attend.

**How do I register:** Registrations are made via Rebecca Mahony, Learning & Development Officer, Human Resources on 4979 1322 or email [HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au).

**If I have a question:** For any further information about the course or questions in relation to your participation, or to check on your attendance history, please call the Office of Safeguarding directly on 4979 1390 or email at [oostraining@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:oostraining@mn.catholic.org.au).

This training will be delivered in a COVID-safe way, attendance is restricted to 10 people per session, social distancing will be maintained and people will be asked normal screening questions to check their well-being and potential exposure to the virus. For more information on what precautions will be in place, please go to [Office of Safeguarding COVID-19](#) web page.

#### DATES AND TIMES

Saturday, 29/08/2020

10am-2pm Toohey Room,  
841 Hunter St Newcastle West

Thursday, 3/09/2020

10am-2pm Mackillop Hall, Charlestown

Saturday, 12/09/2020

9am-1pm Mackillop Hall, Charlestown

Saturday, 12/09/2020

12pm-4pm Disney Room, CatholicCare, Cardiff

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

##### 22nd Ordinary Sunday

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

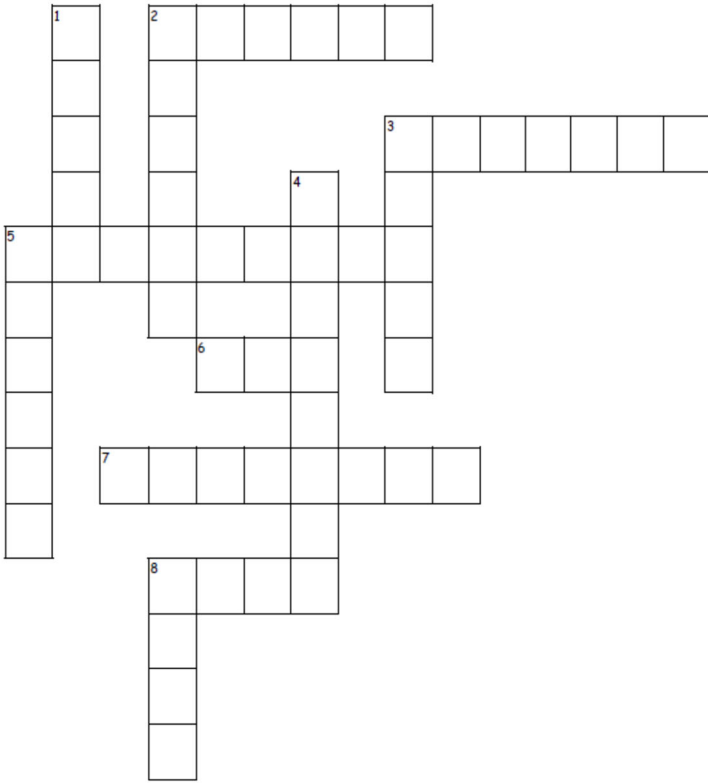
Matthew 16:21-27

Weekday and Sunday readings can be found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

CROSSWORD

God will come to save us

Is 56:1. 6-7  
Ps 67:1-2. 4. 5 & 7. R. v.4  
Mt 15:21-28



Across

- 2: truthful
- 3: the Jewish day of worship
- 5: to have a party
- 6: a four-legged animal that barks
- 7: a very high piece of land
- 8: reasonable

Down

- 1: a place where people dwell
- 2: cured
- 3: Jesus described the people of Israel as like a flock of lost \_\_\_\_\_
- 4: father is to son, as mother is to what?
- 5: Jesus spoke to a woman who came from this place
- 8: what we eat

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Is 56:1. 6-7  
Ps 67:1-2. 4. 5 & 7. R. v.4  
Mt 15:21-28



Try to find these words:

- Canaan
- celebrate
- daughter
- dog
- fair
- food
- healed
- honest
- house
- mountain
- Sabbath
- sheep