



**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, 30TH AUGUST 2020
TWENTY-SECOND 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-Second Week of Ordinary Time

Monday—31st August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—1st September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—2nd September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—3rd September

Memorial of St Gregory the Great

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—4th September

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until midday)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—5th September

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— 6th September

Twenty-third 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 via the Diocesan website:

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 SJ

At the morning parade in Dachau on 22nd July 1943, six prisoners were found to have escaped. Retribution was swift and brutal. Randomly selected, 12 people were hanged. As the other prisoners watched their 12 fellow inmates gasp for breath, someone in the crowd cried out, 'Where is God?' Silence descended on the yard. The 12 bodies were now in spasm, jerking and struggling for breath. As everyone watched, the voice came again, this time more urgently, 'Where is God now?' 'My God', another voice yelled back, 'My God is hanging there'.

This sort of faith is what today's Gospel is all about. Christianity is the only world religion that holds that God took our flesh, suffered, died and was raised to life.

It is certainly true that we have domesticated the scandal of the cross, even to the point that, these days, it dangles from various parts of people's anatomies. I often wonder, had Jesus been electrocuted to death, whether we would have little golden chairs around our necks? But while we have tried to tame the reality of Jesus' tortured hours in Jerusalem, the reality of the cross in each of our lives cannot be so commercially soothed.

Christians are not meant to be smiling masochists. We are not meant to be lovers of pain – just bearers of it.

We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our world. This is easier said than done. When we suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

We are encouraged to see that suffering can be an opportunity to grow in love. If we understand our crosses as our particular schools of love, then we learn more about ourselves and God and are able to help others carry their crosses as well.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be in the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically with anyone in need, even to the end.

Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE
EXERCISING SOCIAL DISTANCING
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS**

Today's Gospel shows the 'edge' involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving and selfless.

And while we are invited to take up our cross and follow Jesus, we never do it alone. If we have the eyes to see it and the humility to accept it, Christ, literally, hangs in there with us every step of the way. So let's recall the first cross from which we take comfort as we bear our own crosses. 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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SICK: Enthashan Nadvi, Lee Murphy, Dr Phillip Law, Ray Callen

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elio Giorgi, Luisa D'Este, Antonio Niccoli,

The Niche blessing for Ethna Harvey took place last Thursday. Please visit the Columbarium in St Joseph's if you wish to do so. The Church is opened for morning Mass Tuesday – Friday.

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 on the Regional website— visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads

Perpetual Day of Remembrance

For several years our Diocese has marked the Sunday on or before 15 September as Remembrance Sunday, an undertaking that Bishop Bill gave in the context of *Lina's Project* in September 2017. The day holds before us our history of child sexual abuse and the reality of its continual unfolding in the lives of those directly and indirectly affected.

On 15 August 2020; Bishop Bill issued a decree that a creates the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday*, as a Feast Day, be inscribed in the Diocesan Liturgical Calendar to be held on the Sunday on or prior to the 15 September each year.

In 2020, this Feast will be celebrated on **Sunday 13 September** and will replace the Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

23rd Ordinary Sunday

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Weekday and Sunday readings can be found at www.usccb.org

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your
strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will
peak your praise. **(R.)**
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your

behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This
is the only way to discover the will of God and know
what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the
perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny
himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen
to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind
me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because
the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to
be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and
take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who
wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who
loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will
a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his
life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his
life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of
his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will
reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon Mt 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called
children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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.

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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

TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY
SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2020-21

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 August. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. The Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest & most marginalised members of our community.

Download the Statement at http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020.

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:

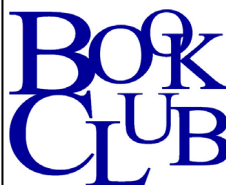
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Hello Hunter helps people who are feeling isolated, lonely or anxious. Volunteers are available to make a friendly call, deliver essentials, assist in finding specialised help or on request pray with the person.

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 for more information.



We are continuing our 'Zoom' book club meetings. At 6.30pm on Sunday 6 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 Regional Office, newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

COVID-19-RELATED ADAPTATIONS

The presence of COVID-19 in our community requires the implementation and observation of a number of adaptations to our 'normal' way of life, both in the community and in our churches.

Some of these adaptations are mandated by Public Health Orders; others are based on sound advice provided by the NSW Health Departments. All of them are deemed required in order to protect our community from the continuing danger posed by COVID-19.

While restrictions and adaptations 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.

We are called to remain vigilant and disciplined in observing our moral and legal obligation towards our brothers and sisters and to 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.

Maximum Number of Persons in Churches

The requirements of the current Public Health Order has determined the limit on the number of persons who can be present in a church is now calculated as the lesser of allowing 4 square metres per person within the building, or 100 persons.

In our Region, those limits are:

Sacred Heart Cathedral	100
St Mary's, Newcastle	20
St Joseph's, The Junction	50
Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill	55
St Laurence O'Toole's, Broadmeadow	55
St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton	70
Christ the King, Mayfield West	70

The limit applies to all Masses and other liturgical celebrations, as well as the church's availability for private prayer.

Provision of Contact Details

The Public Health Order requires the collection of contact details for those who attend any liturgical celebration in a church (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.

A Contact Form will be provided at the door to permit the collection of these details. The Cathedral also provides an 'online' version via SignIn.com.au which permits you to sign in via your mobile phone.

General Requirements

There 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.

Liturgical rituals have been adapted, and will continue to be adapted, in order to ensure the health and safety of all parishioners and visitors to our churches.

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.

Other Information

Other information has been produced by the Diocese and compiled into a single reference document. The most current version of this document can be found on the 'Downloads' page of the Region's website—www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads/

Opening Hours of Churches

The Cathedral will 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.

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.

Other churches in the Region will be open at the times they were normally open pre-COVID-19.

Requirements for Attending Mass

Cathedral: 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 capacity limits will need to be observed at all Masses.

St Mary's Newcastle & St Joseph's, The Junction: Registration in advance is required for Sunday Mass. To register, visit the Regional website, contact the Regional Office on 4979 1101, or email the Regional Office via newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au.

Broadmeadow: Registration in advance is required. To register, please contact Gwen on 4967 5010, or with Fr James on 0402 223 415 or email via jamesodoh768@yahoo.com.

Tighes Hill: Registration in advance is required. To register, please contact Fr James on 0402 223 415 or email via 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 remind you that if you are not registered, you are not able to 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 contents of the current Public Health Order.

STOCKTON CHURCH BUILDING WORKS

As Stockton parishioners would be aware, we have been looking, for some time, at the repairs required to Stockton Church. We are pleased to advise we have now accepted a quote from David Kirkman and Bishop Bill has given his approval to proceed. More information will be provided when details become available. We appreciate the parishioners' patience and understanding in this matter. Please contact the Regional Office on 4979 1101 if you have any questions or concerns.

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.

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 oosgtraining@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 wellbeing 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

Thursday, 3 September 2020

10am-2pm Mackillop Hall, Charlestown

Saturday, 12 September 2020

9am-1pm Mackillop Hall, Charlestown

Saturday, 12 September 2020

12pm-4pm Disney Room, CatholicCare, Cardiff

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

The Church's annual Lenten Collection for the Holy Land has been held on Good Friday since 1974, when St. Pope Paul VI established Good Friday as the ordinary day for the collection by parishes and bishops around the world.

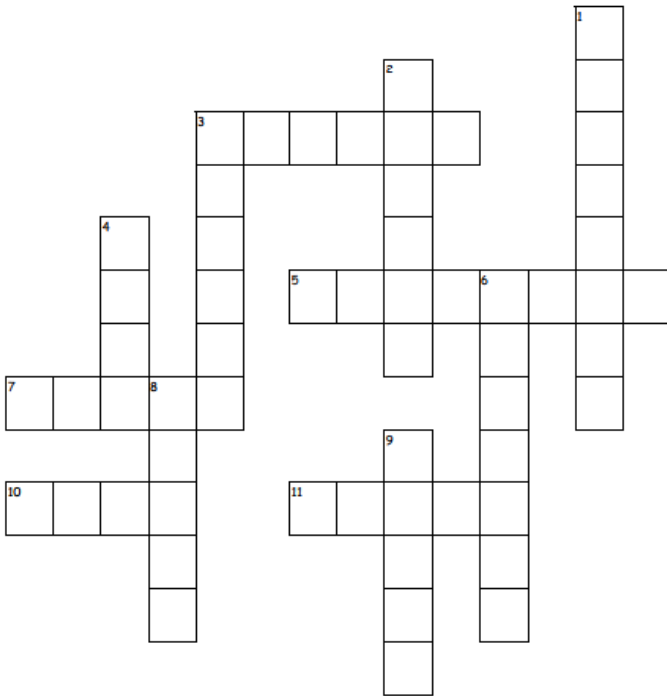
The collection goes toward the maintenance and upkeep of the holy sites as well as supporting the lives of Christians in the Holy Land.

However as Good Friday fell on 10 April 2020, and many countries were not able to hold public Good Friday services due to the Coronavirus, Pope Francis approved moving the collection to **Sunday 13 September 2020**.

CROSSWORD

God can make us wise

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57 & 72, 127-128, R. v.97a
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-46



Across

- 3: kept out of view
- 5: a collection of valuables
- 7: correct
- 10: a place where you buy things
- 11: God appeared to Solomon in a _ _ _ _ _

Down

- 1: very young people
- 2: God's kingdom
- 3: to be truthful
- 4: a male monarch
- 6: God made this man king
- 8: glad
- 9: a valuable jewel that comes from oysters

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Ps 119:57 & 72, 127-128, R. v.97a
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Try to find these words:

- buy
- field
- find
- happy
- heaven
- hidden
- kingdom
- one
- pearl
- sell
- shop
- treasure