



**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, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020
TWENTY-SIXTH 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-Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday—28th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—29th September

Feasts of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—30th September

Memorial of St Jerome

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—1st October

Memorial St Therese of the Child Jesus

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—2nd October

Memorial The Holy Guardian Angels

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—3rd October

10:30am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

4:40pm Rosary @ Mayfield West

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West—New Time

Sunday—4th October

27th Sunday of 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

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

PARISH CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF VIGIL MASS TIME : Vigil Mass at Mayfield West will be celebrated at 6:00pm commencing 3rd October 2020.

PARISH LUNCHEON : After a long break, the Parish Luncheon will resume on 19th October, 12:30pm, in the Victor Peters Suite, Hunter St Newcastle West. This is an opportunity to re-connect with regular attendees and meet new faces. For more information please contact Maureen on 0412673151.



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>

LATIN MASS : The Latin Mass is celebrated on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th)

Sundays of the month at

**St Mary's Star of the Sea Church,
Newcastle, at 10:15am.**

Latin Mass is celebrated by a visiting Priest who travels to us from Sydney.



All are welcome.

CATHEDRAL "TAP & GO" DONATION POINT: With COVID-19 being recognised globally as a threat to public health, it is important for us to take all possible steps to mitigate the associated risks. To that end, we have introduced an electronic 'tap & go' donation point at the Cathedral. Cash donations via the regular collection methods are still gratefully received, but the electronic donation option is available to those who prefer reduced cash-handling.

The donation point is co-located with the cash collection box near the side transept. It has a pre-configured donation amount of \$5 and will accept

donations electronically from any Visa or Mastercard contactless card. It is also compatible with mobile wallet apps and paywave wristbands. For donations of more than \$5, it is simply a matter of 'tapping' the desired number of times. The funds will be credited securely to the parish bank account as 'second collection' donations.

COVID numbers in Australia may have been smaller than in other parts of the world, but we must remain vigilant in all our activities. Providing the electronic donation option is part of our commitment to adopting practices that will minimise the risk of community transmission of the virus. We continue to pray for all who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and for courage in the face of the uncertainties it presents.

BOOK CLUB

We are continuing our 'Zoom' book club meetings. At 6.00pm on Sunday 4 October, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Fled*, by Meg Keneally.

If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to the Regional Office,

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

READERS AT CATHEDRAL : The continuing presence of COVID-19 means restrictions around the use of ministers (readers, ministers of communion, etc.) remain in place. That said, we are going to return to the use of the online rostering system for the three Sunday Masses that take place in the Cathedral for **one reader** for each Mass from the second weekend of October.

To that end, I would ask our current readers to use the online system to confirm their availability (or otherwise) to continue their ministry in the present circumstances.

I would also invite anyone who would like to join the reading roster for the Saturday evening, Sunday morning or Sunday evening Masses in the Cathedral to join the roster via the online system (or by contacting myself). I would appreciate if you could update/enrol by the close of business on Tuesday, 6 October.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please get in touch with me via email (andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au) or via the Parish Office.
Fr Andrew

Prayer Requests

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Smith, Domenica Rossi, Pat Francis, Most Rev John Toohey, Rev Bernard Murphy, Most Rev Ernest Tweedy, Rev Peter William Quirk, Rev James Ryan, Rev Thomas English, Rev Matthew O'Donovan, Rev Thomas Brennan, Geoffrey Williams, Ken & Chris Hill, Patrick Matthews

SICK: Baby Archer, Margaret Byron, Robert Berwick, Rohan Campbell, Connie Jennings, Fin Conn, Fergus Conn, Elkie Conn, Tony O'Connor, Salve Stuart, Les Wilson, Metua Teritati.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Noreen Ramsay, Kenneth Lidbetter, Susan Tomasetti, Francisco Gahum, Menas Duran, Alex Cabilin, Atty Harry Bacal, Gorgonio Dugal, Rogato Dagpin, Darrell Smith, Rogelio Esik, Portia Balitactac Pascual, Felicidad Bautista Jimenez, Elisa Pena, Desanto Joyce, Stan Carroll.

Apologies for these names having been inadvertently noted as anniversaries in last week's Bulletin:

Virginia de Jesus, Arnold Paroni, Rogelio Tandingan Sr, Purita Almodal, Harold Bulanon, Uroy Banes, Arthur Blanco, Carlito Abuan, Santiago Falconete, Elsa Refugio.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Please continue to pray for all those throughout the world who are affected by COVID-19.

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

CATHOLIC MISSION 2020 ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL 17th-18th October 2020

Please donate to keep vital mission programs alive through the COVID-19 pandemic! The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the whole world; we have seen devastation in countries across Asia, Europe, the Americas, Africa and Australia. Thousands of crucial mission programs which support children and communities have had to adjust the way in which they operate, with many shutting down due to lockdown restrictions. The practical and pastoral support that these mission programs provide - such as healthcare, education, faith-formation and skills training - rely on the generous donations they receive. Now more than ever, it is important that we ensure that these vital programs survive and can continue their life-giving work when restrictions are lifted. You can help support vital Church-run programs around the world by giving generously to Catholic Mission. We are still here for our mission partners, and we hope you will stand with us during their time of need.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you.

We glorify You.

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one. You alone are the

Lord. You alone, are the most high Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24: 4-9 R.v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and
prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

We pause for silent reflection.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father
almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Acclamation

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by
which you have given me hope. This is my comfort
when I am brought low.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

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

REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



© Dianne Bergant CSA Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

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 Department. All of them are deemed necessary to protect our community from the continuing danger posed by COVID-19.

While restrictions and adaptations impact 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 no 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

Under the current Public Health Order, 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, 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

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.

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. **Please note that once you have registered you will only be contacted if you are UNABLE to attend Mass.**

Broadmeadow:

Registration in advance is required. To register, please contact Gwen on 4967 5010, or Fr James on 0402 223415, or via email, jamesodoh768@yahoo.com.

Tighes Hill:

Registration in advance is required. To register, please contact Fr James on 0402 223 415 or via email, 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.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

ACN arranges Mass stipends to be sent to poor priests overseas. In

many regions, the Christian faithful are so poor they cannot support their priests and so Mass stipends are often a priest's only means of material support. Have a Mass offered for your family today and the money from your offering will be sent to a poor priest overseas who will offer up the Mass for your intentions. To arrange Mass offerings please visit www.aidtochurch.org/mass-offerings-for-poor-priests or call **1800 101 201** during business hours: 8am-5pm, AEST.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is offering a pastoral placement program for people seeking to explore opportunities to serve God and God's people through various ministries:

- ▶ **Parishes**
Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation
- ▶ **CatholicCare Social Services**
Child, Youth and Family Services, Disability Programs, DARA's Van and Refugee Hub
- ▶ **Youth Ministries**
ACTv8 Chisholm, Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People (DCMYP)
- ▶ **Chaplaincies**
Hospitals, Port
- ▶ **Catholic Mission, Caritas**
- ▶ **St Nicholas Early Education**
- ▶ **Catholic Schools**
Administration, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Religious Education & Spirituality
- ▶ **Pastoral Ministries**
Faith and Ministry Formation, Mum's Cottage, Marriage & Relationship Education
- ▶ **Diocesan Shared Services**
such as Human Resources, IT, Finance, Communications and Records Management

The program would suit people who are keen to work in the following fields: Social work, Psychology, Teaching, Theology, Religious Education, Chaplaincy, Youth Ministry, Religious Life and Priesthood.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2020**

For further info and to apply, please visit the Positions Vacant page at www.mn.catholic.org.au or email formed@mn.catholic.org.au or Phone 4979 1193

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

We pray for those preparing for their HSC. Father we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.

Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and express themselves clearly.

Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.

Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Teach me to follow your paths

Ez 18:25-
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R. v
Phil 2:1
Mt 21:28-

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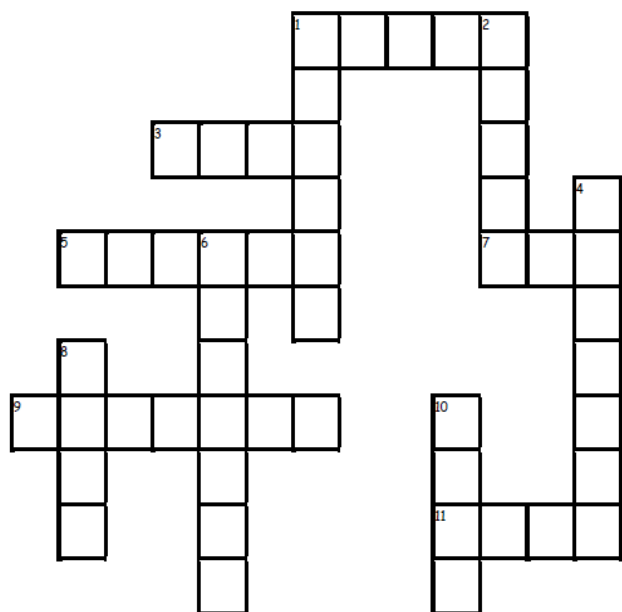
Try to find these words:

- Baptist
- believe
- care
- fair
- humble
- love
- obeyed
- older
- right
- safe
- two
- younger

CROSSWORD

Teach me to follow your paths

Ez 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, R. v.6a
Phil 2:1-5
Mt 21:28-32



Across

- 1: of a greater age
- 3: God's _____ comforts us
- 5: modest, lowly
- 7: the man in Jesus' story had this many sons
- 9: John the _____ told the chief priests and leaders how to do right
- 11: reasonable

Down

- 1: to have done what you were told to do
- 2: correct
- 4: of a lesser age
- 6: accept the truth
- 8: to look after or show concern for someone
- 10: out of danger