



**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, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2020  
TWENTY-THIRD 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-third Week of Ordinary Time*

Monday—7 September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—9th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—10th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—11th 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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—12th 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— 13th September

*Perpetual Day of Remembrance*

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/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/)*

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

## REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world.

Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended.

This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it.

Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault.

The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned.

There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

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

## A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day by Greg Sunter

God of Kindness and Compassion,  
we are your children and you are Father to us all.  
We give honour and thanks to those who reflect your  
fatherly example:

those who are dads and grandads;  
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and fathers-  
in-law;  
those who are coaches, leaders and mentors;  
and those who are elders and wisdom-men of  
our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body and  
strength of character.  
We look to them to pass on skills and pass on stories.  
We look to them to protect and provide.  
We look to them for care and compassion.  
We look to them to be co-creators and stewards of  
the world.

For all those who embrace their role as father, we  
give thanks.  
For those who struggle with being fathers, give them  
strength.  
For those who are distanced from their children, give  
them comfort.  
For those who have passed from this world, give  
them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.  
Bless them in their strength and in their weakness.  
Bless them in their joy and in their sorrow.  
Bless them in their work and in their play.  
And bless them, Father, for being fathers.

We make this prayer through the one who taught us  
to call you Our Father:  
Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



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Ray Callen

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Piero Trucco, James Dixon,  
Victor Fernando, Eleanor (Joan) Fitzgerald, Rev Fr  
Sebastian Paul

**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](http://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

#### 24th Ordinary Sunday

Sirach 27:30 –28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

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

## TODAY'S LITURGY

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading** Ez 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing

that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**Gospel Acclamation** 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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# Happy Father's Day September 6th

At our Masses today we celebrate and remember our fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers ...and all those who have shown us fatherly love.

Name cards are available today at the Church, to write the names of those you wish to honour.



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## 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 will soon be providing an electronic 'tap & go' donation point at the Cathedral. Cash donations via the regular collection methods are still most welcome and are much appreciated. However, the electronic donation option will be made available for those who prefer reduced cash-handling, a practice many organisations have encouraged during the pandemic.

The donation point will be located near the sign-in point at the side door of the Cathedral. It has a pre-configured donation amount of \$5 and will accept donations electronically from any Visa or Mastercard contactless card. 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 the situation currently confronting communities in Victoria, NSW and Queensland reminds us of the need for ongoing vigilance in all our daily 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.

# EMERGENCY



## 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)



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



**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.

**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>

## 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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 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.



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](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.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 [oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto: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**

Saturday, 12 September 2020

12pm-4pm Disney Room, CatholicCare, Cardiff

Wednesday, 23 September 2020

9:30am—1:30pm CRCC, The Junction

## **Historical Context - Tell the Church**

The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

**JUNIOR WORDSEARCH**

Mt 16:21-25

Carefully point out what is wrong

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 I G P W J S E N R A N U L Z  
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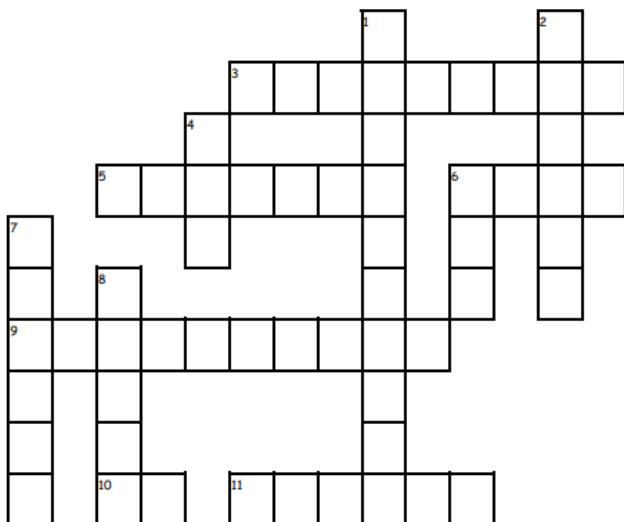
Try to find these words:

- church
- go
- listen
- private
- refuse
- Scriptures
- sin
- true
- two
- unbeliever
- witnesses
- wrong

**CROSSWORD**

Mt 16:21-25

Carefully point out what is wrong



Across

- 3: people who witness an event
- 5: the opposite of public
- 6: not false
- 9: sacred texts
- 10: Jesus told the disciples to \_\_ and point out what was wrong if anyone sinned against them
- 11: the house of God

Down

- 1: someone who does not believe
- 2: to insist on not doing something
- 4: to do wrong, a bad deed
- 6: the number before three
- 7: to pay attention to what is being said
- 8: incorrect