

Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton



St Joseph's The Junction



St Mary, Star of the Sea Newcastle



Immaculate Heart of Mary Tighes Hill



St Laurence O'Toole Broadmeadow



Christ the King Mayfield West



St Peter-in-Chains Stockton

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY PASTORAL REGION

SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2020 All saints soleminity

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)

Thirty-first Week of Ordinary Time Monday- 2nd November All Souls' Day 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral Tuesday—3rd November 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 8:15am Rosary @ Stockton 8:30am Mass @ Stockton 9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow (NO MASS 3/11) 9:30am Mass @ The Junction Wednesday—4th November Memorial St Charles Borromeo 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West 9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill 9:30am Mass @ The Junction Thursday—5th November 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 8:30am Mass @ Stockton 9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow 9:30am Mass @ The Junction Friday—6th November 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West (Parish Hall) 9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill 10:15am Mass @ The Junction Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm) 11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral 11am 12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral Saturday—7th November 10:30am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow 6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West Sunday— 8th November 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 7:30am Mass @ St Mary's 8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill 9:00am Mass @ The Junction 9:00am Mass @ Stockton 9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral Live streamed via the Diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/ places/livestream/ 10:15am Latin Mass @ St Mary's (2nd & 4th Sunday only) 10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow 11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral 5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mavfield West PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE EXERCISING SOCIAL DISTANCING **BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS**

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES



In the Church Community, November Is a time when we take the opportunity to pray in a special way for those who have died. During this COVID year it is necessary to make some adjustments to the usual way we commemorate the death of our

loved ones. Due to social distancing it is necessary to restrict numbers, so your acceptance via the RSVP attached to your invitation is essential. If you have not received your invitation as yet, please contact the Regional Office on 4979 1101.

St Benedict's Parish invites you and members of your family to attend the Special Masses to be held throughout the Region.

Monday 2 November

Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill 9:15am St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow 5:30pm St Joseph's, The Junction (Columbarium) 6:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Polish Community 6:00pm

Saturday 7 November

Sandgate Chapel, Sandgate—Polish Community Traditional Mass 3:00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton 5:30pm

Sunday 8 November

Italian Community	
St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow,	10:30am
St Joseph's, The Junction	9:00am

Saturday 14 November

Christ the King, Mayfield West	6:00pm
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton	5:30pm

Sunday 15 November

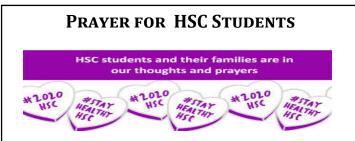
St Mary's Star of the Sea, Newcastle	7:30am
St Joseph's, The Junction	9:00am
St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton	9:00am

Saturday 28 November

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton Liturgy at the Columbarium 6:30pm

We look forward to sharing this commemoration with you and your family.

Should you wish to have your loved one remembered during this time of commemoration, envelopes are available in your church for you to note your requests.



We pray for those currently sitting 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

PARISH NOTICES

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

ADVENT GROUPS In the day-to-day reality of our lives, especially during the busyness of end-of-year activities, it is easy for us to lose sight of what we are truly preparing for during Advent and celebrating at Christmas—the Incarnation. The magnitude of this event was not lost on the shepherds and the Magi who came to adore the Child who is truly Emmanuel: God-with-us.

If you would like to be part of an Advent Group please contact the Regional Office on 49791101 and we will arrange for you to be allocated to a group.

LIVE-STREAMING NOTICE – 9.30AM MASS FROM SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL The 9.30am Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral is live-streamed (and recorded) each week. The camera is located under the choir loft and faces towards the sanctuary, though it can be directed to various parts of the Cathedral if needed.

Parishioners should be aware that they may be filmed during the celebration of the 9.30 am Mass. This filming will mostly capture their image from behind. We cannot guarantee, however, that their faces will not be featured on the live-stream or recording, particularly the case during the Communion Procession. The live-stream will make use of multiple camera angles to minimise the identification of individuals as much as possible, but this will not eliminate the possibility of being filmed.

Parishioners with concerns about being filmed or recorded should speak with the Cathedral Rector, Father Andrew Doohan, in the first instance.

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:

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 or speak to your Parish Priest.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Please remember to hold in your prayers and thoughts our Victorian Prayer Partner Parish of Glen Iris, and their Parish Priest, Father Michael Gallacher.

May they experience the comfort of knowing that we are praying for and with them at this difficult time.

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TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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: Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

- (R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
- The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
 It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
- Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)
- He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

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

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

Communion Acclamation

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

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of

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Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Filoeno Matano, Margaret (Yvonne) Perkins

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Mascord,

SICK: Kate Newsome

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

REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

are sometimes Saints regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated - 'Happy are you' - for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

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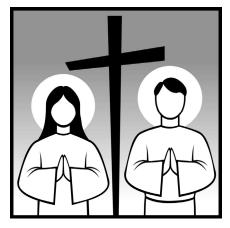
ALL HALLOWS' DAY

Today's Solemnity of All Saints is also known as All Hallows' Day. The name derives from the Old English "hallowed" meaning holy or sanctified. (We use this word every time in prayer... "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name") The liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October, All Hallow's Eve (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of 1 November. As we celebrate (or avoid) Halloween, it's worth recalling the Christian roots of the name.

Or is it? It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions evolved from an ancient Celtic festival called *Samhain*, which was Christianised by the early Church. Pronounced "sow-in", Samhain is a Gaelic word meaning "end of summer". The festival celebrated the end of the harvest and a time of preparation for the coming winter.

It is widely accepted that the early church missionaries chose to hold a festival at this time of year in order to absorb existing native Pagan practices into Christianity, thereby smoothing the conversion process.

However, there are supporters of the view that Halloween as the eve of All Saints' Day, originated entirely independently of Samhain. (Source: bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/holydays/ halloween_1.shtml)



CALLING ON THE SAINTS

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Christmas is fast approaching!



elp us to collect the set of razors, 1,000 bottles of shampe Over the next 6 weeks, we'll be asking for donations of specific items to include in Christmas packs for seafarers.

To start with, we're collecting

* 1,000 packs of razors,

*1,000 bottles of shampoo,

*1,000 bottles of conditioner.

Christmas is usually a difficult time for seafarers and this year seafarers are going to feel the separation from their families even more acutely.

Last year, with your help, we managed to supply 850 packs to seafarers far from home. However, this year, we hope to reach 1,000 seafarers!

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR: is an iconic Catholic

Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2021 marks the 99th edition. These calendars will be available through St Vincent de Paul for \$10 each. They can be purchased from St Joseph's The Junction from this weekend.



RED WEDNESDAY On 25 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need is* asking Catholics



around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: www.redwednesday.org

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available for purchase in

Aid to the Church in Need

your Church from this week. Proceeds from the cards will go to aid the organization in its work supporting

Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

There are four beautiful designs with heartfelt verses.

A pack of 12 cards will cost \$15.

COVID-19-Related Information

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 <u>lesser</u> 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	54
St Joseph's, The Junction	100
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, such as weddings and funerals.

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 Details 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. If you have the Service NSW app on your phone, you can also use that to sign in at the Cathedral.

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.

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.



4 Nov—Bringing the Gospel to Life : presented by Nicholas King SJ. Free Online Event.

5 Nov—Communion of Saints: presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks.

11 Nov—Relationships Matter: Robyn Donnelly and experienced facilitator and coordinator of Marriage & Relationship Education programs shares with participants the research around "I to We"

18 November—Mark: The Strangest Gospel: presented by Nicholas King SJ. Free Online Event.

For details and registration visit : https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/ catholic-life/adult-faith-formation

25 Nov—Q&A with Father Anthony Coloma: Father Anthony Coloma answers some difficult questions about moral choices, sin and forgiveness.

aMeN caMiNo! You are invited to be a pilgrim. Expressions of Interest due by 30 November.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH We long to see your face

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