

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, 4TH OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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-Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Monday - 5th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—6th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—7th October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—8th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday-9th October

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—10th October

10:30am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 11th October

28th 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

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE EXERCISING SOCIAL DISTANCING

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.

PARISH NOTICES

SLOVENIAN Masses: After many years of ministering to the SLOVENIAN Community within this Diocese it is now not possible for the Franciscan Fathers of Merrylands to continue to celebrate the Slovenian Masses. It is with sadness that this long held tradition must now cease. Fr Darko has been the mainstay of the celebration of the Slovenian Mass here in Sacred Heart Cathedral & we extend our grateful thanks for his ministry.

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

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
- Chaplaincies Hospitals, Port
- Catholic Schools
 Administration, Pastoral Care, Teaching, Religious Education & Spirituality
- CatholicCare Social Services
 Child, Youth and Family
 Services, Disability Programs,
 DARA's Van and Refugee Hub
- ► Catholic Mission, Caritas
- Pastoral Ministries
 Faith and Ministry Formation, Mum's Cottage, Marriage & Relationship Education
- Youth Ministries
 ACTiv8 Chisholm, Dioce
- ACTiv8 Chisholm, Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People (DCMYP)
- St Nicholas Early 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 or speak to your Parish Priest.

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



With heaart felt gratitude I acknowledge Meighans Funerals for their

generous gift of Audio Visual Technology for St. Joseph's Church at The Junction. This equipment can be used during funerals, for the words of hymns during Mass and by the school at the various liturgies they conduct in the Church throughout the school year. To Steele Quain and the staff at Meighans; thank you for your gift to our Church, and may God bless you.

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. 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 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.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kenneth Lidbetter, Stan Carroll

ANNIVERSARIES: Timothy Street, Patrick Matthews, Frank Tobin, Margaret Smith, Lucille Glover, Sr Nora Connolly rsj, Anthony Tynan, Peter Tynan, Rev Patrick O'Regan, Rev Bertram Watson, Rev Bernard McKieran, Rev James Thomas McNamara, Rev Martin Joseph Brennan,

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, Carlo Rossi

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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: Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7 (R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

- 1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
- 2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
 It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
- 3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

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.

Communion Acclamation

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14 ekday and Sunday readings

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



WHY IS OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY?

To understand this feast, we need to go back in time. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack Christian defenses in southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger and organized a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks.

On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle, which involved more than 400 warships (it was the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries). Pius V knew he needed more than just military strength to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary, requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire was permanently prevented.

The next year, Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honor of the Blessed Mother, originally called Our Lady of Victory. After a few centuries, the name was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary to more clearly recognize that prayer was the greatest power at work that day on the seas.

In 1571, the rosary was still a relatively new prayer form for the universal church. Pope Pius V had issued a decree formally establishing devotion to the rosary in the papal bull Consueverunt Romani Pontifices just two years before the Battle of Lepanto. The Holy Father's universal promulgation recognized the growing devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout Europe, as well as the increased prayer of the rosary in various locations. Devotion to the rosary was especially promoted in the 13th century by St. Dominic and in the 16th century by St. Peter Canisius (who, according to tradition, added the final verse to the Hail Mary, in which we pray, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death" - printed officially in the Catechism of the Council of Trent in 1566; the first two verses of the Hail Mary are adapted from Luke 1:28 and 1:42).

The origins of the rosary are complex. The use of knotted ropes to count prayers or scriptural verses (including the Lord's Prayer and the Jesus Prayer) is an ancient practice and is even found in non-Christian cultures. Most probably, the Christian recitation of 150 such prayers was intended to mirror the monastic prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours in which

monks prayed all 150 psalms each day.

The structure of the rosary as we know it today developed significantly from the 12th to the 14th centuries as the larger collection of 150 prayers was further divided into groups of 50 and separated by biblical verses or themes (now referred to as mysteries). It is these mysteries, like a grouping of common roses in a garden, that gave the name rosary to this prayer form.

The rosary is a living prayer form and continues to develop even in recent times. An invocation known as the Fatima Prayer was commonly added in the early 20th century. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added a new set of five reflections called the Luminous Mysteries which encourage additional meditations on the life of Jesus.

The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Remember, every time you pray the rosary you are given the privilege and honor of pronouncing the holy name of Jesus more than 50 times.

The wealth of spiritual graces offered through the rosary comes not from the multiplication of prayers (see Matthew 6:7) but from the imitation of Christ through obedience to the Father's will, according to the example of the Blessed Mother.

Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the radio or podcast as you commute to work or school and pray the rosary instead. See what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from the rose garden of this daily meditation..





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.

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.

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

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 <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, 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.

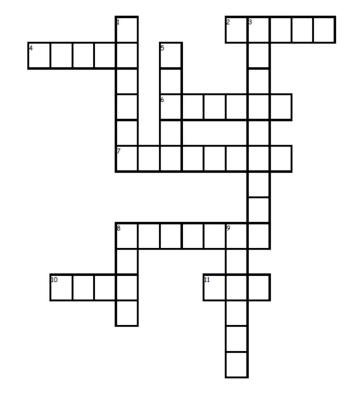
<u>IMPORTANT TO NOTE:</u> If you reach voicemail when you call to register for Mass, <u>please leave your name and phone number and clearly identify which Mass you wish to attend</u>. We need to be able to contact you on Friday afternoon/evening to confirm your attendance. We remind you that if you are 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.

CROSSWORD

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:8 & 11. 14de-15ab & 19. R. Is 5:7a Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel



Across

- 2: grapes grow on these
- 4: a tall building with a lookout
- 6: take the path of a leader
- 7: people who serve
- 8: reap, gather a crop
- the landowner built one of these around his vineyard
- 11: the renters killed the landowner's ____

Down

- 1: the fruit from a vine
- 3: significant
- 5: o____ your prayers to God
- 8: raised land mass that is smaller than a mountain
- 9: carved rocks used to make buildings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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stones tower vines wall