



**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, 15TH NOVEMBER 2020
THIRTY-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)

Thirty-third Week of Ordinary Time

Monday— 16th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—17th November

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—18th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—19th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—20th November

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West (Parish Hall)

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—21st November

Memorial of The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 22nd November

34rd 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 @ Mayfield 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.

Saturday 28 November

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton

Liturgy at the Columbarium

6:30pm

We look forward to sharing these commemorations with you and your families.

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 welcome all those joining us for the November Remembrance Masses who have lost loved ones in the last twelve months. We remember your loved ones and pray that you and your families will experience the peace and healing of Christ's love.



MASS FOR DECEASED ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS The 12.05pm Mass at the Cathedral on Friday, 27th November, will be offered in memory of deceased St Vincent de Paul members. Kevin Rees is coordinating the Mass and would appreciate all names being submitted to the Parish Office on 4979 1101 prior to 25th November.

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 : 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.

THE PARISH LUNCHEON : will be held on Monday 16th November at 12.30pm in the Victor Peters Suite. Please join friends for this celebration of what will be our FINAL luncheon for this year. We are looking forward to more opportunities to catch up next year. For more information please contact Maureen

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MARK: THE STRANGEST GOSPEL : 18 NOVEMBER presented by Nicholas King SJ. Free Online Event.

Q&A with Father Anthony Coloma: 25 NOVEMBER 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>

THE MISSION TO SEAFARERS



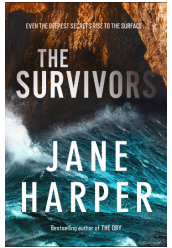
Please leave donations at the Parish Office



On November 22, the parish book club celebrates five years of fellowship through reading! We are continuing our 'Zoom' book club meetings. At 6.00pm on Sunday 5 December, we will share our thoughts on the book, *The Survivors* by Jane Harper.

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

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT

The first reading praises a woman who traditionally has been described as virtuous or worthy. However, the much stronger Hebrew adjective denotes might or strength, the kind of valour found in armies.

The woman is an example of industry, versatility, trustworthiness, constancy and general goodness.

It is in the last verse that we discover the basis of her virtue and the real reason for the praise given her.

She is one who fears the Lord, a characteristic that is the basis of wisdom (see Prov 1:7).

She is the model, not primarily of the good wife, but of the wise person generally. She is virtuous and successful

because she possesses the wisdom that flows from fear of the Lord.



Coronavirus Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick.
We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured.

We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe.

Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care.

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

Amen.

TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
(R.) **Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

The Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in
God the Lord

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

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

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Monica Bound, Edward
Brothers, Beryl White, John Leo Callachor, Maximo
Mapula, Jeffrey Greentree

ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Foley, Pat Koch, Geraldine
Nurtsis, Rose Berwick, Theresa McCormack, Gerald
Crockett, Paul Mather, Fr Joseph Carroll CSsR,

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

This week's gospel is a very familiar parable and one
that is often used with students and young people. It
is generally used as an encouragement to make the
most of the gifts and skills that the listeners possess.
It is rarely, however, placed in its context as part of
the full Chapter 25 lesson about the time of waiting
and preparation for the coming of the Lord and the
Christian life.

Again, the story is presented as a parable of the
Kingdom – a glimpse into the right order of things in
the realised Kingdom. A very wealthy master entrusts
his considerable assets to his servants to manage in
his absence. The three servants were allocated
money, 'each in proportion to his ability'. The
emphasis of the parable is on what each servant did
with the funds they were allotted. They were charged
with managing the money in the place of their
master; acting in their master's place to further
develop his wealth.

Like all of Jesus' parables, this one has a sting in the
tail. Although the third servant has done nothing
illegal or corrupt, he is very harshly dealt with. His
crime is laziness! He was given a great opportunity to
demonstrate his abilities and yet he shied away and
returned to his master exactly what had been
entrusted to him, unimproved. The author of
Matthew's gospel uses this parable to shock the
audience out of complacency. They cannot rely solely
on the promised return of the Lord, they must
continue to act on Jesus' message and work to bring
about the Kingdom in their own lives. Those who fail
to act, leaving everything to the work of God, are as
bad as the lazy servant who failed to grasp an
extraordinary opportunity.

Gospel Focus – Such a talent!

In its original usage, a 'talent' was a measure of
weight. It came to designate a weight measure of
silver. One talent was roughly equivalent to a
labourer's wages for 10 years. It was a huge amount
of money! Due largely to the reference in this gospel
parable the word eventually came to its more
common meaning of a special natural ability.
Although in its original use in the gospel, 'talent'
meant nothing more than a large sum of money, it is
a happy development of language that makes this
scripture passage such a favourite of teachers and
retreat providers!

© Greg Sunter **Greg Sunter** has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for
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conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of
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ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

The Celebration of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is one of the highlights of the Christian year, and for very good reason.

Our celebrations in 2020, however, will look significantly different to what they have in the past because of the continuing presence of COVID-19 in our community. This presence requires the observing of a number of restrictions in the way we will celebrate Christmas, largely concerning the number of persons who will be able to attend, and the regrettable absence of the singing together of well known carols (at least according to the rules in place when this edition goes to print).

5:00pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton
5:00pm Vigil St Joseph's The Junction
5:30pm Vigil St Mary's Star of the Sea Newcastle
6:00pm Vigil Christ the King Mayfield West
7:00pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral
7:00pm Vigil St Joseph's The Junction
7:30pm Vigil St Peter-in-Chains Stockton
10:00pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish)

12 Midnight Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton
12 Midnight St Joseph's The Junction

Christmas Day

7:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton
7:30am St Mary's Star of the Sea Newcastle
8:00am Immaculate Heart of Mary Tighes Hill
9:00am St Joseph's The Junction
9:00am St Peter-in-Chains Stockton
9:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton
10:15am St Mary's Star of the Sea Newcastle
11:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish)
5:30pm Christ the King Mayfield West (Vietnamese)

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE, BROADMEADOW MASS TIMES TO BE ADVISED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

Because of the restrictions on the number of persons who can be in our Churches, each of the Christmas Masses (apart from the two Polish language Masses) will need to be 'ticketed', i.e. you will need to register in advance in order to attend.

We regret the need to do this, but believe it is the only way to manage the situation efficiently and with some equity.

Registration will be via the Eventbrite website as this permits both the addition of extra spaces if public health orders change, and will also permit the easier collection of contact details of those attending. For those without internet access, please contact the parish Office on 4979 1101 and the staff will assist you.

We are giving our regular parishioners first option on registering. The event will not be placed on websites, or our various social media outlets until the beginning of December.

To register for Masses please use the following links:

Sacred Heart Cathedral

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-mass-sacred-heart-cathedral-hamilton-registration-127681140729>

St Joseph's

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-mass-st-josephs-the-junction-registration-128741349843>

St Mary's

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-mass-st-marys-the-hill-registration-128742725959>

For registration for Christ the King Mayfield West, St Peter-in-Chains Stockton, Immaculate Heart of Mary Tighes Hill and St Laurence O'Toole Broadmeadow please use normal Sunday Mass processes.



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 and St Mary's Star of the Sea Newcastle.

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHRISTMAS CARDS

will be available for purchase in 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

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 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	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.

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.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The day of the Lord is coming

1 Thes 5:1-5
Ps 27:1, 13-14, R, v.1a
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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

Try to find these words:

awake
away
escape
faithful
five
friends
money
share
thief
thousand
woman
write

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The day of the Lord is coming

1 Thes 5:1-5
Ps 27:1, 13-14, R, v.1a
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

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

Try to find these words:

awake
away
escape
faithful
five
friends
money
share
thief
thousand
woman
write

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