

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, 22nd November 2020 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

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-fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Monday— 23rd November 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

#### Tuesday—24th November

Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 8:15am Rosary @ Stockton 8:30am Mass @ Stockton 9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow 9:30am Mass @ The Junction

## Wednesday—25th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill9:30am Mass @ The Junction

#### Thursday—26th November

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral8:30am Mass @ Stockton
- 9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 9:30am Mass @ The Junction

## Friday—27th November

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West (Parish Hall)
9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill No Mass Today
10:15am Mass @ The Junction
11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)
11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral
12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

## Saturday—28th November

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow 6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

## Sunday— 29th November

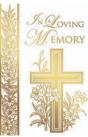
First Sunday in Advent 7:30am Mass @ St Mary's 8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill 9:00am Mass @ The Junction 9:00am Mass @ Stockton 9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

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.



# St Vincent de Paul Society good works

**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 THROUGH ADVENT:** Parishioners in the City Pastoral Region and across the Diocese are invited to connect and pray with each other from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and through artists images of the Gospel message.

Each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm. You and your friends are welcome to join via the internet:

https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/92777151360 Password: Prayer

**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.

**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



With Christmas nearly upon us we will launch our annual Christmas

Appeal next Sunday the 29th November. This also happens to be the first Sunday of Advent which is when we commence our collection for Christmas Hampers. Since we can only run it for 3 Sundays -29th, and the 6th and 13th Dec. we will firstly focus on tinned goods and packet foods such as pasta and rice, followed by Breakfast foods and finally Sweets, Treats and Toiletries. However, any contribution on any Sunday will be very much appreciated.



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

**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



#### **Reaching Beyond 2020**

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have

made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. <u>Palms Australia</u> will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

See <u>www.palms.org.au</u> and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email <u>palms@palms.org.au</u>



It is with mixed emotions that we advise the City Region of the transfer of Fr James Odoh to the position of Chaplain at Catherine McAuley College Medowie.

Father James will be residing in Medowie from the beginning of December and will finish his duties in the City Region on

25 December 2020.

We wish Father James every success in his new role.



# **TODAY'S LITURGY**

## **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

#### Entrance Antiphon Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

#### Gloria

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

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

We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

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

For you alone are the holy one. You alone are the Lord. You alone, are the most high Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading: Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

#### We pause for silent reflection.

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

## (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)
- Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R.)
- 3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

## We pause for silent reflection.

#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

#### 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.

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#### **Communion Acclamation**

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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Prayer Requests

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Luigi Maggiotto

ANNIVERSARIES: Nell Turner, Marie Morton

**SICK:** Baby Oliver Robens, Beth Wooden, 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 the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

#### Scriptural context – Matthew 25

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

© Greg Sunter Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic 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).

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DECEMBER**

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 5:30pm Vigil St Laurence O'Toole Broadmeadow 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 7:30pm Vigil St Laurence O'Toole Broadmeadow 10:00pm Vigil Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

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 STEPHEN'S DAY 26 DECEMBER 11:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish)

**New Year's Day 1 JANUARY** 11:30am Sacred Heart Cathedral (Polish)

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 he 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-masssacred-heart-cathedral-hamilton-registration-127681140729

#### St Joseph's

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ christmas-mass-st-josephs-thejunction-registration-128741349843



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 99<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 pastoral need. There are four beautiful designs with heartfelt verses. A pack of 12 cards will cost \$15. Please place money on second collection plate.



# **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	110
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.

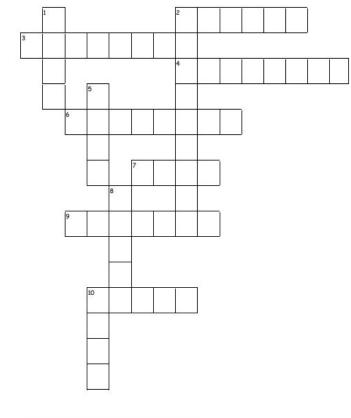
**IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** If you reach voicemail when you call to register for Mass, **please leave your name and phone number and clearly identify which Mass you wish to attend**. We need to be able to contact you on Friday afternoon/evening to confirm your attendance. We remind you that if you are not 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.

# crossword Jesus Christ is king forever



#### Across

- 2: selected
- 3: recollect, recall a memory
- 4: subjected to rude speech
- 6: a word to describe heaven
- 7: the experience of being afraid
- 9: to assure someone of a definite outcome
- 10: the opposite of right

#### Down

- 1: Jesus' and his people were of this faith
- 2: people who commit crimes
- 5: rescue
- 8: strength, might
- 10: drink made from fermented grapes

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# JUNIOR WORDSEARCH God is king of all the earth

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