



**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, 29TH NOVEMBER 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT, YEAR B

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)

First Week of Advent

Monday— 30th November

The Feast of St Andrew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday— 1st December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—2nd December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—3rd December

Memorial of St Francis Xavier

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—4th December

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—5th December

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 6th December

Second Sunday of 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**

PARISH NOTICES

PHONE - A - FRIEND

As we lead into the Christmas season and especially now with the easing of restrictions, it would be timely for each of us to consider making contact with someone we have not seen for a while.



A phone call, a note in the letter box, an email or even dropping in with a magazine, the parish Bulletin or just yourself; to say "Hi, how are you doing?"

Many people have been isolated for months since the initial lockdown and contact from someone from the Parish could make a big difference to their day.

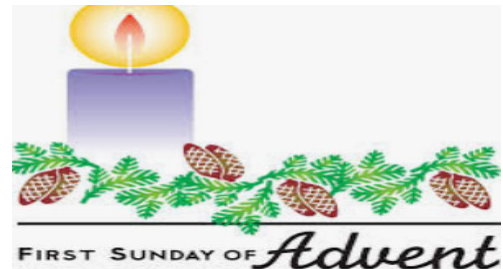
So this Christmas along with our Advent liturgies, let's put our prayer to practical use by reaching out in these coming weeks.

FIRST FRIDAY FISH & CHIPS: 4th December from 5pm at Bar Beach Pavilion.

BYO everything.

All welcome!

Enquiries: Chris 0419 265194



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.

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.

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 on the following dates: Stockton on Sunday, 29 November; Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton, and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tighes Hill, on 12th and 13th December.



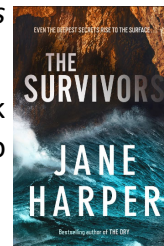
ST PETER-IN-CHAINS, STOCKTON: CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION will commence on 29th November. Since it can only run for three Sundays - 29th November and 6th and 13th December, we will firstly focus on tinned goods and packet foods such as pasta and rice, followed by breakfast foods and finally sweets, treats and toiletries. However, any contribution on any Sunday will be very much appreciated.



On November 22, the parish book club celebrated 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



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. [Palms Australia](https://www.palms.org.au) will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

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



Father James Odoh will be transferring from the City Region 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.



Father James will be greatly missed in the Inner City Region and we wish him every success in his new role.

CHILDREN'S MISSION DONATIONS: Thank you to Tighes Hill parishioners for your ongoing support of Children's Mission. Donations collected for November totalled \$265, bringing the grand total to \$36,000. Your donations are very much appreciated.

TODAY'S LITURGY

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. 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.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and
Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Acclamation

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall
yield its increase.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pet 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

We acknowledge the lifelong trauma of survivors and
their families, the failures of the Catholic Church to
protect, believe and respond justly to children and
vulnerable adults, and the consequent breach of
trust.

REFLECTION BY DIANE BERGANT CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the
faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament
their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait;
the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord.
As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the
'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The
placement of these readings at the beginning of
Advent shapes the context for understanding the
entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of
human pain and then move beyond it to the hope of
a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find
fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some
people wait to be released from suffering, others
await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our
energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we
must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be
doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait
with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation
and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is
to come will come soon. While we wait, we should
faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we
have a future worth waiting for, that there are
promises that God will keep. And so we look
expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of
ultimate fulfilment.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological
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she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001)
and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She
was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-
2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical
Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New
Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and
Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the
United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters
in books.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Marie Therese Matthews rsm,
Carmel Matthews, Beryl Wafer.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kate Hudson, Michael Round, Bradley
Sharpe, Frank & Carrie Williams, Chris Williams,
Alfredo Peverimi, Kevin Gardiner, Eric Joseph
O'Beirne, Anthony O'Beirne, Delores Hamilton, Ernest
(Ernie) Jones.

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*

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 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 the normal Sunday Mass registration processes.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR:

is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and 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.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHRISTMAS CARDS

will be available for purchase. A pack of 12 cards will cost \$15. Please place money on the second collection plate.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS are available for purchase. A pack of 10 cards is \$7.

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 300 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.

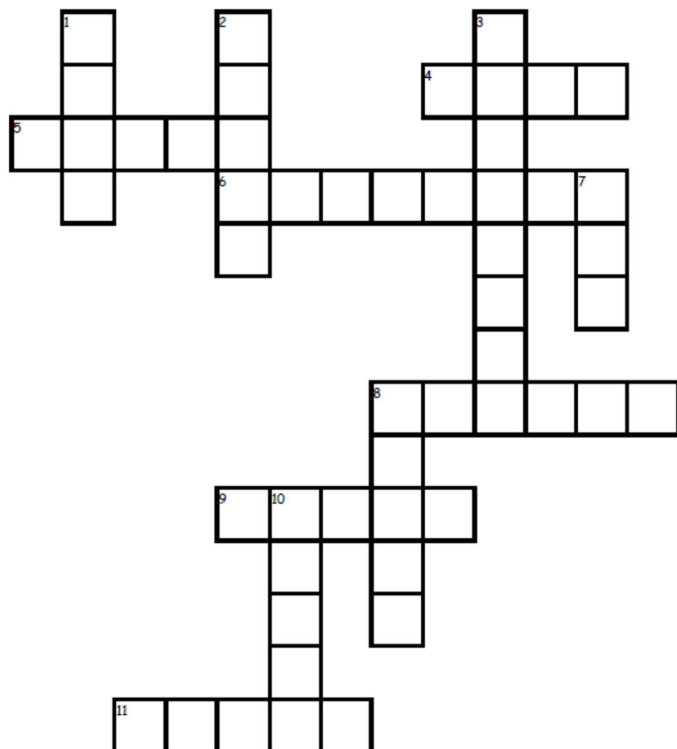
Parishioners should be aware that they may be filmed during the celebration of the 9.30am Mass. This filming will mostly capture their image from behind. We cannot guarantee, however, that their faces will not be featured on the live-stream or recording, particularly the case during the Communion Procession. 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

We wait for Christ's return

1 Cor 1:3-9
Ps 85:8, 9, 10, R. Sir 36:16
Mk 13:33-37



Across

- 4: nice to others
5: a type of building people live in
6: when a man goes away he puts these people in charge
8: to go back from where you came
9: talk
11: you do this when you go to bed

Down

- 1: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You don't _____ when the time will come'
2: the Lord Jesus Christ will _____ you with peace
3: the middle of the night
7: the opposite of daughter
8: prepared
10: to have no war and fighting

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

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

Try to find these words:

bless
house
kind
know
midnight
peace
ready
return
servants
sleep
son
speak

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