



**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, 17TH JANUARY 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 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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Fr Peter Street

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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)

*Second Week of Ordinary Time*

Monday— 18th January

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—19th January

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—20th January

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—21st January

*Memorial of St Agnes*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—22nd January

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—23rd January

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

10:10am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Followed by Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 24th January

*3rd 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/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/)

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

**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>

### 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.



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Please register interest with the Parish Office on 4979 1101



## COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (CACW)

As 2021 commences, the Council for Catholic Women (CACW) advises that there is much to look forward to for the women of our Diocese. Early in 2020 the Council of Catholic Women (CACW) was disbanded and members of the former Diocesan contact group have been challenged with keeping members informed and included in discussions about the future directions the group will be taking, as it embarks on a new beginning.

A letter has been forwarded to Bishop Bill from some members of the former contact group, noting an interest in forming a Diocesan Council for Women. A meeting to discuss how this could evolve is **scheduled for Thursday, 11 February 2021, at 4pm in the Toohey Room**. Please enter this date in your diary. The vision is to include all women across the Diocese through conversation, visits or Zoom meetings and establish interest groups that are inclusive, reflective and fun.

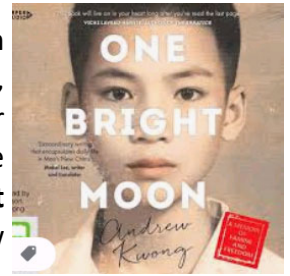
The annual Magdalene Awards will take a break in 2021 but will be replaced by a celebration of Women in our Diocese. Sunday, 7 March, is International Women's Day and it is hoped that Bishop Bill will be available to celebrate the 9.30am Mass at the Cathedral to mark this occasion. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions it is planned to come together for a morning tea after Mass. Parishes will also be invited to recognise women in their mass centres through prayer and hopefully hospitality.

**Remember to circle 11 February 2021 in your diary.**



We are continuing our 'Zoom' book club meetings.

At 6.00pm on Sunday 7 February, we will share our thoughts on the book, **One Bright Moon** by Andrew Kwong.



If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to the Regional Office, [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2021

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

### *Bishop Bill writes:*

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives.

If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH MEN'S BREAKFAST

We are in the process of planning to recommence the Parish Men's Breakfast.

We already have some interesting guest speakers lined up. Suggestions regarding speakers or other matters welcomed.

Neil Jones 0410 572 579



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

#### 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:** 1 Sm 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

*We pause for silent reflection.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord. and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed; you know it,  
O Lord. (R.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ

*We pause for silent reflection.*

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Jn 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

*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 Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how  
precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:1-5;1

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

Weekday and Sunday readings can be  
found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Prayer Requests

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Frank Schmuck, Dianne Gulliver,  
Rex Lewis

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Harry and Ian Collins, Stephen  
Francis Smith, Bruce Clement, William Rigby

**SICK:** Lee Murphy

*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](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads)*

## REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

Jesus' invitation to 'Come and See' is a powerful image in this week's gospel. It is not a simple reply to the question of where Jesus is living; in some ways it is a summary of his whole ministry – come and see what I am on about and become part of it. It is typical of the invitational nature of Jesus' ministry. Throughout the gospels, Jesus offers and invites, he does not force his ministry onto anyone. When he invites us to 'Come and See', it is an invitation to 'give it a go'; take a chance; let go of what we know.

To 'Come and See' is exactly what Jesus invited the apostles to do. In this week's reading, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, takes up the invitation and becomes a follower of Jesus. He is so impressed with what he sees in Jesus that he finds his brother and tells him that they've found the Messiah and that Simon should come and join them. Jesus immediately gives Simon a new nickname: the Rock (Peter). There are many instances throughout the Bible of people taking or being given new names. Abram became Abraham; Jacob became Israel; Saul became Paul. This change of name is used as a sign that they have encountered God in a special way and have taken on a new life – a new commitment to God. In this instance, Simon is becoming a disciple of Jesus, a trusted and influential one at that.

Unlike the call of Samuel in today's first reading, in which the call to discipleship is heard as a booming voice, Andrew and Simon experience the call through personal encounter with Jesus. A booming voice from the sky might be helpful, but for most of us the call comes in much more subtle ways through our prayer and reflection on interaction with others.

### LIVING THE GOSPEL – VOCATION

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realising to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

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The Social Justice 2020-2021 Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today*, provides the opportunity to better understand mental illness and how, as social beings, we need the bonds of family, friends and the broader community, to celebrate the joys and hopes of life.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional, no larger than 1 x 1 metre. Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information plus a 150 words (maximum) artist statement must accompany the work and be emailed to [rose.mccallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mccallister@mn.catholic.org.au) before June 19.

Entries close Friday, 18 June and are to be delivered to Catholic Schools Office Reception at 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302.

Exhibition Date: Saturday, July 17 2-5pm The Veritas Centre: San Clemente High School, Mayfield NSW.

Categories: Stage 3 (Yrs 5-6), Stage 4 (Yrs 7-8), Stage 5 (Yrs 9-10), Stage 6 (Yrs 11-12), Adult.



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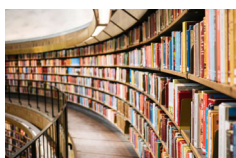
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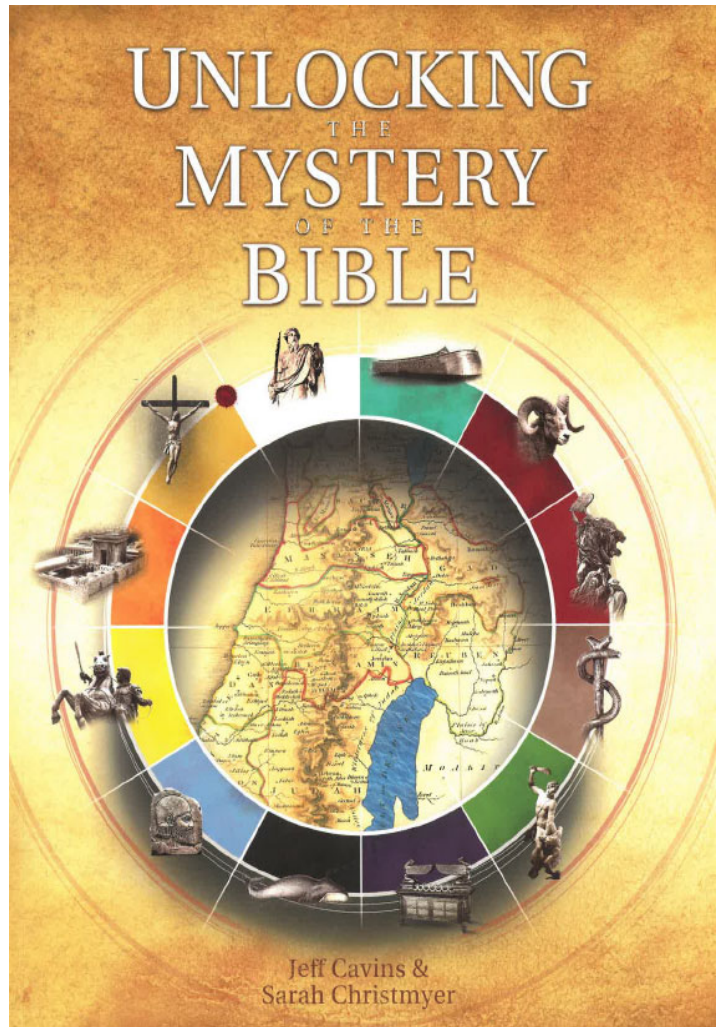
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Phone 0409 033 449



Father Peter Street is planning to commence a Bible Study Group commencing Wednesday, 10 February 2021. If you are interested in participating please contact the Parish Office on 4979 1101 to register your interest prior to 31 January 2021.



Father Peter will be using “*Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*” to help us make sense of the Bible and to see how it relates to our everyday lives. We will discover the remarkable connection between the Old and New Testaments, and see how the sacraments, the Church, and our entire Catholic Faith are rooted in the Scripture.

The Bible is a story about the Father’s unfailing love for us, a love that we are called to share with others.



## 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 by allowing 2 square metres per person within the building.

In our Region, those limits are:

Sacred Heart Cathedral	220
St Mary's, Newcastle	108
St Joseph's, The Junction	200
Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill	110
St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow	110
St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton	140
Christ the King, Mayfield West	140

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](http://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.

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### 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.

### A PRAYER FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM CORONAVIRUS

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer because of the pandemic.

May those who are infected receive the proper treatment and the comfort of your healing presence.

May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded from the onslaught of the virus.

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure, that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.

Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



## JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

### Here I am Lord

1 Sm 3:4-10, 19  
Ps 40:1 & 3ab, 8 & 11, R, 8a & 9a  
Jn 1:35-42

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

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brother  
Christ  
Eli  
Lord  
Messiah  
name  
Peter  
Rabbi  
Samuel  
servant

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## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

### Here I am Lord

1 Sm 3:4-10, 19  
Ps 40:1 & 3ab, 8 & 11, R, 8a & 9a  
Jn 1:35-42

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

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