



**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, 24TH JANUARY 2021
THIRD 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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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)

Third Week of Ordinary Time

Monday— 25th January

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—26th January

Australia Day

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:15am Rosary @ Stockton

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—27th January

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—28th January

Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—29th 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—30th January

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral followed by
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
followed by Reconciliation

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday— 31st January

4th 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/

10:30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE EXERCISING
SOCIAL DISTANCING
BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER MASS**

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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dow.org.au/shop

(02) 4222 2411 or orders@dow.org.au



Please register interest with the Parish Office on 4979 1101

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As in past years Father Peter Street will be leading the weekly Stations of The Cross on Wednesdays at 6:30pm during Lent. The Stations of the Cross will alternate between St Mary's Star of the Sea Newcastle and St Joseph's The Junction.

Stations of the Cross will commence at St Mary's Star of the Sea, Newcastle on Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021 at 6:30pm; continuing as below

Wednesday 24 February	St Joseph's The Junction
Wednesday 3 March	St Mary's Star of the Sea
Wednesday 10 March	St Joseph's The Junction
Wednesday 17 March	St Mary's Star of the Sea
Wednesday 24 March	St Joseph's The Junction
Wednesday 31 March	St Mary's Star of the Sea



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)

February 2 commemorating the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple 40 days after His birth. Candles will be blessed and distributed to Parishioners at Stockton and

Mayfield West. Parishioners attending The Junction are invited to bring their candles to Mass for blessing.



CAR BREAK-IN

Please note that a car was broken into whilst one of our parishioners was attending Vigil Mass at Sacred

Heart Cathedral on Saturday night. Please ensure that you secure all personal belonging before going into Mass.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING

Please note that a meeting of the Pastoral Care Team will be held at the Parish Centre on Thursday, 28th January 2021 at 3:00pm.

2021 ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

Bishop Bill invites you to our annual celebration of the wonderful work our catechists achieve. This event is a great opportunity for priests, parishioners, families and friends to celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy. Awards will be presented to those who have served as Catechist for over 5 years and to those who have completed SRE training. Saturday 20 February 2021—Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West.

For more information contact : Jenny Harris
jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au or P 4979 1334



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

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/>



TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy 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: Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you
have shown from of old. In your love remember
me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray, he
guides the humble in the right path; he teaches
his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

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 Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever
follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
light of life.

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REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus
chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of
people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort
of public life would gather around them a team of
advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a
market analyst and probably a guard or two. Who did
Jesus choose to be 'entourage'? A few fishermen,
some friends of friends and even a tax collector – one
the most despised occupations of his time. The very
ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action
on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his
message was not for the learned scholars and
interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday
person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast
majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has
are with common, everyday people. When he
encounters the officials of the Jewish faith – the
scribes and Pharisees – it is inevitably in a conflict
situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are
the common people – those who have felt the brunt
of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of
Jewish Law.

The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a
charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was
a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of
Galileans and so supplying that staple would have
provided a regular income. But on encountering this
man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and
begin to follow him. They must have immediately
seen something in him that impressed them. It seems
hard to believe that physically tough men such as
fishermen would have been easily impressed – much
like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these
men must have been quite special to make them walk
away from everything that they knew.

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Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most
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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.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

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

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Rymer, Eric Awafer

ANNIVERSARIES: Domenco Buresti, Irena Ivanovic,
Gerry Simmons, Will O'Neill, Edward Ekari

SICK: Pauline Morley

*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*



WHAT ARE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

- 1st Station: Jesus is condemned to death
- 2nd Station: Jesus carries His cross
- 3rd Station: Jesus falls the first time
- 4th Station: Jesus meets his mother
- 5th Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross
- 6th Station: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus
- 7th Station: Jesus falls the second time
- 8th Station: Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
- 9th Station: Jesus falls a third time
- 10th Station: Jesus clothes are taken away
- 11th Station: Jesus is nailed to the cross
- 12th Station: Jesus dies on the cross
- 13th Station: The body of Jesus is taken down from the cross
- 14th Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD TOGETHER, OUR JOURNEY: Diocesan Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program during Lent. From Lent until Pentecost the people of the diocese are invited to engage in the process of contemplative dialogue, to discern more fully the framework for considering 'Building the Kingdom of God Together, Our Journey' in our diocese.

The purpose of the diocesan reflections during Lent (17 February – 31 March) is to enable all members of the diocesan community to respond to the papers developed by the Synod Working Party. Synod delegates will be facilitating the Contemplative Dialogue Reflection Program throughout Lent in Parishes, schools and online.

For those wanting to connect with this program online, you are invited to register on a weekly basis for the session that best suits your availability.

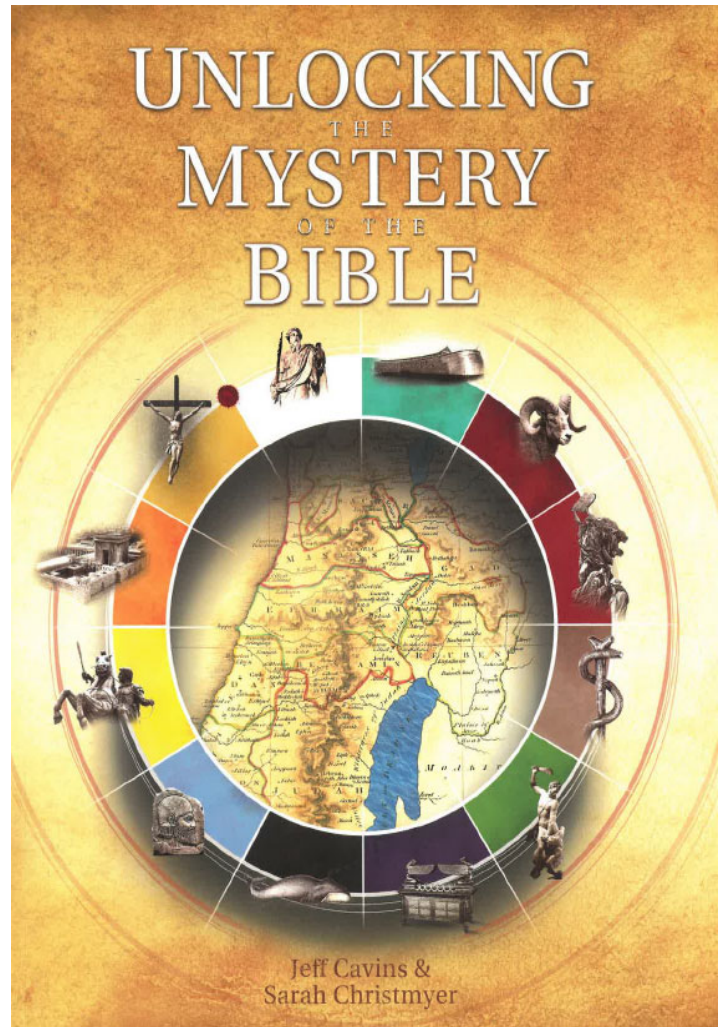
To register for each session throughout Lent go to, <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-lenten-reflection-groups-registration-136552114049>

For more information go to:

<https://www.domnsynod.com.au/get-involved/lent-2021-reflecting-together/>



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.



It is anticipated that this will be offered face-to-face and via zoom with the time to be determined by those involved.

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 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.

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

They believed God's message

Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 25:4-5abc, 6 & 7cd, 8-9, R, v.4a
Mk 1:14-20

C I V N N A J O N A H Q L D C
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A L G F I S H E R M E N T E B
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Nineveh
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Mk 1:14-20

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