



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Inner Newcastle Parish: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

Laetare Sunday

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all
who love her.*

*Be joyful, all who were in
mourning.*

Sacred Heart Cathedral sits on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and their continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past, present and future, and commit ourselves to working together for reconciliation and justice.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

Fourth Week of Lent

Monday— 15th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—16th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Wednesday—17th March

Solemnity of St Patrick

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Thursday—18th March

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Broadmeadow

9:30am Mass @ The Junction

Friday—19th March

Solemnity of St Joseph

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Followed by Stations of the Cross

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday— 20th March

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— 21st March

5th Sunday of Lent

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

AROUND THE CHURCHES:

ST LAURENCE O'TOOLE, BROADMEADOW:

Beginning on 7th April in the school holidays, the church will be closed to the public for repairs to the gallery and external walls. We anticipate this will last for a few weeks. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the other available Masses within the Parish.

TIGHES HILL/BROADMEADOW EASTER

TIMETABLE

Holy Thursday Mass: 6:00pm @ Tighes Hill

Good Friday: 9:15am @ Tighes Hill (Stations of the Cross) 3:00pm @ Broadmeadow (Celebration of the Lord's Passion)

Easter Vigil Mass: 6:30pm @ Broadmeadow

Easter Sunday Mass: 8:00am @ Tighes Hill

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT TIGHES HILL—

directly after Friday Mass @ 9.15am.

ST PETER IN CHAINS, STOCKTON: AVE are installing the rest of the new audiovisual system, which should be completed shortly. The windows are currently in progress; weather permitting, they should be completed by Easter.

Stockton church: Due to renovation progress, there will be no **weekday** Masses until the job done (hopefully before Holy Week)

Mayfield West church: The weekday Masses will be:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9am

Friday: 9am if there is no Mass at Saint

Columban School.

This timetable will be effective until further notice, i.e. when the renovation at Stockton church is done.

ST JOSEPH'S, THE JUNCTION

St Joseph's Church will now be open weekdays from 9am until 4pm. Use the side entrance, near the driveway.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of The Cross during Lent, followed by adoration, during which time Father Peter will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Vespers and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament will then follow. The Stations of the Cross alternate between St Mary's Star of the Sea, Newcastle and 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

PRAYER AND FORMATION:

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://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>
Password: pray

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Living Waters, 34 Kenrick St., The Junction:

Wednesday, 7.30 am

Friday, 11.00 am

Monday, 6.30 pm

CONTACT: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or
0407 436 808

REFLECTION DAY WITH BISHOP BILL

Bishop Bill is offering reflection days around the Diocese during April and May. The two closest to our parish are:

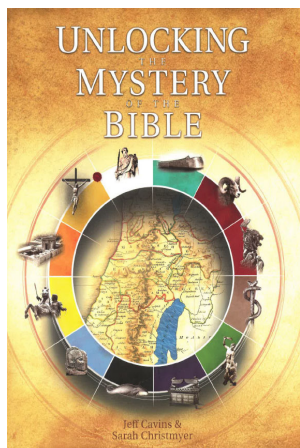
Thursday April 15, Reflection 2:30-4pm; Mass 5-5:30pm St Mary Immaculate Parish, Charlestown

Tuesday May 4: Reflection 2:30-4pm, Cathedral House 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

The day is offered in other locations around the Diocese. If you'd like more information about the other times and places, please contact the Bishop's Office.

BIBLE STUDY

Father Peter Street will commence Bible Study Group on Thursday, 8 April 2021. Please register your interest by 15 March. Meetings likely in person and via zoom.



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.

GENERAL NOTICES:

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING

Thursday, 18th March CRCC 3pm in the Parish Centre.

THE BREAKFAST CONVERSATION

(BYO breakfast!!)

(formerly the Men's Breakfast Group)

CHANGE OF LOCATION !!!!!!! - Bad weather forecast.

Our March COVID-safe gathering will now be held at Tighes Hill Church:

What? Lawrie Hallinan, Chair of aged care provider - Southern Cross Care (NSW&ACT), will provide an overview of the findings and recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

When? Monday 15th March Commencing at: 7.15am

(BYO coffee and eats)

Where? Immaculate Heart of Mary, Corner of Union St and Tighes Terrace, Tighes Hill.

Why? Fellowship and information

Who? **All** welcome

Enquiries? Neil Jones 0410 572 579

BOOK CLUB meets 6.00pm on Sunday, 11th April, to discuss *When the Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

LGBTIQ CATHOLIC FORUM PRE-SYNOD CONSULTATION

Building the Kingdom of God Together

Sunday 21 March 2021 1.00pm – 4.00pm (AEDT)

Toohey Room; 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West NSW

RSVP and pre-reading from:

LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADVISORY GROUP

We are currently looking for people to join a diocesan Children's Ministry Advisory Group.

This group will assist the Education Officer with teaching and learning ideas and resource recommendations to enhance the faith formation experience for ALL children within our local communities including Catholic Sacraments of Initiation, Special Religious Education (SRE), Children's Liturgy and Youth and Outreach Groups such as Activ8.

For an expression of interest form please go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/childrens-ministries/>

TODAY'S LITURGY

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon:

Rejoice, O Jerusalem; and gather round,
all you who love her; rejoice in gladness,
after having been in sorrow;
exult and be replenished with the consolation
flowing from her motherly bosom.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David
king of Israel.*

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 R. v.1

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort
You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes
My head you have anointed with oil
my cup is overflowing
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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

We pause for silent reflection.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
***I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.***
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came
away with his sight restored.*

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 Cf. Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.



REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

As Christians in the world we cannot help but be influenced by the developments that happen around us. Indeed, we believe that many of these advances are gifts from God, given to us to enjoy. But not all developments in thinking and practices are for the better.

One recent and alarming development is the false thinking that we cannot judge other people, or that we should not be judged. The wider community regularly maintains that no one is in a position to judge another's behaviour or statements. This approach holds that everyone's words and actions are of equal value. This position is many things, but it's certainly not Christian, but this hasn't stopped it from finding a home amongst us. We regularly hear statements from Christian men and women like, 'We're not in a position to judge' or 'You can't judge them' and 'If it's fine for them, then it's fine'. This thinking has a name. It's called moral relativism and it tries to claim that the morality of behaviour is only determined by the person who does the act, or the context within which the action is taken.

Our Catholic tradition teaches us that a context is very important in trying to work out if someone is to blame for what they say and do, but that a person's particular circumstances never change the fact that the words or actions are in themselves wrong. We hold that while all human beings have equal value and dignity, we do not believe that everyone's opinion and actions are of equal worth. We believe that 'right judgment' is a gift of the Holy Spirit and that it's best exercised with humility and compassion.

When I hear people say I should not judge others, I assume they are telling me that I should not condemn other people. There is a world of difference between judging and condemning. To judge is to make an assessment. To condemn is to damn. As Christians we judge because we have to keep discerning how the things of the world can be reconciled with the things we hold to be true. Condemnation is the prerogative of God alone, who sees all, knows all and loves all. In today's Gospel, however, John tells us that even God has forfeited the right to condemn the world, but has sent Jesus to be the world's light, life, truth and saviour.

The Gospel reminds us that if we feel condemned for what we have done and said, then it's because we have condemned ourselves, not because God condemns us. John tells us that even when we find ourselves lost in the darkness of our most destructive behaviour, the saving love of Christ is always available to us, inviting us to come out of the darkness into his light.

What a great metaphor the light and dark is for making the best judgments in our own lives. Alarm bells should always ring when we find ourselves not wanting anyone else to know what we have said or done. Secrecy is often the ally of sin and the more open and transparent we are, the more confident we can be that we are walking as children of the light.

May this Lenten Eucharist enable us to let go of the desire to condemn others and ourselves, and to receive again the compassionate, just and humble gift of right judgment that helps us to see the darkness for what it is, and keeps us walking in the light of Christ.

© Richard Leonard SJ

Richard Leonard SJ is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers. He completed a PhD in cinema studies at the University of Melbourne. He lectures in cinema and theology at the Jesuit College of Spirituality and has been a visiting lecturer in Australian cinema at the University of Melbourne, a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film and Television at UCLA and is visiting professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University, has lectured widely and is the author of numerous books.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: PINTS WITH A PURPOSE, THE GIFT OF FAITH

Join us at a new location for Pints with a Purpose at Sydney Junction Hotel, Beaumont St Hamilton where Tinah Tohi will share an incredible testimony about the gift of faith during hard times. Tinah's son Emmanuel who went to Corpus Christi Primary School, Waratah and later moved to Melbourne, was a perfectly normal fifteen-year-old teenager when he received the shattering news that he had an incurable terminal disease. Tinah will share about Emmanuel and her family's journey with a story that will touch your heart and inspire your faith.

Date: Monday March 15

Time: Dinner from 6.00pm

Talk: 7.00pm-8.00pm

For any enquiries contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – OUT IN FRONT: LEADERSHIP AND CATHOLIC WOMEN ONLINE PANEL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Join us for an evening of theologically informed conversations about Catholic women in leadership across a range of organisations.

Out in front: Leadership and Catholic Women will feature alumnae from the first iteration of the Leadership for Mission program, in dialogue with other women and men in leadership roles in the Church.

Together we will reflect on how leadership today implies 'leading from the front, from the middle and from the back.'

Speakers will include

Ms Sophie Cox

Ms Margaret Vider

Ms Natalia Teguhputri

Very Rev Anthony Mellor

Dr Maeve Louise Heaney

Find out more:

Visit the website ([Out in front: Leadership and Catholic women--acu.edu.au](http://Outinfront:LeadershipandCatholicwomen--acu.edu.au)) for more information and to register to attend online. Registration via the website is **essential**.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact us at xaviercentre@acu.edu.au



RECENTLY DECEASED: Joyce Chiarelli, Peppino Rossetti, Rosie Lavis, Antonietta Netto, Shirley Arnold, Joseph Elias, Bruna Carraro, Max Doohan

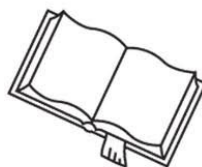
ANNIVERSARIES: Kathryn Allan Oultram, Keith Martin, Darcy Keogh, Barry Gordon

SICK: Carlo Rossi, Tom Towers

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Val Donnelly, Sr Marjorie McLachlan

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



Sunday 21st March 2021
5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 12:20-33

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

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:

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| Sacred Heart Cathedral | 221 |
| 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.). The contact details for each and every individual—including children and infants—must be collected.

The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival.

Attendees are able to use the Service NSW QR Code to provide their details—just like many other places—using the Service NSW app on your phone, or via a QR Code reader. A Contact Details Form will be provided at the door to permit the collection of these details.

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

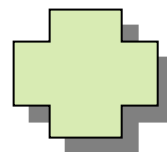
Cathedral: There is no need to register in advance to attend Mass. If you wish to return to Mass, you are at liberty to do so, though capacity limits will need to be observed at all Masses.

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.



DoMN LIBRARY

To make help make the resources of The DoMN Library more available, we are excited to be opening the Dilley Library, located within the grounds of St Joseph's College, New England Highway Lochinvar, on the second Saturday of each month.

Each month we will offer a Formation session, Book Club, DoMN Library website training and time for general access and borrowing. The following is a guide:

9am – 10am: Formation session

10am – 11am: Book Club (General discussion of your current reading) and General Library access.

11am – 1pm: General library access/borrowing and DoMN Library website training (Please bring your device.)

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing the DoMN Library, indicating your likely hours of attendance.

(domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au). Please feel free to email, phone or text (0409 033 449) if you have any queries or questions.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord is my shepherd

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5b-6c R.v.1
Eph 5:1-2, 8-10
Jn 9:1, 6-12, 35-38

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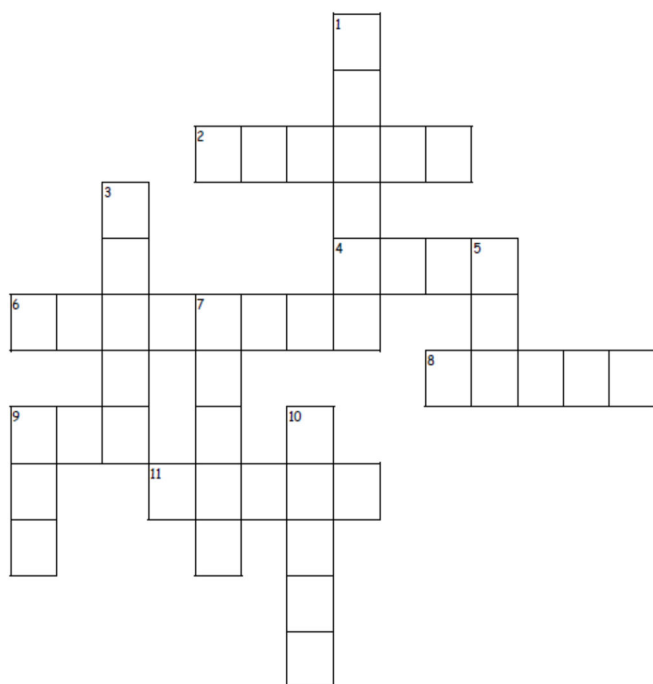
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sheep
Siloam

CROSSWORD

The Lord is my shepherd

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5b-6c R.v.1
Eph 5:1-2, 8-10
Jn 9:1, 6-12, 35-38



Across

- 2: Jesus told the blind man to wash off the mud at _____ Pool
4: we see through these
6: young people
8: David's father
9: dirt mixed with water
11: the opposite of dark

Down

- 1: picked, selected
3: not able to see
5: look
7: he became the king of Israel
9: an adult male human
10: animals that are looked after by shepherds