



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 18TH JULY 2021

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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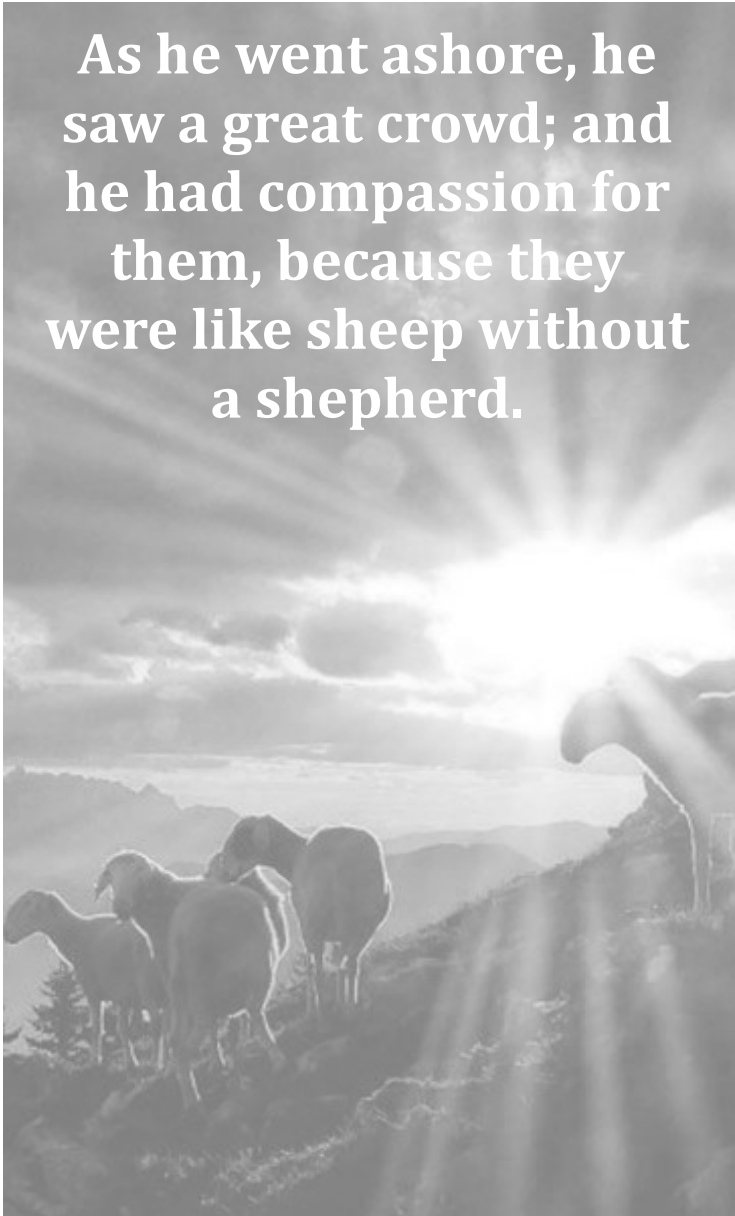
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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.



As he went ashore, he
saw a great crowd; and
he had compassion for
them, because they
were like sheep without
a shepherd.

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.

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

16th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday—19th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—20th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—21st July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Tighes Hill

Thursday—22nd July

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—23rd July

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—24th July

9.15am Mass @ The Cathedral followed by
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Sunday—25th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9am 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/

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

With the departure of Fr Peter Street to Forster Tuncurry, there is a need to make some **temporary** changes to the weekday Mass arrangements for the Inner Newcastle Parish (Stockton and Mayfield remain unaffected).

For the foreseeable future, the following arrangements are in place:

Monday -The Cathedral 8.15am

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Tighes Hill 9.15am

Thursday -The Cathedral 8.15am

Friday -The Junction 10.15am

The Cathedral Midday

Saturday -The Cathedral 9.15am

SUNDAY MASSES remain unchanged for the time being.

Once some clarity around the clergy staffing for the City Pastoral Region is available, a more permanent arrangement will be put in place. We apologise for any inconvenience and trust that parishioners will understand the need for this **temporary** measure.

Fr Andrew

Moderator

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING COURSE: Safeguarding in Parishes

Who is this for: If you are a paid or unpaid worker of a parish who has not yet attended any Safeguarding training, formerly Child Protection training, or need to update your training this is for you.

How do I register: Registrations are made via HR
HR-Training@mn.catholic.org.au

If I have a question: For information about the course or questions in relation to your participation, or to check on your attendance history, please call the Office of Safeguarding directly on 4979 1390 or email at oosgtraining@mn.catholic.org.au.

Current available sessions for 2021:

Tuesday 10 August: Diocesan Offices,
Murray Room, Newcastle West, 10am-2pm

Tuesday 10 August:

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Saturday 14 August:

St James PS Muswellbrook, 10am-2pm

Refreshments will be provided.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Ephesians 4: 1-5

John 6: 1-15

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

PARISH CENSUS

The event of COVID lockdown last year has certainly brought to light around the parish that our Parishioner Information is sorely sparse. As a result we are conducting a census of our parishes. Please, please pick up a census form from the back of the church and update your details for the Parish database. To return either scan and email back to us or send it to the Parish office.

AMEN CAMiNo 2022 INFORMATION SESSION

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard.

For those interested in finding out about the 2022 aMeN caMiNo experiences, we will be holding an online Information Session on Saturday 28 August at 2pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amen-camino-information-session-tickets-162230268099>

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758>

Password: pray

For more information contact:

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. During the Easter Season, we began the practice of *Lectio Divina* to prayerfully reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. We are now in our Ordinary Time schedule:

Week 1: No meeting

Weeks 2 and 4: Lectio Divina

Week 3: Bible Study (see information below)

So the program for the remainder of July is as follows:

July 21: Lectio Divina

July 28: No meeting

To participate, please email the parish office.

The Bible Study series is from Ascension Press: **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

THE PARISH LUNCHEON

The Parish Luncheon will be held on Monday 19th July at 12.30pm in the Victor Peters Suite. Please join friends for this lovely opportunity to be together socially. For more information, please contact Maureen - 0412 673151.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 1st August @ 6pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *Phosphorescence* by Julia Baird. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcp parish@mn.catholic.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Living Waters, 34 Kenrick St., The Junction

Wed 7.30 am || Fri 11.00 am || Mon 6.30 pm

CONTACT: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or
0407 436 808

Dividing Walls of ENMITY

It has sometimes been claimed that, from space, astronauts can see the Great Wall of China – stretching for thousands of miles and constructed so as to keep the enemies of the Chinese kingdom ‘outside’.

We humans love constructing barriers, sometimes to keep others out, sometimes to keep others in – the ‘otherness’ usually based on race or ethnic or religious identity. In any case, it is to make clear who is ‘not one of us’, who is to be regarded as ‘the other’.

The Jewish people did that at the Temple in Jerusalem.

There was a stone barrier separating the inner area which only Jewish people could enter, and an outer area where ‘gentiles’ i.e. people from other religious backgrounds i.e. non-Jews – could gather.

In the late 19th century a slab was found bearing the inscription that any non Jew crossing the stone barrier would do so under the pain of death.

It is that barrier which St Paul refers to in the second reading: ‘The dividing wall of enmity’. And what St Paul is celebrating is the fact that the ‘dividing wall of enmity’ between Jew and non-Jew has been torn down.

It is torn down by Jesus Christ in whom a new humanity is being created without discrimination, without segregation, a new People of God.

This new People of God is supposed to be found in the Catholic Church. But what did the Catholic Church often do when it was in a position of political power, or able to influence its exercise?

It collaborated in putting the Jews behind a ‘dividing wall of enmity’ i.e. created ghettos which disfigured many European cities. These were areas in the cities barricaded off and to which Jewish people were forced to retreat (except, of course, when facilitating commerce for the Christian majority à la ‘The Merchant of Venice’).

But we can be very proud that it was an Australian, Cardinal Cassidy, who led the difficult early stages of dialogue between the Catholic Church and adherents of the Jewish religion throughout the world. He was given this task by the Pope who adopted St Paul’s name as part of his own: Pope John Paul II.

The Pope’s mission in this regard was best symbolised during his pilgrimage to the site of the old Temple in Jerusalem in March 2000. You have all seen pictures of the so-called ‘Wailing Wall’ at which Jewish people pray. It is actually the last remaining great

foundation stones of the Temple.

In a little cleft or gap between the stones the Pope pushed a piece of paper on which was written his prayer expressing sorrow for centuries of Christian maltreatment of those whom he called ‘the children of Abraham’. I am quite sure that Cardinal Cassidy’s hand could be found in the drafting of that prayer.

It is regarded as the greatest gesture of reconciliation between Catholics and Jews and an Australian cardinal helped to facilitate it!

It is true that we are distinctive and have our own identity. Every week we come to Mass in response to Our Lord’s invitation in today’s gospel: ‘Come away and rest awhile.’ Our Lord is saying ‘Come away by yourselves so that I can nourish you with Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink which is my Holy Communion with you.’

Yes, we do that as a moment of refreshment or re-creation, but always as a prelude to the great task. We are to go out and break down the walls of hostility between peoples – the various ‘dividing walls of enmity’: racism, caste and class, historical grievances, sexist subjugation.

We, like Pope John Paul II, are to press our prayers and actions into whatever opportunities present themselves.

When, and only if, we do so, will we be truly disciples of Jesus Christ, truly of the new humanity He envisaged, truly Catholic.

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Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eleanor Parr, Ron Curtis, Taula Falemaka, Margaret Forbes

ANNIVERSARIES: Bede Tait Russell, Mary Gertrude Russell, Fr Tony Stace, Maureen Irwin, Sr Loretta Mullins rsj, Sr Mary Eucharis rsj, Sr Norah Creigh rsj, Gordon Kerridge, Marie O’Callaghan, Mary Florence Tobin, Tony Mangioni, Wyn Frost, Rosemary McGovern, Carolyn Lennon, John & Sarah Mennie, Robert, Richard, John & Joseph Mennie, Alfred Craddock, Amelia & Hilton Hoffman.

SICK: Slavko Kefecsek, Tomi Kefecsek, Julie Raftery.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO:

Young Adult Formation Group:

When: 1st Sunday of the month, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Where: *St Patrick's Church, Wallsend*

The YA group will meet at 4pm the first Sunday of every month before the 5:30pm Youth Mass for formation opportunities.

All are welcome! We hope to see you there. Please contact Rose on [0408796252](tel:0408796252) for more information.

Volunteers

Reminder to all the wonderful volunteers who have received induction handbooks to return them to the office so you can be cleared by HR to volunteer in our parish.

REGISTERED VOLUNTEERS

Helene O'Neill will deliver Course 2: Safeguarding in Parishes on Tuesday 10 August in the Murray Room at 841 Hunter Street between 10am and 2pm. A light lunch will be provided for participants. Please register via hr-training@mn.catholic.org.au. Please remember that completing this training is a necessary requirement of volunteering in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. To maintain your volunteer status please book in.

HEY, GARDENERS!

Call out to all you wonderful Gardeners! St Joseph's at the Junction and St Mary's on the Hill both need some serious garden love!!!! If you are interested in working with our parish Lawn maintenance man and Parish Handy Man in rejuvenating the gardens please email jade.simonsen@mn.catholic.org.au and we will organize a working group.

DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

The Diocesan Liturgy Council is seeking new membership in two areas – the Council itself as well as the establishment of a Working Party with a focus on issues of modern slavery. If you or someone you know has the passion, experience and time to nurture the rich liturgical life of our local Church please consider this invitation. For all information including Expression of Interest form/s go to <https://mnnews.today/liturgy-matters> and access the June 22, 2021 article on 'liturgical opportunities'. Submissions close Sunday 18 July.

QR CODES

We encourage everyone who possibly can to use the QR code as you enter the churches. Places of worship are the only sites that will provide sign in sheets, however the sheets will need to be returned to the office so we can upload them onto a spreadsheet, if required, by Dept of Health. People can add dependents to their check-in to hasten the process.

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Housie Worker. The person in this position is responsible for assisting in all aspects of setting up, calling and conducting a successful and compliant session of Charity Housie held at the Southern Cross Hall on Thursday and Saturday evenings. For a full list of duties and responsibilities and to apply please refer to the description and add on the website <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/housie-worker-st-benedicts-parish> for further information please email

jade.simonsen@mn.catholic.org.au

The Chuckle



An Irishman walks into a bar in Dublin, orders three pints of Guinness and sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders Three more.

The bartender says, "You know, a pint goes flat after I draw it; it would taste better if you bought one at a time." The Irishman replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in America, the other in Australia, and I'm here in Dublin. When we all left home, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together." The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it at that. The Irishman becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way: He orders three pints and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and orders two pints. All the other regulars notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your great loss." The Irishman looks confused for a moment, then a light dawns in his eye and he laughs. "Oh, no," he says, "everyone's fine. I've just quit drinking."

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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 Jer 23:1-6

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me,
and bring them back to their pastures.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

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

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

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.

Communion Antiphon Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



To date just under \$25,000 has been received from the Inner Newcastle Region. Thank you!

COVID-19-RELATED INFORMATION

****YOU MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH**

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 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.).

The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival. These details must be recorded for each attendee.

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

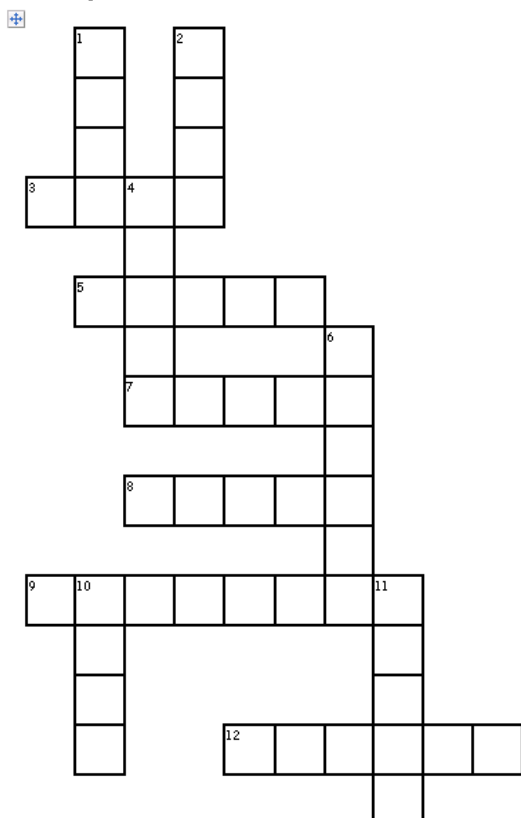
The requirements regarding cleaning, observing physical distancing, etc. remain in place for the time being, as does the requirement to refrain from physical acts of devotion that involve touching or kissing icons or statues.

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.

CROSSWORD

The Lord protects his flock

Jer 23:3-6
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 6, R. v.1
Mk 6:30-34



Across

- 3: Jesus and the apostles were tired from all their teaching, so they decided to have a _ _ _ _
5: teachers do this
7: the opposite of war
8: a large group of people
9: Jesus thought the large crowd was like sheep without a _ _ _ _ _
12: people related to you are part of your _ _ _ _ _

Down

- 1: the Lord promised a _ _ _ _ king who would rule with justice and fairness
2: this is used to travel across water
4: shepherds look after these woolly animals
6: someone who leads
10: the place where you live is called your _ _ _ _
11: the Lord said that a king would be chosen from the family of this man

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SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Jer 23:3-6
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 6, R. v.1
Mk 6:30-34

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