



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 22ND AUGUST 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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



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)

21st Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED THIS WEEK

Monday—23rd August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Tuesday—24th August

Memorial of Bartholomew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Wednesday—25th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West —Cancelled

9:15am Tighes Hill—Cancelled

Thursday—26th August

Memorial of St John Eudes

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Friday—27th August

Memorial of St Monica

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield —Cancelled

10:15am Mass @ The Junction—Cancelled

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)—Cancelled

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Saturday—28th August

Memorial of St Augustine

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West—Cancelled

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Sunday—29th August

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's—TBA

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill—TBA

9am Mass @ The Junction—TBA

9:00am Mass @ Stockton—TBA

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed via the Diocesan website:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction—TBA

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral—TBA

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral—TBA

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West -TBA

SEASONS OF CREATION – FILM COMPETITION

Do you love making TikTok videos or short films? Amidst the climate crisis and the coronavirus pandemic, our sisters and brothers are clamoring for hope and restoration. NOW is the time to come together and take action! #SeasonOfCreation. You are invited to participate in a film contest which involves creating a 2-minute film that explores the 2021 Seasons of Creation theme – A Home for All.

For more information, visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/upcoming-events/> or contact rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

THE CHOSEN SERIES ONE DISCUSSION GROUP

Have you seen the crowd funded series 'The Chosen' and would like an opportunity to discuss each episode through a guided formation program?

The Chosen- Series One Discussion Group began August 18. To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-tickets-164268530597>

or contact via formed@mn.catholic.org.au

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 5th September @ 6pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. On two Wednesdays, we employ the practice of *Lectio Divina* to prayerfully reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. One Wednesday we enjoy bible study.

The program for August is as follows:

25th August: Lectio Divina

1st September: No meeting

To participate, please email the parish office.

The Bible Study series from Ascension Press, **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer, is an engaging journey through the Bible.

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.

Those interested in finding out about the 2022 aMeN caMiNo experiences should attend an online Information Session on Saturday 28 August at 2pm.

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

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

Prayer Requests



ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond Russell, George Russell, John O'Neill, Sister Mary de Chantal, Jacob Poile, Frank & Mickie McNeil

SICK: Kath Murray, Grahame Chegwiddden, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, John Tobin, Paul O'Callaghan, Rozsa Silivinec, Dianne McGoldrick, Peter Skinner, Carmel Blair

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.

JOIN OUR DIOCESAN COUNCILS

Our Diocesan Councils need you! Becoming a Council volunteer is a wonderful opportunity to not only meet fellow members who share your interests, but also to make a difference in an area you're passionate about!

Pastoral Ministries are seeking expressions of interest for these Councils:

Diocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry Council

Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Council

Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People

Diocesan Council for Women

Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council

Diocesan Social Justice Council

Check out our Information Pack to find a Council that interests you!

<https://tinyurl.com/ysfzr4s7>

You can submit an Expression of Interest Form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/uvja9s>

ENGAGE YOUR HEART IN LEADERSHIP

You're invited to the fifth biennial *Mission: one heart many voices* conference. The conference will be online and you can register now.

Join us from: Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 September, 2021.

This special online gathering will integrate and engage with all the fantastic capabilities of the online world in helping us achieve the purposes and outcomes of this conference.

We are designing a program that will provide participants with an opportunity of wholistic formation and transformation, for personal and professional development and to enable us all to live the joy of the Gospel and lead mission.

For more information: <https://2021.mohmv.com.au/>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH: ONLINE SERIES

Engaging Your Faith is a series of online short sessions from Catholic Theological College (CTC), Melbourne, offering an opportunity to explore your faith.

Session topics include: Meditation and Compassion; Interfaith Relations; The Bible as the Great War Story to End All War Stories; Can a Scientist Believe in God?

Dates and times: Sessions run between 21st August and 16th September, at various times of day, and are typically 90min to 2-hours in duration.

Registration: \$20 per online session. Further details at [Catholic Theological College \(ctl.edu.au\)](http://CatholicTheologicalCollege(ctl.edu.au))

"AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR " 19 MARCH 2021- 26 JUNE 2022

The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PANDEMIC

We join with the National Council of Churches in calling Australia to united prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis.

Sunday 22 August 2021 is a National Day of Prayer for the Pandemic.

The theme is 'Lord have mercy'; and it calls on us to be especially united in prayer, both individually and communally.

To facilitate a national prayer focus, prayer resources and opportunities are available at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/lordhavemercy/>.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

On Saturday, 31st July, the Australian Catholic Men's Gathering was launched online. Hundreds of men and men's groups have already signed up to be a part this inspirational event. The gathering aims to encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, church and the world.

The Australian Catholic Men's Gathering is a free event and all the pre-recorded events can be downloaded and watched individually, or as part of a small group.

The opportunities to gather at this time are complicated by the need to act safely during the pandemic. And yet, it is important to gather and connect.

Our Diocese will be hosting four online meetings to watch and discuss the four sessions of the Men's Gathering. These sessions will be an opportunity to engage with the material and with other men, while also being an opportunity to explore men's ministry in our diocese and our local communities.

These online meetings will kick off on the Wednesday after Fathers' Day and run for four weeks during September. Each session will run for an hour. (7.30-8.30pm – 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th September).

If you would like to be a part of our Diocesan online gatherings, or if you would like to explore how you could run the sessions in your own local community, please email brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au to register your interest.

For more information, visit

www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

TRIBUNAL

Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney on 4979 1370 or email tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au

AUGUST APPEAL

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning is the official charitable agency of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. At our CatholicCare, everybody is welcome. Our Community Programs receive no government funding, so we're calling on the Catholic and broader community to help. After a difficult eighteen months, we expect to be welcoming even more people through our doors.

You can help.

Help us feed more people in our community kitchens.

Help us support more refugees in our programs.

Help us deliver more meals to people in need.

Please give a gift to our 2021 August Appeal today. Every dollar counts.

Your generosity will support those who have nowhere else to turn, ensuring no one goes without and that all are welcomed with food, support, and a smile.

Donate today

Send your cheque to PO Box 775 Newcastle 2300

Give a gift online

www.catholiccare.org.au/augustappeal

THE GOOD OIL 2021 WRITERS' AWARD

The Good Oil 2021 Writers' Award is an initiative of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. The award aims to support and encourage the development of emerging and published writers.

The Good Oil's editorial vision is to nourish the spirit, stimulate thinking, promote social justice, and encourage reflection and dialogue about issues of the day from a Christian, Catholic, Good Samaritan perspective.

The theme for the award is Inclusivity, which is embodied in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37).

A panel of judges will award first, second and third place. The prize for the winning entry will be \$600; second prize \$400; third prize \$200.

Entrants may submit more than one piece of writing, to a maximum of three (3) pieces, in the following writing styles:

Reflection – creative writing or first person reflective writing

Opinion – first person personal opinion

Profile – profile of a person based on an interview and research

News feature – issues-based article written in journalistic style

For further information about the award, to download the guidelines and entry form, <https://www.goodsams.org.au/the-good-oil/the-good-oil-2021-writers-award/>

Entries close at midnight on Sunday August 22, 2021.

REQUEST FOR INPUT

This year, Holy Family Catholic Primary School Merewether Beach has been undertaking a Vision and Mission Statement renewal process. They consulted with the Catholic Schools Office and specifically the Religious Education & Spirituality Team, engaged in a whole day of staff development which culminated in the creation of several interim drafts and ultimately a final draft Vision and Mission statement that is being shared with you today.

The Vision and Mission statement of any school is integral to the culture and climate in which a student learns and engages with others. It is designed to highlight visibly, the beliefs and characteristics we espouse to uphold and emulate as members of this community. It features the aspirations we wish to witness in the everyday and the transformative ways in which this is undertaken.

As Holy Family is a faith community that extends beyond the school environment, they would be grateful for the input of parishioners of St. Benedict's Parish. Parish members are asked to read the vision and mission statement at the end of this notification and forward any feedback directly to the school Principal, Ann Jackson, at the following email address by Monday 23rd August:

ann.jackson1@mn.catholic.edu.au

The staff of Holy Family thank you for your time and consideration of their Vision and Mission statement and look forward to hearing the thoughts of parish members.

VISION STATEMENT

Inspired by Jesus the teacher, we love, we learn, we serve.

MISSION STATEMENT

At Holy Family Catholic Primary School, our mission is to:

Love with justice, dignity, and respect for all

Love as disciples of Jesus

Love through stewardship of creation

Learn to be collaborative, lifelong learners

Learn to be resilient in the face of challenges

Learn to be courageous citizens for a fair world

Serve by sharing our gifts with humility

Serve by caring for others with kindness and compassion

Serve by helping others in need

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

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 Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our
God.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,

not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ
and the Church.*

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words
of everlasting life.*

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.

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 Cf. Jn 6:54

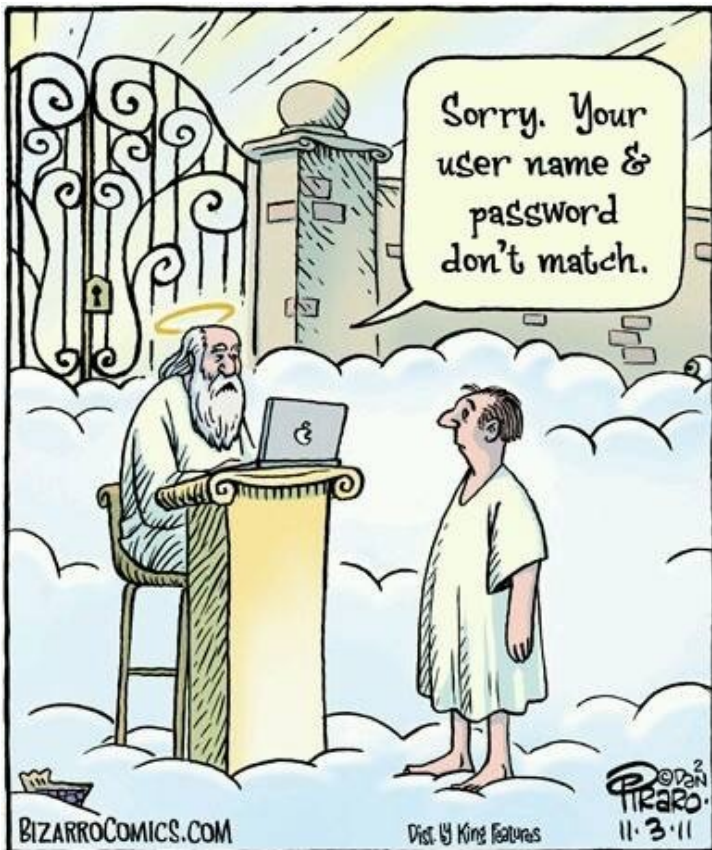
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

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THE CHUCKLE...



SACRED STORIES – SACRED SPACES: A JOURNEY INTO DISCOVERY, TRUTH AND RIGHT RELATIONS

In the July 2021 edition of Aurora, there will be an invitation for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholics to participate in research project which seeks to hear the experiences and stories of Indigenous Catholics.

The research aims to address the lack of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voices in the historical literature in this area.

There will be an opportunity to participate in both an anonymous online survey and/or a face-to-face interview. The findings will form part of a student researchers PhD thesis and will be conducted independent of the Diocese with strict adherence to ethical oversight. Most importantly the outcomes will inform and support the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry in their mission.

For further information please contact:

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Jennifer.rumbel@uon.edu.au or

Supervisor: Ray Kelly
raymond.kelly@newcastle.edu.au

This project is funded by the University of Newcastle and a part scholarship from the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese: through C H Davis Scholarship

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Message and Medium

We live in a world that is saturated by advertising and marketers trying to persuade us to think certain things, want certain things and even act in certain ways. At times the message and the medium of the message blur and it's not always clear where one stops and the other begins. For Christian people the medium – the person – IS the message (or at least should be!). We are called to live what we believe. That can be tough at times, especially in our modern world, but the challenge comes from the example Jesus gave.

We will serve the Lord God

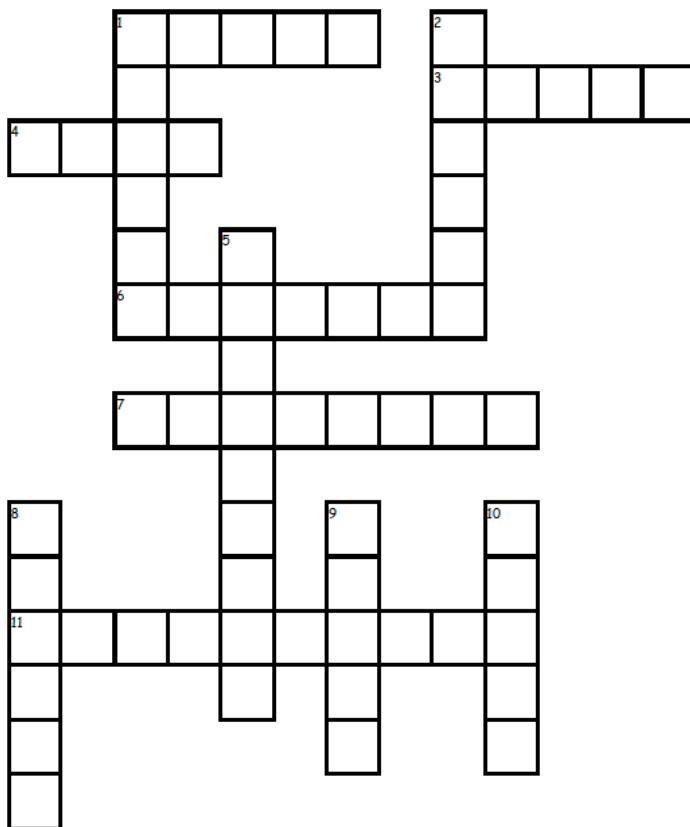
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Try to find these words:

- beginning
- bread
- children
- eternal
- Israel
- Joshua
- obey
- serve
- Simon Peter
- speak
- teach
- twelve

CROSSWORD

We will serve the Lord God



Across

- 1: the Lord asks parents to _____ their children about him
- 3: the disciples heard Jesus do this
- 4: to do as you are told
- 6: Simon Peter said to Jesus, 'Your words give _____ life!'
- 7: young people
- 11: this man told Jesus that he was God's Holy One (two words)

Down

- 1: Jesus asked the _____ disciples if they were going to leave him
- 2: Joshua brought together all the tribes of this place
- 5: the opposite of end
- 8: this man told the people to come into the presence of God
- 9: the disciples heard Jesus speak about the _____ of life
- 10: the people said, 'The Lord is our God, and we will _____ him too!'