



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 8TH AUGUST 2021

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)

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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)

19th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED THIS WEEK AT LEAST UNTIL FRIDAY

Monday—9th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Tuesday—10th August

Memorial of St Lawrence

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Wednesday—11th August

Memorial of St Clare

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West —Cancelled

9:15am Tighes Hill—Cancelled

Thursday—12th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Friday—13th August

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield —TBA

10:15am Mass @ The Junction—TBA

11am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral—TBA

Saturday—14th August

Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

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

5:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West—TBA

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral—TBA

Sunday—8th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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
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 begins 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:

11th August: Bible Study

18th August: Lectio Divina

25th August: 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.

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>

OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING COURSE: Safeguarding in Parishes

EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK.
We will let you know the revised dates as soon as they are available.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

1 Cor 15:20-26

Lk 1:39-56

**Apologies for the incorrect readings posted last week.

LOCKDOWN

As you would be aware, the NSW Government has enacted a lockdown for certain local government areas in the Newcastle and Hunter areas. These lockdown provisions are in place for an initial period of seven (7 days) from 5pm on Thursday 5 August 2021. Amendments to the Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order 2021 ('the Order') were gazetted on Thursday. The effect of those amendments is to extend restrictions currently in force for the Greater Sydney area to eight (8) local government areas. Affected Local Government Areas The following local government areas are now subjected to additional restrictions:

- City of Cessnock
- City of Lake Macquarie
- City of Maitland
- City of Newcastle
- Dungog
- Muswellbrook
- Port Stephens
- Singleton

As our parishes sit within one of the above local government areas, we are now in 'lockdown' for the next seven days.

'Greater Sydney restrictions'

The amended Order imposes what is described as the 'Greater Sydney restrictions' in our local government area. A good summary of those restrictions can be obtained by visiting the relevant NSW government webpage (www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-regions).

The biggest impact of the new restrictions is the inability to celebrate public Masses and the need to close our churches except for funerals. The Cathedral will live-stream its 9.30am Mass this weekend (accessible via the Cathedral's YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton/videos) for those who may wish to tune in.

The quickness with which the lockdown has been announced and imposed requires a certain degree of nimbleness on the part of parishes. The office is closed and all Parish activities are closed, except those already online. Hopefully we are only locked down for seven days.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Living Waters, 34 Kenrick St., The Junction
Wed 7.30 am || Fri 11.00 am || Mon 6.30 pm
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MARY MACKILLOP

Imagine this passage sounding in the ears of someone starving without warm clothing or shelter. I don't think it could be piously proclaimed at a refuge for the homeless. It could sound callously indifferent to the suffering of those there. 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' is a great song but not in that context.

But this Gospel is directed to you and me as disciples of Jesus, so we have to check what does it actually say? Rather, what does it *not* say? It does not say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact, we know that Jesus was moved with compassion when he saw hungry crowds and told his disciples: 'Give them something to eat'.

And won't we be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship, in short, the necessities of life? (Mt 25) *We* should be *very* anxious that we do so, otherwise we will not hear: 'good and faithful servant'.

In mid-late nineteenth century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later federated as the Commonwealth of Australia. What were the necessities of life that so many were lacking? Perhaps the most obvious was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty.

So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary MacKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart as bands of women who took the traditional vows but who broke out of the confines of enclosed convent life to educate the poor.

She ignored colonial boundaries and set up a network of schools (and much else such as orphanages) throughout the colonies. She exhausted herself and her Sisters in this task, not anxious about food or clothing she or they might have, totally devoted to relieving the legitimate anxieties of others for the necessities of life.

This is well known. What is less well-known is a key factor in her excommunication from the Catholic Church.

Why did Bishop Sheil of Adelaide in 1871 move so drastically against this woman now recognised as a Saint?

It was because she reported that a priest, Father Keating, was molesting children at a local church school. The response to his paedophilia led to his being disciplined by the local church authorities (although sent back to Ireland to minister as a priest!)

This infuriated the mafia of Irish priests who were bent on the destruction of Mary MacKillop and her Order. Bishop Sheil was like putty in their hands.

Despite all of this, and with the full personal backing of Pope Pius IX for her Order, Mary MacKillop and her Sisters went on to educate hundreds of thousands of children in the colonies and the later federation of the Commonwealth of Australia. She and they lived this Gospel passage in their personal and community lives. She and they set their hearts on building the kingdom of God.

Bishop Sheil revoked the excommunicated five months later, but the fact remains that Australia's saint was dealt the most severe blow which a Catholic can suffer (at least in the institutional sense).

Mary MacKillop's education provision is itself a fantastic achievement and legacy. But more should be made of Mary MacKillop's response to clerical sexual abuse of children. She suffered grievously because of her courage in doing so in the face of a clerical culture which could not abide such revelations.

May it be presumed that as St Mary MacKillop entered the celestial Kingdom of Heaven she was surrounded by the thousands of those who as youngsters living in poverty or as subject to abuse, benefited so greatly from the Josephites setting their hearts on [the Father's] Kingdom first, and on God's saving justice.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

IN THE WORDS OF MARY MACKILLOP...

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can...



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.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr Bernard (Bernie) Curran, Frederick Cazaubon, Gregory Luxford, Fr Petar Mak, Betty Hodgens

ANNIVERSARIES: Ted McDonald, Moira Thomas, John Riley

SICK: Kath Murray, Maree Martin, Sheelagh Ruggero, Grahame Chegwidden, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, John Tobin, Paul O'Callaghan, Rozsa Silivinec, Dianne McGoldrick, Peter Skinner

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.

The Chuckle

Q: Where was Solomon's temple located?

A: On the side of his head.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT MARY MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others



before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

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/>

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 25:34,36,40

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:
I was sick and you visited me.
Amen, I say to you: whatever you did
for one of the least of my brethren,
you did it for me.

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest.
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you.
We glorify You.
We give You thanks for Your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the holy one. You alone are the
Lord. You alone, are the most high Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:7-16

*The jar of meal shall not be spent according to
the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:1-8

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me
fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-17

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!
Many women were there by the cross, watching from
a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked
after him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 6:25-34

Do not worry about your 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.

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 Cf. Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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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

CHILDREN'S MISSION PARTNERS

\$300 for July. Grand Total has now reached
\$37,000.00. Thank you to everyone who supports this
program.

SPOONS

The letters in the word 'spoon' provide a guide for
prayer:

Spread the Gospel: God, you want everyone to come
to know you. Inspire our hearts as we share your life
and love with others.

Praise God: Praise to you, God, who provides for
our needs. You provide nourishment that gives life and
you protect us from harm. Glory and praise to you, O
God.

Others: God, give patience and love to those who
suffer because they serve you. Help us to work for
justice that brings peace and hope into our world.

Ourselves: God, we thank you for your kindness to
us. Free us from the things that hold us back from
serving you joyfully.

Needs of the community/world/families (Name the
people being prayed for): God, accept our prayers for
our brothers and sisters who are in need of support
and encouragement in their troubles. In your kindness
hear our prayers. We make our prayers in Jesus' name.
Amen.

From the Sisters of St Joseph website: sosj.org.au

Living the gospel

Don't be distracted

*When we read in today's gospel that we
are 'not to worry', the word, worry, might
better be translated as distracted. Jesus
says to not be distracted or consumed
by the pursuit of money, food and nice
clothes. He says that it is the gentiles –
those who do not know the love of God
– who set their hearts on attaining these
things. We are immersed in a culture in
society that values these outward signs
of success above all else. The challenge
is to avoid being caught up in the
distractions of our material society. One
way to do that is through regular prayer
and reflection.*

WORD FIND

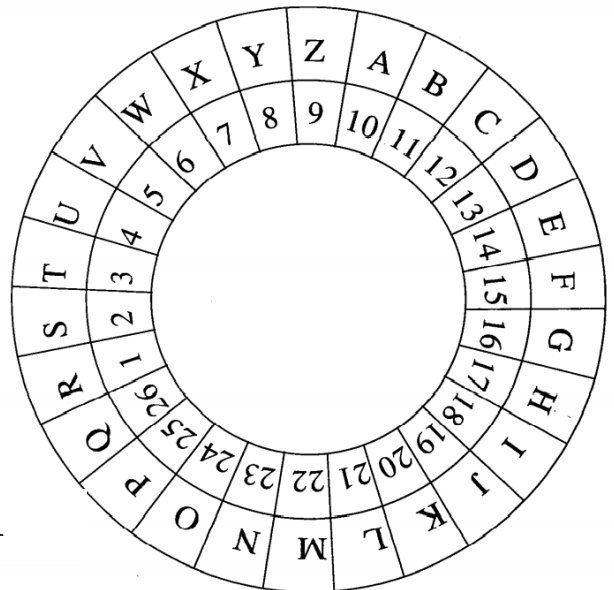
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- Fitzroy*
- Flora*
- Governess*

- Joseph*
- Josephites*
- MacKillop*
- Penola*
- Pioneer*
- Saint*
- Stable*
- Teacher*

NUMBER CODE WHEEL

Match a letter of the alphabet in the Code Wheel to solve the puzzle below.



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