



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 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

25TH 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.



*All who wish to be
first must make
themselves the
servants of all.*

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

25th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

ALL CHURCHES REMAIN CLOSED THIS WEEK

Monday—20th September

Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and companions

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Tuesday—21st September

Feast of St Matthew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Wednesday—22nd September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West —Cancelled

9:15am Tighes Hill—Cancelled

Thursday—23rd September

Memorial of Pius of Pietrelcina

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Friday—24th September

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield —Cancelled

10:15am Mass @ The Junction—Cancelled

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

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Saturday—25th September

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—26th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's—Cancelled

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill—Cancelled

9am Mass @ The Junction—Cancelled

9:00am Mass @ Stockton—Cancelled

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed via the Diocesan website:

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

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction—Cancelled

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West-
Cancelled

HUMANITARIAN CRISES UNFOLDING IN AFGHANISTAN AND LEBANON

As the situations in Afghanistan and Lebanon deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.

Visit caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

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 September is as follows:

22nd September: Lectio Divina

29th 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.

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Murphy, Nola Frances Brown, Amanda Jane Ramplin

ANNIVERSARIES: Lola Orrett, Stephanie Shortland

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

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>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA MATCHED GIVING WEEK (17-23 SEPTEMBER)

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD!

You can help raise a quarter of a MILLION dollars to support vulnerable women around the world! Thanks to a group of very generous Caritas Australia's supporters, all donations until Thursday, 23 September will be matched, until we reach our target of \$250,000.

Your donation can help to provide education, develop livelihoods and improve healthcare and protection for some of the most vulnerable women and girls in marginalised communities. Donate before 23 September, or until we meet \$250,000, and your donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar. **Double your donation today at www.caritas.org.au/matched or call 1800 024 413.**

The Chuckle



En route to church to make his first confession, a nervous seven-year-old asked his mum what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," she said. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

PLENARY COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS

In preparation for the upcoming First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council our Diocesan Plenary Council members Bernadette Gibson, Fr Andrew Doohan VG, and Helen Belcher are seeking input from our diocesan community.

You are invited to join them for a series of conversations around the Plenary Council agenda and its associated questions, and guided by the Holy Spirit, so they can hear from as many people as possible. Plenary Conversations will be over a number of weeks each Thursday from 26/8 to 30/9 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom.

Program for Plenary Council Conversations:

Online Registration is now open to register for all or one of the conversations.

Thursday 23/9 – Governance

Thursday 30/9 – Institutions

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/plenary-council-lead-up-conversations-tickets-168063956819>

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 3rd October @ 6pm: Bookclub meets via Zoom to discuss *The Birdman's wife* by Melissa Ashley. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Wis 2:12, 17-20

James 3:16, 4-3

Mk 9:30-37

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

"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>

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.

Reflection

by Dianne Bergant CSS

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Sel-dom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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FAITH
is like WiFi

it's invisible
but it has the power
to connect you
with what you need



OFFICE OF
BISHOP WILLIAM WRIGHT

Lead Kindly Light:

A Message of Bishop Bill Wright on his health and ministry.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Recent times have involved many difficulties for people in our region and across New South Wales and beyond. In such times, it is the duty of a bishop to be present with his people, to encourage and support wherever he can, to provide some point of stability in a shook-up world. I am acutely conscious that for some months I have been incapable of providing that episcopal service.

At the end of June, I was an emergency admission to hospital, struggling to breathe. Despite very good care and treatment, the condition of my lungs has not improved and, we now know, is an illness from which I will not recover. Meanwhile, I am physically incapable of performing public ceremonies or of getting about without considerable assistance. I can no longer fulfil a bishop's role or duties.

Accordingly, I have written to the Holy Father, Pope Francis, submitting my resignation as bishop. What happens next is, of course, entirely up to the Holy See. In the meantime, I will effectively remain on sick leave and my place will be filled by the Vicar General and the excellent staff of the bishop's office, as has been the case these last months.

I should like to thank all of you who have sent me 'get well' wishes during my illness, and most especially those who have held me in prayer. The sensation of a peace and tranquility of spirit that come from beyond oneself has been very palpable in some of the challenging moments. May we continue to support each other in faith and love through all life's challenges.

Bishop Bill Wright
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

16 September 2021

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Gloria

***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: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) ***The Lord upholds my life.***

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading: Jas 3:16 – 4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from
seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands
of humanity ... All who wish to be first must
make themselves the servants of all.*

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread and drink this blood we
proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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One of the latest appeal letters distributed by Catholic Mission focuses on the story of Kusa, a 5-year-old boy whose mother Samorn* is being supported by a kindergarten centre in Bangkok, in Thailand. The kindergarten is an initiative of the Good Shepherd Sisters who, like Jesus reminds his followers, affirm the importance of “receiving one child” in His name. As October, the time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month, approaches, let us turn our hearts and minds – and perhaps our financial assistance – to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world, including Thailand. Jesus puts one child in “their midst” – there are many like Kusa, in the midst of our consciousness, who need us to provide them with hope for their long-term future, through education, food, uniforms and health care.

For more information about the vital, life-giving work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, go to https://www.catholicmission.org.au/mothers?&utm_term=parish

For a short video clip, focusing on Kusa and his mother Samorn* (not her real name), go to <https://youtu.be/pbZkDejKzHY>

To follow up Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work or your support and contact details, please call the Diocesan Director in Maitland/Newcastle, David McGovern on 0488 115 401 or email him at dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au

SEASON OF CREATION

Amid crises that have shaken our world, the global Christian family was awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and with each other during the ecumenical Season of Creation.

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September through 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents get together for a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, and to discover radically new ways of living with creation.

More than ever before, the global Christian family will unite to pray and take action for our common home.

Seasons of Creation Celebration

This year the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, is partnering with Seasons of Creation to help raise awareness of the urgent need to care for the earth and for one another.

Join us to hear guest speakers break open this years Season of Creation theme, “A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God”.

Finalists from the film competition will be viewed and the winner will be announced.

For more information on the film competition go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/upcoming-events/

Time: 2:00PM

Date: Saturday, 25 September 2021

More information: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-tickets-167271083313>

Historical Context

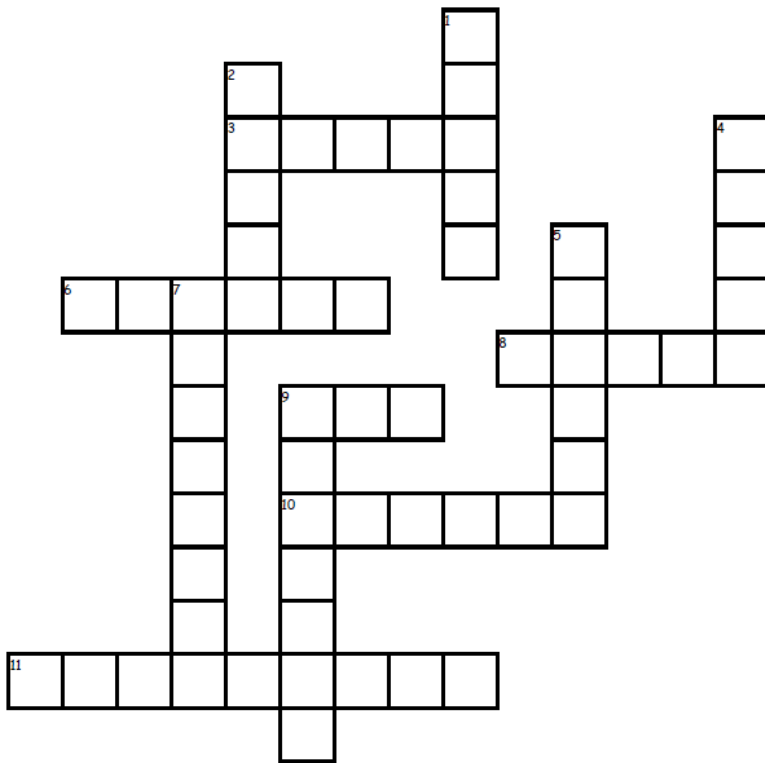
Messianic expectation

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

CROSSWORD

Plant seeds of peace

Jas 3:17-18
Ps 122:1-2, 8-9, R. Sir 36:18
Mk 9:33-37



Across

- 3: a type of building people live in
- 6: the _____ that comes from above leads us to be good people
- 8: when peacemakers plant seeds of _____, they will harvest justice
- 9: this part of your body has a hand and an elbow on it
- 10: the wisdom from above leads us to be pure, friendly and _____
- 11: Jesus and his disciples went to his home in this place

Down

- 1: flowers grow from these things that are planted in soil
- 2: Jesus said, 'when you welcome a _____ you welcome me'
- 4: the opposite of below
- 5: there were this many disciples with Jesus
- 7: people who are not silly are s_____ b____
- 9: Jesus wanted to know what the disciples were _____ about

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Plant seeds of peace

Jas 3:17-18
Ps 122:1-2, 8-9, R. Sir 36:18
Mk 9:33-37

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Try to find these words:

- above
- arguing
- arm
- Capernaum
- child
- gentle
- house
- peace
- seeds
- sensible
- twelve
- wisdom