



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 24TH OCTOBER 2021

30TH 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)

30th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Please note some time changes for Masses

Monday—25th October

Feast of St Luke, evangelist

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—26th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—27th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Tighes Hill

Thursday—28th October

Feast of Sts Simon and Jude

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—29th October

9:15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall
(9.00am in Mayfield outside School Term)

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11.00am Exposition @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

11.00am Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—30th October

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

6:00pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West (During
Daylight Saving)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Sunday—31st October

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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/

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5.00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6.00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West
(During Daylight Saving)

OUR ROADMAP TO RE-OPENING CHURCHES

From Fr Andrew's statement about the plan to open the churches on our Parish:

PHASE TWO: Now 80% are fully vaccinated the churches are reopened for public liturgies with "mixed congregations" (i.e. to the fully vaccinated, the partially vaccinated, and the as yet unvaccinated). Many of the restrictions we are currently familiar with will continue. The 4sqm rule is applicable, and the wearing of masks indoors is required. There will be a need to observe physical distancing, practice hand sanitising, and provide good ventilation in our churches. Congregational singing is not be permitted, though a small choir of ten are allowed to sing. We will not be required to check the vaccination status of people attending our churches. Those who are especially vulnerable, or who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, will be free to remain at home; live-streaming of Masses from Sacred Heart Cathedral and other parishes will continue. We will take all reasonable steps to protect those who choose to gather in our churches.

PHASE THREE: When 90% are fully vaccinated (estimated date of 1 December) – "The New Normal" The NSW Government has advised that from 1 December, there will be no difference between COVID safety requirements for all NSW citizens, whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or unvaccinated.

It is expected that at this milestone, the 2sqm rule will apply to all indoor religious gatherings, and there will be no limit on the numbers at outdoor events (though COVID Safe plans will be required for outdoor events with more than 1,000 people attending). It is expected that masks will no longer be mandatory inside a church, though some people may wear masks for added protection if they choose. The Importance of Getting Vaccinated The Catholic Bishops of Australia, amongst many others, have highlighted the importance of being vaccinated against COVID. Their information can be readily accessible by visiting the Catholic Bishops' website (www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus). Good information must be available to those who have concerns about or are anxious about receiving a vaccination. The Bishops' statement is an excellent place to start for those undecided about receiving a vaccination. When considering receiving a vaccination or not, people of good faith should ensure that they consider the good of the broader

community when making their decision. It is not simply a question of the individual but of the whole community. As Pope Francis has said, it is an act of love to receive a vaccination in the face of a pandemic. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle wishes to encourage all members of the diocesan community to be vaccinated and will endeavour to provide them with good information to inform their choice. We will offer them particular care since they, and certain vulnerable others, will be most at risk. We will also provide specific care to those who, though fully vaccinated, are anxious about gathering with a "mixed congregation". Further details and clarifications of arrangements, restrictions and any necessary measures will be developed in due course and communicated as quickly as possible. We look forward to being once again able to gather for Mass and other liturgies. Yet, we remain committed to ensuring that our actions are responsible and attentive to the need to contribute to the efforts to protect everyone who lives in the community, especially those who are the most vulnerable in the face of COVID.

The Chuckle

The mother of a sick little girl frantically rushed down to the chemist to get some medicine. She notices it was beginning to rain, but she thought she would just "run in and out" to get the medicine for her child. When she came back to her car, she had locked her keys in the car. She ran inside to get help from the employees but none of them seemed to know what to do. One gave her a clothes hanger and said, "good luck!" She ran back to her car, frantically trying to get the door open. The more she tried, the harder it rained. Out of desperation, she cried out "Lord, I need your help and I need it right now!" Suddenly, an old ute pulled right next to her. She looked up and saw a man approaching her. He was dirty, with scars and tattoos all over his body. Without thinking she embraced this man and said, "Sir, could you possibly help me. My daughter is sick at home; I have to get this medicine to her as soon as possible and I have locked my keys in the car." Almost instantly, this man successfully unlocked her car. Out of joy, she grabbed him, giving him a huge hug, and said, "you're such a nice man." The man pushed her away and said, "no, ma'am, I am not! I have just escaped from prison, and I steal cars for a living!" Without any hesitation, the woman looked up toward heaven and said, "Thank you, God, for sending a professional!!!"

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. Beginning in November, we will participate in the Diocesan's Advent program..

The program for October and November is as follows:

27th October: Lectio

3rd November: No Meeting

10th November: TBA (likely the Advent program)

17th November: Lectio

To participate, please email the parish office.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS

In November, we take time to pray in a special way for those who have died. During COVID, it is necessary to make adjustments to the procedures we've previously employed. This year, we will celebrate Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral at 7pm on All Souls' Day (November 2) to remember those whose funerals were celebrated in Sacred Heart Cathedral this year. After Mass, we will move to the Columbarium to remember and pray for all those whose mortal remains rest in the Columbarium area.

Scriptural Context

Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Reflection

JUMPED UP BARTIMAEUS

by Fr Michael Tate

Jericho was the last oasis-city for pilgrims making their way to Jerusalem. It was the last decent stop about 25 kilometres short of the Temple.

The closer the pilgrims got to their goal, the more beggars would congregate. In the Middle East, traditionally they sat on a cloak spread out in front of them onto which pilgrims would toss a small coin.

Bartimaeus shouted to Jesus: 'have pity on me'. The crowd at first told him to stop pestering Jesus, but he shouted all the more until Jesus stopped and called him over. And what does the Gospel then recount?

Bartimaeus *threw* his cloak aside, *jumped* up, and *came* to Jesus.

Bartimaeus could have stayed, you can stay, I can stay, sitting on the side of the road of life, content to have the security of the old familiar cloak, hoping for the occasional consolation of someone throwing us a few coins to feed our various hungers, especially of course, the deep down hunger for friendship or companionship.

Perhaps that is all that Bartimaeus initially wanted from Jesus: a *moment* of pity to him, the victim. Perhaps he didn't really want to do the gutsy thing and take a risk, the enormous risk of having his life changed forever. So, Jesus puts it to him: 'What do you want me to do for you?'

Bartimaeus answered: 'Master, let me see again,' and he was cured of his disease and saved into a new way of living.

Our Lord offers us the same opportunity to start a new phase of life. What Jesus wants from you and from me is to get up from ground level (to 'jump up') in order to see things from a new perspective.

Our feet are still on the ground. We are still earthed. But, Jesus wants us to see things in the way he sees things.

Do you notice that if a friend wants you to focus on something at a distance, he or she will stand shoulder to shoulder with you and point you to the object he or she sees so clearly?

If we trust the friendship of our Lord and jump up and stand shoulder to shoulder with him, we can catch a glimpse of what is involved in following him on 'The

Way' (the earliest name for what became Christianity).

And we know what that Way meant for Jesus and the early church, and perhaps for Bartimaeus himself. The crowd had called out to him: 'Take courage, get up, he is calling you.' Courage may be required to give up the familiar way of life, because in our heart we know that we are not living that fully human life for which we were created and for which we are yearning.

The Holy Spirit even now is speaking to your heart: 'Take courage, get up, He is calling you.'

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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

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 7th November @ 6pm to discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

'EARTHY WOMEN' WEBINAR 2021 ENGAGING WITH LAUDATO SI'

In a special event hosted by the Diocesan Council for Women, you are invited to join other women of our Diocese in sharing our approach and action in caring for our land.

The webinar will explore:

How do you as a women respond to God's call to care for the Earth?

What actions will you take to protect our planet?

Are our schools places of living examples of what can be done to show that care of the Earth matters?

Guest speakers include Sue Martin from Catholic Earthcare and Maryanne Murray from St Mary's High School Gateshead.

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Date: 26 October 2021

Location: Online (Zoom)

Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357

"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>



On this World Mission Sunday, let us spend a few moments to hear the cry of all those who, like the blind man in the gospel, call out to us, seeking our pity. Let us pause to consider how we too, like Jesus, can bless those in need: with our prayers and intentions, with our thoughts and actions, with our donations. Jesus acknowledges that the combination of seeking practical support, combined with the gift of faith, restores the man's eye-sight. When we give in faith, to agencies of the Church like Catholic Mission, miracles can, and do, take place. On behalf of the missionaries we support, and those they, in turn serve, thank you for having pity. May God Bless you for your generosity. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au.

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

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2022 PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

PALMS AUSTRALIA | GLOBAL MISSION

Since 1961 [Palms Australia](http://palms.org.au) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement visit palms.org.au by Friday October 29.

Email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Edden, Betty Alpin, John (Tim) Vial, Frank Valencich, Zoe Gleeson, Ron Nickson

ANNIVERSARIES: Annie and Frank English, Jennifer Hickey, Joan Preece, Mark Delaney, Bill Palmer, Michael Palmer, Kevin Bede Fitzgerald, Canice Watt.

SICK: Jon Hartley, Kath Murray, Grahame Chegwidan, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Paul O'Callaghan, Rozsa Silivinec, Peter Skinner, Carmel Blair, Peter Keddle

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.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 31:7-9

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind
and the lame.*

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6

*You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

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 cup we
proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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aMeN caMiNo Expressions of Interest are now open
for 2022.

Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-
6, July 9-13 & August 6-10.

For more information and to register your interest, go
to [https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/
catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-camino/](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-camino/)
or contact formed@mn.catholic.org.au

WISDOM FROM CHILDREN

Michael, 14: "When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do
I look stupid?" don't answer him."

Michael: "Don't tell your mom her diet's not working."

Susie, age 9: "Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the
same time."

Naomi, 15: "If you want a kitten, start out by asking for
a horse."

Lauren, age 9: "Textas are not good as lipstick."

Joel, 10 years old: "Don't pick on your sister when
she's holding a baseball bat."

Eileen, age 8: "Never try to baptize a cat."

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Deut 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28-34

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

BUILDING BRIDGES:

Reaching out to our LGBTQIA+ community with James Martin SJ

Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased
risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and
sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack
of Church advocacy on these issues following the 2016
Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that
few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the
massacre.

This prompted him to consider how the Church could
better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his
book, *Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and
the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of
Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity* (2017).

Join this online conversation with James to explore
how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome
and truly respect and enhance the dignity of all, hon-
ouring the diversity in humanity.

Time: 10:00AM

Date: 26 October 2021

Location: Online (Zoom)

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>

DIOCESAN ADVENT REFLECTION: WAITING WITH PURPOSE

In response to a request from the Synod Working Party,
Pastoral Ministries has prepared an Advent resource for
our diocese. It's called, ***Waiting with Purpose***. In doing
this we took note of the voice of the faithful heard in
the Synod process expressing a longing for different
forms of prayer that include faith sharing.

Waiting with Purpose

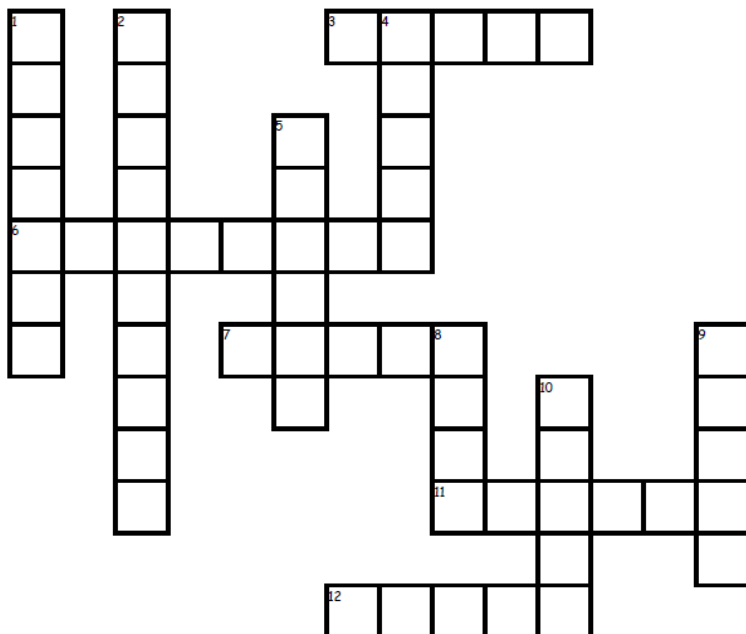
As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent
resource, ***Waiting with Purpose*** has been created for
our diocese. ***Waiting with Purpose*** responds to the
voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for
different forms of prayer that include faith sharing.
Waiting with Purpose invites us to use Mystagogical
Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the
Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of
Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our
faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it.
Mystagogical reflection meets us where we are. No
preparation is needed. It's about being open to
encountering Christ so we can live from Christ. It's
deeply personal and communal.

Waiting with Purpose and accompanying resources will
be available soon on the diocesan website: [https://
www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/
liturgy/liturgical-year/](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/)

CROSSWORD

We are all God's children

Jer 31:7-9
Ps 126:1-2ab, 4-5, 6, R, v.3
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52



Across

- 3: Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, 'Son of _____ , have pity on me!'
6: young people
7: a high priest helps others by offering _____ and sacrifices to God because of their sins
11: God said, 'You are a _____ forever just like Melchizedek'
12: a large group of people

Down

- 1: Jesus and his disciples met a blind man as they were leaving this place
2: this blind man asked Jesus to help him
4: God chose this man to be a high priest
5: scared
8: the opposite of start
9: Jesus told the man his eyes were healed because of his _____
10: someone who can't see is _____

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Try to find these words:

Aaron
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children
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David
faith
gifts
Jericho
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