



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 3RD OCTOBER 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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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)

27th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

ALL CHURCHES REMAIN CLOSED THIS WEEK

Monday—4th October

Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

Tuesday—5th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Wednesday—6th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West —Cancelled

9:15am Tighes Hill—Cancelled

Thursday—7th October

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral—Cancelled

8:30am Mass @ Stockton —Cancelled

Friday—8th October

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—9th October

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—10th October

28th 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.

And locally

Adamstown Uniting Church is collecting gift vouchers from Coles and Woolworths for mainly Interpreters, who assisted Australian forces, and their families.

Their Care is "contracted" to Northern Settlement Services.

Contact the Adamstown Uniting Church office for opening hours. The information was also on local ABC Breakfast Radio during the week.

They are not collecting furniture etc.

FREE VIRTUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SUMMIT

The Genius Project Catholic Women's Ministry is holding a free virtual summit on October 8 -9. Hundreds of Catholic women from around the world have already registered to encounter incredible speakers and workshops. Watch the video and find out more at <https://bit.ly/catholic2021>

Prayer Requests

ANNIVERSARIES: Geoffrey Williams, Noela Dryden, Noel Pryde, Mary Clare Tobin,

SICK: Jon Hartley, Kath Murray, Grahame Chegwidan, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, 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.

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, honouring the diversity in humanity.

Time: 10:00AM

Date: 26 October 2021

Location: Online (Zoom)

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

The Chuckle



Q: Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A: No, just an apple.

Q: Who is the Patron Saint of Email?

A: St. Francis of a CC

From a primary school religion test:

Noah's wife was Joan of Ark

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:

6th October: Lectio

13th October: Bible Study

20th October: Lectio

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.

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>

aMeN caMiNo

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/> or contact formed@mn.catholic.org.au

ACU CENTRE FOR LITURGY | RITUAL BODIES AS 'REASONABLE WORSHIP': PUTTING LITURGY IN PROPER ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE

Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living: 18 October 2021 10:00AM-11:30AM
Register: www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecf

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Wis 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mark 10:17-30

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

'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

ST MARY'S TOWERS ONLINE RETREATS

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre is continuing to offer live retreats online during this lockdown period.

The Hidden Wisdom of Women in the Gospels

3 Day Online Retreat: 8-10 October

The gospels speak of many women but with very little detail

To learn more about these women, we need to learn to read between the lines with our own intuitive hearts. (Martha Driscoll OCSO). This retreat is a chance to allow some of these women to come alive and speak to us in our lives today. We will spend time with Martha and Mary, the Samaritan Woman at the Well and Mary of Magdala.

For more information about these retreats, visit: <https://www.towersretreat.org.au/>

Saint Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223 in order to cultivate the worship of Christ. He himself had recently been inspired by his visit to the Holy Land, where he'd been shown Jesus's traditional birthplace.

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Reflection

COUNTER-CULTURAL ON MARRIAGE

BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Very occasionally, I am asked: 'What is the most important sacrament, Father?' There is a case to be made for Baptism, or Holy Communion, and no doubt I could mount the arguments. But marriage has to be a strong contender. Why?

God wants human beings to exist in his 'image and likeness', imaginative ways of mirroring God's life in material creation.

But we are, to a greater or lesser degree, shattered or fractured images. We need restoring, reintegrating, to be made whole again. And the sacraments do this in their various specific ways.

One of the differences between human beings is that between male and female. These distinctive ways of being human are meant to be integrated into a unity which does not abolish the difference.

Our Lord reminded his Jewish audience of this by going to the Jewish creation stories and alluding to the passage in Genesis. He says: 'But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the *two* become *one* body. They are no longer *two*, therefore, but *one* body.'

So, Our Lord is saying that when a man and woman cleave to each other in marriage, that is 'a Paradise moment'. Gender difference is incorporated into a new unity which does not abolish, but paradoxically enhances the difference.

Same sex partners can, of course, bring many virtues and loving dimensions to their relationship: enduring friendship, care in troubled times, joy. But they cannot embody the celebration of difference in the way a heterosexual couple do when cleaving into a new unity. That latter deserves its own title: 'Marriage'.

Of course, marriage is present in every phase of human history, and in every culture, religious and non-religious alike. It is not a creation of the Church.

But the Church celebrates this 'Paradise' unity by way of Sacrament, restoring male and female as an holistic image of God.

What happens when that unity is fractured? Our Lord teaches: '... what God has united, man must not divide.' This was counter-cultural in the Jewish and Roman societies of his day, as it is in the Australian

society of today.

But, we all know of instances, some very close to us, where the sad trauma of this dividing has occurred. Is the Church sufficiently a place where an injured or wounded party can find the healing presence of God? Can we have pastoral practices which give the 'medicine of immortality' to a wounded party within the communion of the Church?

Can the Synod on the Family, under the guidance of Pope Francis, ensure that the Church is a minister of grace to help hold men and women together in the gender-enhancing unity of marriage, and a minister of mercy when that unity is fractured?

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"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>



PARISHES IN HARMONY WITH CREATION

You are warmly invited to the Parishes in Harmony with Creation.

To be held on Wednesday 6 October from 10:00 am to 11:00 am or a repeat of previous session from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

[Eventbrite Registration is open now.](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parishes-in-harmony-with-creation-tickets-169193336825)

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The one-hour online presentation and discussion will explore how parishes can best respond to Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical Laudato si': On Care For Our Common Home.

On 04 October 2021, the Vatican will release resources for its Laudato si Action Platform. With the expected media coverage, some parishioners might want their parish to commit to the Laudato si Action Platform. Parish Priest and Parish Leaders are aware of this initiative.

The Parishes in Harmony with Creation will include:

- a brief overview of the main teaching in Laudato si';
- an overview of the Laudato si Action Platform;
- an overview of the Catholic Earthcare Parishes option and other resources;
- an introduction to the Diocesan Environmental Sustainability Manager; and
- small group discussion of the hopes and challenges of developing Parishes in Harmony with Creation

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 3rd October @ 6pm: Bookclub meets via Zoom to discuss *The Birdman's Wife* by Melissa Ashley and then **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

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Est 4:17*

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the
earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.

Gloria

***Glory, 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: *Gen 2:18-24*

They were two in one flesh.

We pause for silent reflection.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are those who love you

Happy all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in God's pathway;
You will find what you long for,
the riches of our God

Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine
in the midst of your home
Your children flourish like olive plants,
rejoicing at your table

May the blessings of God be yours
All the days of your life,
May the peace and the love of God
live always in your heart

Second Reading: *Heb 2:9-11*

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified
have one origin.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: *Mk 10:2-16*

*What God has joined together, no one must
divide.*

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 Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

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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

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Discipleship

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

2021 ABRAHAM CONFERENCE

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society.

The theme of the 2021 Abraham Conference is Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time. Our context is the continuing strong impact and significance of the Me Too and Black Lives Matter movements and the revelations of abuse in our federal parliament, all of which brought thousands of women onto the streets in protest.

This year, the Abraham Conference wants to highlight the positive role of women in the Abrahamic traditions. The three speakers will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders, to highlight the contribution and the difference they made in their time.

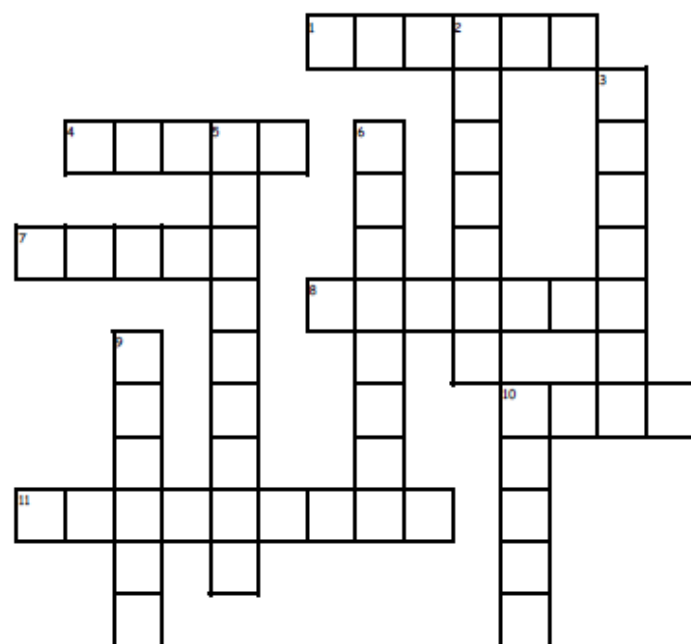
Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM

Date: 10 October 2021

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

What limits do we set on the Spirit? How do we try to confine God by the structures we embrace, the walls we erect?

Blessed are the children



Across

- 1: a crowd is made up of these
 4: these have four fingers and a thumb
 7: the Son of God
 8: Jesus _____ the children by placing his hands on them
 10: Jesus took the children in his _____
 11: annoying someone

Down

- 2: to say faithfully that you will do something
 3: children belong to the _____ of God
 5: Jesus' closest friends and followers were called his _____
 6: young people
 9: the opposite of big (l_ _ _ _ _)
 10: very annoyed

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

God created his kingdom for all of us

Gen 2:18-24
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R. see v.5
 Mk 10:13-16

Y U M W F H A G Q D J O R K B V B
 S H G C D U W Y O Z N M U D M X W
 K C V O U E R G Z P R A R J C C T
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Try to find these words:

Adam
 alone
 animals
 arms
 blessed
 children
 earth
 God
 Jesus
 kingdom
 promise
 woman