



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 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

33RD 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)

33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday—15th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—16th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton—CANCELLED **

Wednesday—17th November

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Thursday—18th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton—CANCELLED **

Friday—19th November

Memorial of St Josaphat

9:15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall—
CANCELLED **

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—20th November

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—21st November

*Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; King of the
Universe*

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

** PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Masses in Stockton are CANCELLED during Fr Peter's leave (8/11—15/12) Weekday Mass on WEDNESDAY ONLY is going to be celebrated by Fr Max Davis in Mayfield West, NO Mass on Fridays. (during Peter T's absence).



In November We Remember

In November, we take time to pray in a special way for those who have died. You are invited to fill out an intention card and place it in the bowl during the preparation of the gifts.

Because of Christ, Christian death has a positive meaning. The Christian vision of death receives privileged expression in the liturgy of the Church: "indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this early dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in Heaven".

The Chuckles



A bishop was astonished to hear little Mary say that a person must be very brave to go to church. "Why do you say that?" asked the bishop. "Well I heard my uncle tell my aunt last Sunday that that the choir murdered the opening hymn and that the organist drowned the choir".

Proverbs 17:22 explains why we include the chuckle: "A cheerful heart is good medicine"

A teacher asked her class "Now, how many of you would like to go to Heaven?". All the children raised their hands, except Tommy. The teacher was a bit surprised and asked him why he didn't want to go to Heaven. Tommy answered, "I'm sorry Miss, but I can't, my mother told me I have to come straight home after school".

Prayer Requests



RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Collins, Domenica Barbiero, Betty O'Heir

ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Foley, Rita Butcher, Rose Berwick, Theresa McCormack, Gerald Crockett, Marion Scorer

SICK: Jon Hartley, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Peter Skinner, Carmel Blair, Peter Keddie, Tomislav Kefecek

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.

OUR ROADMAP TO RE-OPENING CHURCHES

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 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.

FAITH MATTERS | SHARE YOUR STORY

Each fortnight Faith Matters aims to explore individuals and communities rich experience of their faith.

We invite you to share your faith story.

Everyone has a story.

No matter how ordinary yours may seem, we all have a story to tell and you never know what it can mean to someone until you share it.

You could use the following questions as a guide.

- Who are the people who guided your faith journey? How did they do that?
- Describe some defining moments of your faith journey? What made them significant?
- How has your faith been reflected in your work, your hobbies, your values, your choices, and your priorities at various times in your life?
- In what ways has your faith guided and supported you over your lifetime? How has your church/faith community guided and supported you?

We hope to use the stories as part of a Faith Matters.

For more information or if you would like to be interviewed, please contact

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au or send your story to shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au.

Anger is the punishment we give
ourselves for someone else's
mistake.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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: Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

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 Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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Reflection

ANGELIC SWORDS OF LIGHT

The first reading and the Gospel speak of angels. So, so will I. What springs to mind? Have you ever seen those pictures of angels – like babies with delicate gossamer wings and usually with lots of pink and eggshell blue colouring?

How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue.

Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scaled battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle?

The angels. Who are they?

Consider God's tremendous creativity, erupting the material world into existence, apparently billions of years ago: the giraffe, the stars, the platypus, you – and me!

Fantastic, but why should we limit God's creative imagination to variants on material existents? What about im-material beings, non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power, and like us, free to love or resist God's plan for the whole of creation?

Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are princes amongst the angelic beings who serve God. We hear of one in the first reading: '... Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your

people.' Others are our individual, personal Guardian Angels.

Others are our individual, personal Guardian Angels, so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

That is on the personal level. But, the same battle is being waged on the larger social and political scale. For whole societies and nations it can be as though the sun is darkened. There seems to be no source of light and energy giving hope.

And yet the central fact of our faith assures us that the darkening of the sun is not the last word.

We read elsewhere in the Gospels that when Jesus was crucified, done to death on the Cross, 'the Sun was darkened'. But, three days later, out of the inky blackness of the tomb Our Lord emerged victorious and his empty tomb was flanked by angelic figures.

That is what gives us confidence that the worldwide battle being waged by the forces of evil will not have the ultimate success.

Our Lord Jesus Christ with his angel-warriors, his swords of light led by Michael the Archangel, 'the great Prince who stands guard over your people', will have the final decisive victory for all peoples.

At the *end* of history, the Gospel tells us that our Lord Jesus Christ will require the angels to gather us in to the Heavenly Jerusalem.

In the *meantime*, let us engage in the battle of our earthly existence with confident hope. The good angels are on our side.

God the Creator, Sustainer, and Transformer of the Cosmos wields his Light-swords – for us.

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SEASONS FOR GROWTH SUPPORTING CHILDREN

THROUGH CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY

Join Seasons for Growth and The MacKillop Institute for this free online seminar to discuss helpful ways to support children and young people adversely affected by change and loss events.

Attendees will have the opportunity to:

Consider the range of impacts the pandemic is having on young people

Explore ways of managing reactions of young people

Hear about some creative ways of providing support

Time: 7:00PM-8:00PM

Date: Tuesday, 16 November 2021

Register: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=823758&

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:

10th November: No meeting—(to allow time to practice Mystagogical reflection)

17th November: Lectio

24th November: No meeting (preparing for Mystagogical program)

To participate, please email the parish office.

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, 5th December @ 6pm to discuss *The Man Who Died Twice* by Richard Osman. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

CARITAS NEWS

The latest CaritasNews, Spring 2021, is now available

at www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf

POSITION AVAILABLE

in Takeaway Café.

Looking for reliable hard working person to fill this position. Experience required but not essential. Willing to train the right person.

If you are this person please call 0412859119

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33-37

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

CHANGES TO THE BULLETIN

Beginning in the new church year (1st Sunday of Advent, 28th November), the bulletin will be changing. The current 8-page bulletin, including puzzles and reflections, will continue to be posted to the websites (newcastlecatholic.org.au and sacredhearthatilton.org.au)

A 4-page bulletin will be printed and available for Masses on Sunday. This bulletin will contain a QR code to link directly to the fuller version of the bulletin.

We are exploring the idea of printing an even smaller bulletin in 2022.

PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION DAY

You're invited to the Pastoral Placement Program Presentation Day!

The Pastoral Placement Program is a faith formation experience like no other. The program provides an opportunity for people to experience working in the various ministries and services in the Diocese. It also provides participants with the relevant faith formation and education which launches them into a full life with Christ.

Each year the participants complete a variety of placements within the Diocese's agencies and parishes. They also undertake project work. The project work is centred around the development of a new idea, resource, or event for an organisation/ministry that the participants have found particularly inspiring.

Presentation Day is an annual event that provides a platform for each participant to share their idea or proposal with Parish and Diocesan leaders and to reflect on what they have learnt throughout the year.

We hope you can join us on this very special day where we can come together via Zoom to celebrate the participants' achievements.

Time: 10.30AM-12.30PM

Date: Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

Parish Luncheon

The **FINAL** Parish Luncheon for 2021 is Monday 15th November at 12.30pm in the Victor Peters Suite. Please join friends for this lovely opportunity to be together socially. For more information, please contact Maureen - 0412 673151 .

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/>

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE (CFC) 2022

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity? Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units.

Commencing on Tuesday February 1, 2022, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a Diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Expression of Interest close December 10. For more information go to:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/

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

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/>

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MISSION AND CULTURE

The diocese, in partnership with the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) will be offering the Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture (GCMC). This innovative and integrated formation and education program is designed specifically to support the leadership development needs of the diocese.

The GCMC was conceived for professionals in Catholic institutions and related agencies who wish to enhance their understanding of the Christian and Catholic context in which they exercise leadership.

The course provides participants with the necessary higher level skill-sets to think theologically around their organisational leadership practices and to develop skills in the promotion of a Christian and specifically Catholic culture.

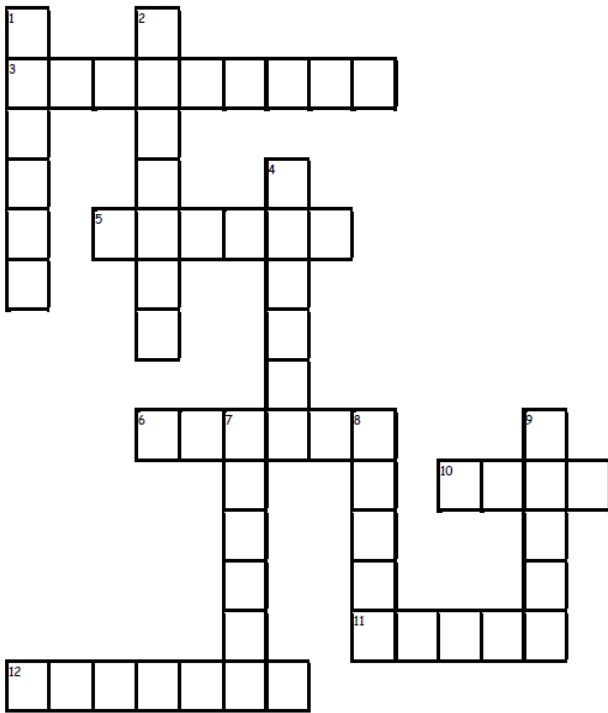
Expressions of interest close 19 November 2021.

For more information, visit: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/australian-catholic-university-acu/

CROSSWORD

Those who please God will shine like the stars

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5 & 8. 9-10. 11. R.v.1
Mk 13:24-32



- Across
- 3: someone who looks after us
 - 5: God's special messengers
 - 6: something you learn
 - 10: something to read
 - 11: bright lights in the night sky
 - 12: things that happened in the past

- Down
- 1: to grow
 - 2: another word meaning forever
 - 4: where rain comes from
 - 7: one of the four seasons
 - 8: words we use to tell apart people or things
 - 9: things we can speak, read and write down

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Those who please God will shine like the stars

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5 & 8. 9-10. 11. R.v.1
Mk 13:24-32

W V P U E S W O X I D D K F B K
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 J Y Y D X S J N V N Y F K T T Y
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 S M L N L O I M O L R F Q E S X
 I M S E F O R L R R U D S J W K
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 S Z R T Y U U E S N E B H X K D

Try to find these words:

- angels
- book
- clouds
- eternal
- history
- lesson
- names
- protector
- sprout
- stars
- summer
- words