



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 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

32ND 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.



J.Close'06

The story of the widow's mite is about the generosity of a woman who is down on her uppers. Jesus admires this woman of substance because, despite her material poverty, she has the inner resource to maintain an open-hearted approach to life.

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)

32nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday—8th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Tuesday—9th November

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—10th November

Memorial of St Leo the Great

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
9:15am Tighes Hill

Thursday—11th November

Memorial of St Martin of Tours

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—12th November

Memorial of St Josaphat

9:15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall
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—13th 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—14th November

33rd 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



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.

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Into your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust
Our brothers and sisters
In this life you embraced them
With your tender love;
Deliver them now from every evil
And bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away;
Welcome them into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow,
No weeping or pain,
But fullness of peace and joy
With your son and the Holy spirit
Forever and ever.
Amen

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Eleuteri, Bernard Callaghan, Jasmine Patrick, Grahame Chegwidan, Lorna Crossley, Fr James Duck, Maata Fonua.

ANNIVERSARIES: Melodie Kerr, Margaret O'Dwyer, George Kitchener Searle, Sr Colleen Carney rsj, Gloria Brown, Win Gallagher, Clare Ralson, Beryl White, Nell Turner, Quintino Murri, Joan Quirk, Maximo Mapula, Sandra Berwick, Gregory & Raymond Fitzpatrick, David Roche, Frank Roche, Geoff Tonks, Anthony O'Beirne, Anne Cook-Moore, Wallace Henry Humphries.

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

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 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.

Lost and found



We have six pairs of glasses in the lost property box at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Have you lost your glasses? We'd love to re-unite you!

The Chuckles

Maggie never went to church. She always promised to go but never did. Father Sullivan was astounded when she suddenly showed up for Sunday service. Thereafter Maggie was there every Sunday. Three months later the pastor asked her, "What happened to you? You always dodged church and now it looks like you can't get enough?" Maggie replied, "It's this new car of mine, they told me the warranty will lapse if I miss even one service!"



Erin told Mick, "If you don't stop snoring, I'm going to toss you out on your ear!" Mick asked, "Does it upset you that much?" Erin replied, "It's not just me, it annoys the entire congregation."

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Gloria

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

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Kgs 17:10-16

*The widow made a little scone from her flour
meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28

*Christ offered himself only once to take the
faults of many on himself.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 12:38-44

*This poor widow has put more in than all who
contributed.*

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 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me
repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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Reflection

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of
his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may
come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus
condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could
not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As
with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us
up for who we are. The problem with religious,
political, social or even family power, and the wealth
that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The
more powerful and rich we become, the more we can
think everything is our due. We can take our eye off
the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to
share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not
praise the widow because she is poor. There is no
nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being
generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich
about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had
to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from
the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He
would have a religious debate with a member of the
Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could
stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked
around for a champion who could defend their faith,
but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they
picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing
to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a
learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to
speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the
Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before
the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers.
Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The
Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head.
Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope
pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled
out an apple.

The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too
good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope
asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held
up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He
responded by holding up one finger to remind me that
there was one God common to both our faiths. Then I
waved my finger around me to show him that God
was all around us. He responded by pointing to the
ground, showing that God was also right here with us.
I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the
Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of
original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded
around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had
done what all their scholars had insisted was
impossible!

What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe,
'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to
get out of here. I told him that not one of us was
leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be
cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying
right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,'
said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out
mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid
being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we
use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire
human family and may we never stand condemned by
Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one
thing, and then leaving here and doing the very
opposite.

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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: Lectio

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:

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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

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The Widow

In ancient Jewish culture, until a woman was married she was literally the property of her father. Upon marrying, the woman left her family and became part of her husband's family and became specifically the property of her husband. If the woman's husband were to die, leaving her a widow, she no longer had anywhere to belong. Because a woman's identity was based on which man she belonged to, she effectively ceased to belong anywhere. It is for this reason that the Torah names widows as deserving of special care and protection from the whole community.

FROM A HOMILY BY POPE FRANCIS

The “poor and generous **widow** as the model of Christian life.”

Two types of people

Pope Francis distinguishes the two groups presented in today's Gospel. The first group includes “the important, the rich, and the influential”; the second, “the least, the poor, and the weak”. The former look down on the latter.

Let's think of the poor widow

The poor widow teaches us to rid our acts of charity of all ritualistic and formalistic attitudes. “We do not know [the widow's] name, but we know her heart; that is what counts before God.” We can think of her when we are tempted to do things for appearance sake, or when we want to attract attention to our good works.

Mary, the poor woman

“Mary, the poor woman, who gave herself completely to God” can help us as we resolve to not simply give “something” but “ourselves” to the Lord— making of ourselves “a humble, generous offering”.

The poor widow

Jesus “denounces the oppression of the weak categorically based on religious motives”. He offered his disciples a living example—the poor widow—in order to impress this lesson on them. Her gesture of offering all she had is filled with “religious and spiritual significance”, he said.

Quality not quantity

What Jesus taught his disciples can help us “recuperate what is essential in our life and to foster a concrete and daily relationship with God”. It reminds us that the Lord measures quality, not quantity and that He “scrutinizes the heart and sees the purity of intentions”.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dn 12:1-3

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

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

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/>



CATHOLIC MISSION

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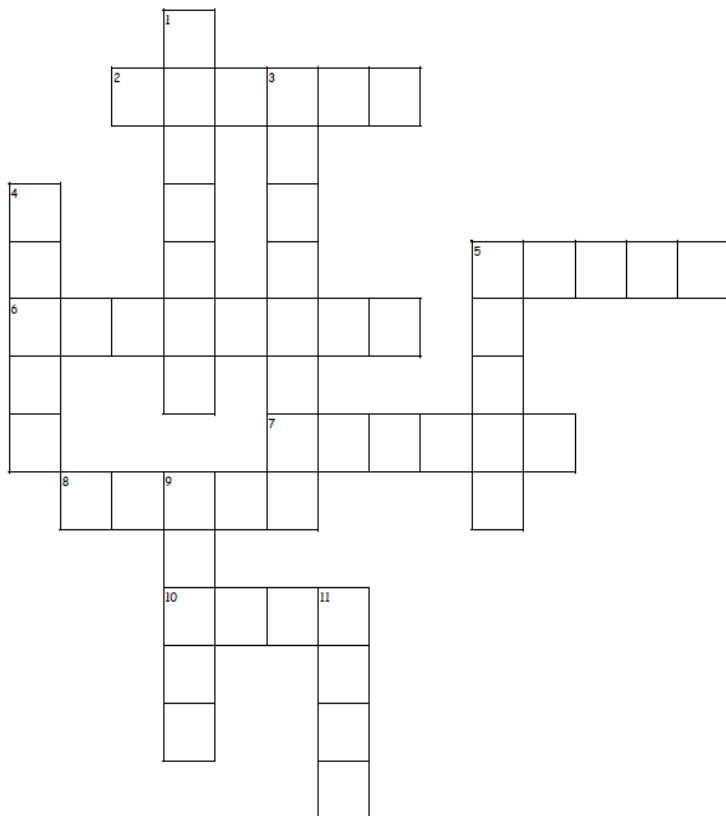
For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, visit catholicmission.org.au.

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

CROSSWORD

God brings justice to the poor

1Kg 17:10-16
Ps 146:6d-7b, 7c-8abc, 8d-9abc R.v.1b
Mk 12:41-44



Across

- 2: a place of worship
5: woman who has lost her husband by death and has not remarried
6: something that is offered in worship
7: the name of the prophet who helped feed the poor widow and her son
8: a baked food made from flour and water
10: to have little or no money, food or possessions

Down

- 1: coins representing a very small sum of money
3: to have given someone your word
4: finely ground wheat grain used to make bread
5: opposite of man
9: containing nothing
11: wealthy

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Mk 12:41-44

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J V S U X G I R S R L E E Y W
H O D Z K O J E X O O R T V I
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Try to find these words:

bread
Elijah
empty
flour
offering
pennies
poor
promised
rich
temple
widow
woman

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