



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

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 3 APRIL 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

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Scribes and Pharisees tried many ways to test Jesus, but he had the knack of outwitting them. In this story from John's gospel an unnamed woman is used as a scapegoat. Jesus defuses the violent situation by slowing down the pace, by using common sense and a little compassion. Instead of focusing on the woman, Jesus turns the situation around so that the scribes and Pharisees are forced to examine their own motives and inadequacies. As a consequence, stones are no longer righteous weapons for them. When the crowd has gone Jesus talks directly to the woman and for the first time she is a person, rather than a thing. She still has no name, but now at least she has a voice.

Sacred Heart Cathedral sits on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.

We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and their continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past, present and future, and commit ourselves to working together for reconciliation and justice.

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

Fifth Week of Lent, Year C

Monday—4th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—5th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—6th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday—7th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—8th April

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @
The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—9th April

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral **

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday—10th April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C

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 * **

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (*Italian*)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (*Polish*)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral **

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

* Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton

PARISH SURVEY



The Regional Pastoral Council would appreciate you completing the Questionnaire and leaving it in the box at the front of the church. Or you can complete the survey online using this QR code. Many thanks!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ TIGHES HILL DURING LENT

Immediately following 9:15am Mass on Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 3rd April @ 6pm to discuss *Treasure and Dirt* by Chris Hammer. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Please bring a piece of greenery with you to Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Lk 22:14 – 23:56

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

On Friday 8th April at St. Joseph's Church The Junction, the Rosary and prayers will be said for all Ukrainians and Russian Soldiers associated with this horrendous War. We will begin at 9.40am (before Friday Mass at 10.15am).

Anyone wishing to attend would be most welcome.

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/61036103033>

Password: pray

For more information contact:

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel Blair, Malia DeLuca, Louise Abra, Adele Carrigan,

ANNIVERSARIES: Shirley Wurth, Phoebe Bourke, Tess O'Neill, Catherine and Charlie Walsh.

SICK: Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddie, Tiani Bishop, Jason Yu, Joel Samy, Tom Parker, Max Williamson, Sam and Margaret Broad

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.



DEPARTURE OF FR ANDREW DOOHAN

As I am sure you are all aware by now, Fr Andrew Doohan is leaving the City Pastoral Region after Easter Sunday and going on a well-deserved sabbatical. I have received a number of calls expressing the desire to leave a token of appreciation for Fr Andrews years of service to the Parishes of Stockton, Mayfield and Inner Newcastle. Those of you who cannot attend a Mass where Fr Andrew is presiding, please feel free to send any correspondence, gifts etc to the office and we will ensure he receives them. Fr Andrew Doohan C/- Po Box 6, The Junction, 2291. *Jade Simonsen*

COLLECTION AT THE CATHEDRAL

There will be a collection taken up after all Cathedral Masses this weekend to provide the opportunity for us to offer a practical thank you to Father Andrew.

APPOINTMENT OF FR JOHN LOVELL

Fr John Lovell, currently stationed in the Chisholm Region, will assume the role of Moderator of the City Pastoral Region and Rector of the Cathedral (in the temporary format of administrator) with effect from the Second Sunday of Easter.

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will take place in Holy Week on Tuesday 12 April at 7.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. There are currently no capacity limits so everyone who is feeling well and symptom free is welcome.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for April is:

April 6: Bible Study

April 13: Lectio

April 20: Lectio

April 27: No Meeting

All meetings are online via Zoom. All welcome to participate regularly or occasionally.

E-PETITION

An online petition to abolish Alex Greenwich's Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (VAD) in the NSW Parliament is available at:

[LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislativecouncil.nsw.gov.au/legislation/initiatives/e-petitions/e-petition-2021-01)

An excellent article regarding the legislation that appeared in the Catholic Weekly may be viewed at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/nsw-dying-bill-danger/>

The 'ePetition' is open until 25 April 2022.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

St Vincent De Paul have launched their 2022 Flood Appeal to assist people affected by the catastrophic flooding in the Northern Rivers and Lismore areas. Money raised will be distributed by the SVDP Coordinator in coordination with the local community.

Donations can be made:

Online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal> (use the QR code at St Joseph's The Junction or Sacred Heart)

St Vincent De Paul envelopes marked with Flood Appeal

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sea and Teeth: an adventurous airman encounters a prominent local

Terry Collins will relate an interesting story with a local connection.

When? Monday 11th April Commencing at: 7.15am.

Where? Rear Entrance – St Benedict's Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction

Why? Fellowship and information Who? All welcome

We continue to be Covid-safe, so please BYO coffee and eats!!

Enquiries? Neil Jones 0410 572 579

THE ECUMENICAL WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us on Sunday, 3rd April, 2022, as we walk through the last moments of Jesus' earthly life with the Ecumenical Way of the Cross. This year, we have taken up the theme of 'Church without Walls.' At each station, we will hear a personal story in response to Jesus' invitation to follow him. These stories of mission and outreach will come from across our Diocese and fellow Christian Churches.

Details:

Sunday, 3rd April, 2022

3pm start

St Joseph's Parish Grounds (meet at St Joseph's Community Centre)

140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

Afternoon tea provided.

For more information contact Brendon Mannyx P: 0429 426 892 E:

brendon.mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au

CARITAS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The Caritas Autumn newsletter is now available online at <https://www.caritas.org.au/news/our-magazine/>.

Check out their latest news and stories from overseas and in Australia.

REFLECTION

by Dianne Bergant CSA

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

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EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday (14 April)

- 4.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (Polish)
- 6.30pm Christ the King, Mayfield West
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 6.30pm St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 7.00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (15 April)

- 9.00am Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
- 3.00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 3.00pm Christ the King, Mayfield West
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 3.00pm St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
- 6pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Polish)

Holy Saturday (16 April)

- 9.00am Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
- 6.30pm Christ the King, Mayfield West
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
- 6.30pm St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night
- 7.00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

Easter Sunday (17 April)

- 7.30am St Mary, Star of the Sea, Newcastle
Mass of the Resurrection
- 8am Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill
Mass of the Resurrection
- 9am St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton
Mass of the Resurrection
- 9am St Joseph's, The Junction
Mass of the Resurrection
- 9.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Mass of the Resurrection
- 11.00am St Joseph's, The Junction
Mass of the Resurrection (Italian)
- 11.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Mass of the Resurrection (Polish)
- 5.00pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
Mass of the Resurrection
- 6.00pm Christ the King, Mayfield West
Mass of the Resurrection (Vietnamese)

**CONTINUING OUR JOURNEY.....
BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD TOGETHER
IN 2022
LENTEN REFLECTION**

During Lent we are invited into prayer to renew and refocus our relationship with God, with ourselves and others, so we can fully celebrate the Paschal Mystery and live life to the full.

Continuing our synodal journey, you are invited to come together in parishes, schools and across the Diocese, both face-to-face and online, to remain connected during the season of Lent.

The resource provides the opportunity to encounter scripture and our synodal themes through the process of Mystagogical Reflection. As you encounter the mystery of God in the scripture, this will lead you to discover the mystery of God in one another through sharing of life and experience.

This resource is available on the Diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/lent-2022

The Diocese will be hosting Mystagogical Reflections each week during Lent, Monday mornings at 10.30am and Thursday evenings at 6.30pm.

To register, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

**THE CHOSEN SEASON ONE
DISCUSSION GROUP**

You are invited to *The Chosen* Season One Discussion group. During the session we will recap the highlights of the episode and be guided on a journey both personal and communal. We will explore as a group the human nature of Jesus as he calls his chosen to be missionary disciples.

Date: Tuesday 26 April – 14 June

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-1-discussion-group-2022-tickets-301240427227>

LIVING THE GOSPEL

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

**"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>

gospel focus

Restoring honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

The Lord has done great things for us

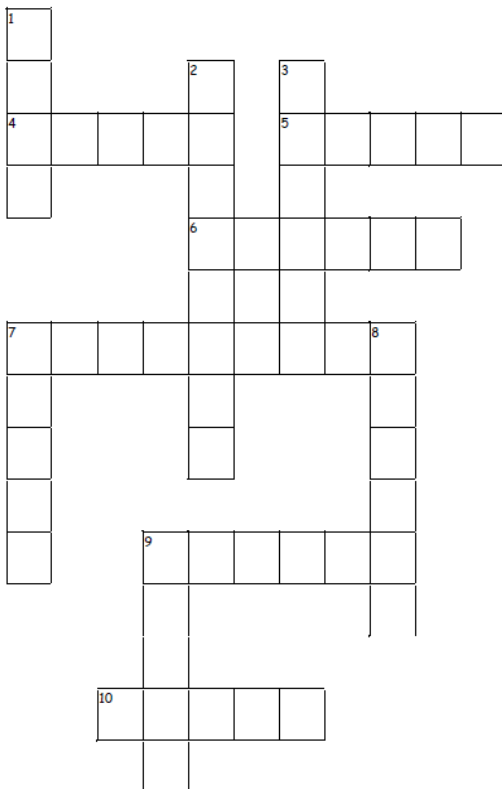
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- owls
- perfect
- prize
- running
- stone
- streams
- temple
- test
- thirsty
- throw
- woman

CROSSWORD

If any of you have never sinned then go ahead and throw the first stone



Across

- 4: a small rock
- 5: a large gathering of people
- 6: snared, found out
- 7: Jewish religious elders
- 9: a place of worship
- 10: opposite of man

Down

- 1: an examination of performance
- 2: educating, passing on knowledge
- 3: to make an accusation
- 7: a reward for winning a contest
- 8: to have done a bad deed
- 9: to propel an object through the air

NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

by Mary Coloe PBVM

Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

The reading from Paul to the community at Philippi comes straight from the depths of his heart and is one of the richest expressions of Christian spirituality: 'All I want is to know Christ'; everything else is so much rubbish.

Sometimes our efforts to be a disciple of Jesus can lead us astray. We can put our focus on pious practices, or the efforts we make, when all that is required is to keep our focus on Jesus and what God has already done for us. Paul has grasped this insight, as have the great spiritual leaders within our tradition. For Paul, knowing Jesus means living a life that conforms to the pattern of Jesus' life – it will involve times of suffering as well as peace. For Paul, such times provide a means of identifying with Jesus, knowing that this will also mean identifying with Jesus in his resurrection. This reading invites us into prayerful surrender of our lives with and in Jesus. This might be a good week to review how Lent has been for you, and a chance to recommit yourself to more deliberately continue in these final weeks.

The episode of the woman taken in adultery is clearly an important story in the life of the early Christian communities. Scholars are not sure exactly where this episode belongs since some very early manuscripts place this episode in Luke's Gospel, and others place it at some point in John's Gospel. The variations testify to an uncertainty about where the episode belongs, but they also testify that the story is so significant that it must appear within the Gospel tradition.

There is hypocrisy in the actions of the scribes and Pharisees. These were the scholars of the Jewish Law, perhaps the equivalent of today's lawyers. Firstly, they only bring along one of the guilty parties, the woman, while the male partner is free from public condemnation. Secondly, their concern is not really with this woman. She is a pawn in their real purpose, which is to find something against Jesus. In this, they have no real respect for the Law they claim to uphold. And finally, as Jesus points out, they too are sinners.

Why might this story be so important for the early Christian communities, so that even though there is uncertainty about its location there can be no doubt about its inclusion within the good news Jesus offers? Perhaps John's or Luke's community needed to be reminded that for all our Christian ideals and desires, we are all frail followers of Jesus, but sin is no barrier to discipleship. The only barrier is the despair that comes from self-condemnation and a failure to trust in

God who refuses to condemn. Jesus does not condemn the woman even as he encourages going and striving to live without sin. As the journey of Lent moves to its end, let us place our confidence in the loving mercy of God.

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MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, on Wednesday at 7.30am and Friday at 11.00am. All are welcome, including new meditators, but you will need to be at least double-vaccinated and you must wear a mask. Hand sanitizing is still required. Wednesday is usually a small group and would suit those who do not wish to go into crowds.

The Monday evening group is not resuming, but a meditation group is available on Tuesdays at 6.00pm at St Philip's Church, Vista Parade, Kotara.

ART EXHIBITION: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres. Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

Exhibition date: Saturday May 14

Location: TBA || Time: 2pm– 5pm

Categories Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult. \$150 prize for the winning entry in each Category

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading: Is 43:16-21

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to
my people.*

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: Phil 3:8-14

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as
useless in order to gain him.*

Gospel Acclamation: Jl 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Jn 8:1-11

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw
a stone.*

Communion Antiphon : Jn 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no
more.

IGNATIAN ECOSPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

You are invited to join the Newcastle hub of the
International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference, 26 - 30
April 2022. <https://iiec.org.au/>

A group of up to eight people will gather each day 9.15
-11.30am in inner Newcastle to hear the conference
speakers and discuss our responses. During the day,
we will spend time with God in different settings
(either individually or with the group). Later in the day,
we will gather to share our experiences (either in
person or online). Registration is up to \$200. For more
information contact Lawrie 0419 447 217 or
lah.yallourn@gmail.com.

NEWCASTLE TUDOR SINGERS

FOR PEACE

For Peace: A concert on Anzac Day, Monday April 25 at
2:30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The concert
features the *Mass for the Armed Man* by Kurt Jenkins
and Prayer for Ukraine—the spiritual anthem of the
Ukraine.

NEW NUNCIO

The Nuncio is a Vatican representative accredited as
an ambassador to a civil government that maintains
official diplomatic relations with the Holy See. He
promotes good relations between the government
and the Holy See and observes and reports to the
Pope on the conditions of the Roman Catholic Church
in the region.

Archbishop Charles
Balvo is our new
Apostolic Nuncio to
Australia. Archbishop
Balvo was born in
New York City and
ordained a priest of
the Archdiocese of
New York in 1976.



He served in apostolic nunciatures in South America,
Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He was also
Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and several Pacific
Island nations for eight years from 2005.

Archbishop Balvo will celebrate the Triduum with us in
Sacred Heart Cathedral. Fr Andrew will concelebrate.
We are very excited to welcome the Nuncio to our
Diocese. Plan to attend the Triduum! It will be a
wonderful opportunity to meet the Nuncio.