



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 26 JUNE 2022

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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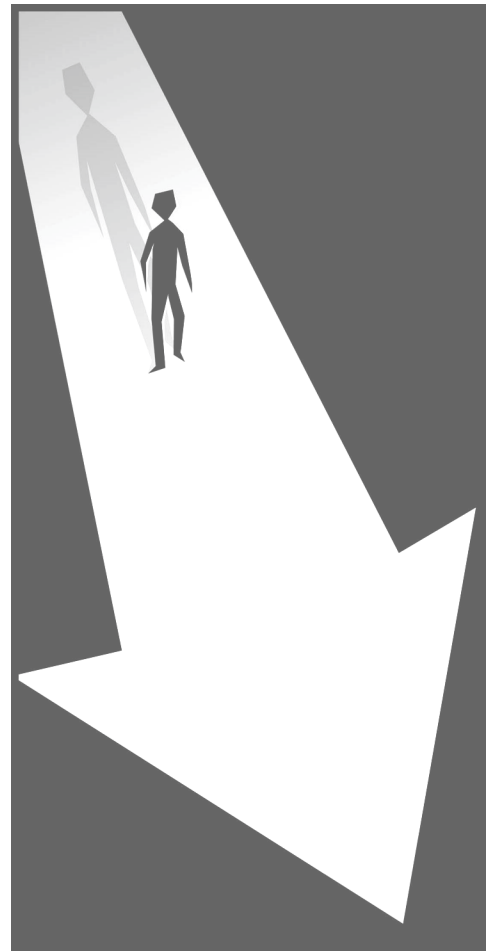
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As Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem (and the cross that awaited him there), he warned his followers about the hardships of walking in his footsteps. A commitment to accompany Jesus on his journey meant rejection, insecurity and danger. © Jenny Close

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)

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—27th June

Solemnity of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—28th June

Memorial of St Irenaeus

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—29th June

Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

11:00am Funeral Mass for Nicholas Bogdanovs@
The Cathedral

Thursday—30th June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—1st July

9:00 am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:50am Rosary for Ukraine@ The Junction

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—2nd July

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

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—3rd July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral *

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

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

3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion @ Mayfield West

5:00pm Taize Service @ Tighes Hill

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Is 66:10-14

Gal 6:14-18

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZÉ

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary
Church, Tighes Hill

Date: First Sunday each month: July
3rd, 2022

Time: 5.00pm – 6pm followed by a
shared supper.



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

FOOD BASKET FOR THE NEEDY

We have delayed the start until next weekend (3rd July). Items of dry goods or tin food e.g. (Vegemite, cornflakes or breakfast foods, sugar, packet or tin soup, sardines, tea, coffee, tin fruit etc but NOT PEANUT BUTTER), can be placed in the basket at the back of St Joseph's Church. St Vincent de Paul members will pick up for distribution to the needy who are very grateful to receive the items. When donating please check expiry dates. Thank you
Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523/4967 2998

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patty-May Lee, Dallas Taper, Lorna Young, Brian Collett, Sister Patricia Lake RSM (formerly Sister Mary Aquinas), Nicholas Bogdanovs

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Rees, Elizabeth Cagney, Fr Noel Timbs, Syl (Sylvester) Timbs, John Ruggero, Garth Callinan, Alec & Peter Mather, Hazel McDonald, John Michael Turner, Ken Lane, Catherine O'Neill, Velta Stevens

SICK: Christopher Woodland, Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddle, Tiani Bishop, Jason Yu, Joel Samy, Tom Parker, Max Williamson, Sam and Margaret Broad, Alma Royan (Germany), Bill Higgins, John Rumball, Aaron Parkes

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Hamilton conference will be holding its winter appeal on the first weekend of July, namely 2 and 3 July, at the Cathedral and Tighes Hill. Hamilton conference as always, appreciates the previous generosity of our parishioners.



BOOK CLUB



Sunday, 3rd July @ 6:15pm to discuss *Still Life* by Sarah Winman. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for June/July is:

June 29: No meeting

July 6: No meeting *Note this change for July only!

July 13: Bible study wrap up

July 20 and 27: Lectio

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

NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS

THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR IS COMING!

Planned Giving Tax Receipts: Parishioners who require a tax receipt for planned giving for the 2021/22 financial year must notify the Parish Office before 30th June 2022. Please notify by one of the following methods: **Email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au:** Use the wording, *"Please provide me with a Planned Giving tax receipt"* and include your name and envelope number. **Planned Giving Envelope:** Write on your weekly envelope, *"Tax receipt required"*.

Tax receipt data will be processed on 30 June 2022. No subsequent amendments are possible. Any requests received after 30 June 2022 will result in parishioners not receiving the requested tax deduction. If you do not require a tax receipt for tax purposes, it is preferable to refrain from requesting one as this will enhance the tax deductibility for those who do use the tax receipt. I am happy to provide people who do not submit a tax return with your contribution total.

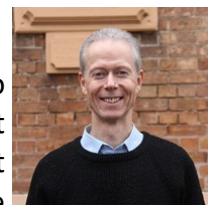
DIRECT GIVING

If you would like to set up direct giving, the form is available at: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/planned-giving>

FROM THE MODERATOR

Dear friends in Christ,

Congratulations to those children who received their First Communion at Mass last weekend or will receive it this weekend. It was a real joy to see so many boys and girls supported by family and friends, and beautifully dressed for the occasion too, coming forward so reverently to receive the Lord in this way for the very first time. I pray we will see them regularly at our weekend Masses, as they can now receive Holy Communion every time they attend Mass. Special thanks to our sacramental coordinator Anne Millard, teachers, sponsors, parents and many others who all helped in preparing these boys and girls for his important event in their journey of faith.



Last Wednesday I had the privilege of welcoming back at the Cathedral a pilgrim group who had just completed our Diocesan aMeN CaMiNo, which is a 5-day walk covering almost 100 km, beginning at St John's Chapel, Maitland and finishing at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle. It takes participants through national parks, past sacred Aboriginal sites, vineyards, Lake Macquarie, beaches and urban areas. Pilgrimages are a great Christian tradition that provide opportunities for sharing stories, spiritual reflection and building friendships. For those interested in being part of one of these camino groups, details can be found on our Diocesan website.

On another matter, I urge everyone to take the time to read the Pastoral Letter released during the week by our Diocesan Administrator, Father Greg Barker. In this letter Father Greg is affirming the ongoing commitment as our Catholic community of Maitland-Newcastle to safeguarding all children and vulnerable people, while continuing our efforts to provide support and healing to those who have suffered abuse over the years at the hands of clergy and lay members of our Church.

As there is still a lot of covid and influenza going around at the moment, I urge everyone to remain vigilant and to continue observing safe hygiene practices.

Love, Fr John

THE PASTORAL LETTER

is available on the website

THE CHUCKLE

When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.

21 June 2022

Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our remorse and sorrow at the abuse we as a Church failed to respond too adequately and appropriately and perpetrated at the hands of Church men, both clerical and lay, is genuine. I continue to be saddened and regret deeply what has happened to so many innocent young people and their families.

Our Perpetual Day of Remembrance in September is an acknowledgement that we did get many things wrong and a reaffirmation to do better into the future.

I reaffirm the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's commitment to the protection of minors and vulnerable persons not only within our Church but also to the wider community. Whilst much has been done including educational formation in this space there is still much work to be achieved.

Of late much has been written about our failings as a Church and by those in leadership to abuse, and the victims of abuse. Bishop Bill Wright was a tireless crusader in the prevention of abuse in our Church and we have processes in place now due largely to his leadership. They are good processes, and we commit as a Church to adhering to them.

The establishment of both the Office of Safeguarding and Zimmerman Service is testament to this Diocese' commitment to the prevention of abuse and our ongoing desire to support those who have been affected. It is a commitment to be a church of safety and sanctuary.

Our parishes continue to work hard to be places our Gospels demand them to be. By now every parish will have worked through a check list of standards for safety and many will have appointed promoters of safeguarding or established teams in response to those safeguarding standards. If you haven't heard anything about them take the time to ask your parish leadership to show them to you.

These standards will assist us in our ongoing commitment to safety and help us remain communities dedicated to the safety of others and for spreading the Good News. They are the important next stages in ensuring our communities, agencies and parishes continue to be safe places for all.

I am reminded that I was appointed as Parish Priest to Forster Tuncurry and again to Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul to serve not only the Catholic people but also to the wider community beyond the gates and walls of our Catholic Church.

Abuse takes many forms not solely restricted to sexual abuse and the cultivation of minors for illegal purposes. There are many ways abuse is experienced including physical, psychological and financial



abuse. Domestic violence is on the rise, so to many forms of financial 'slavery', experienced by women, children, and the elderly especially. Those who experience it often feel trapped and feel unseen, unheard and unhelped. The signs are hard to see, and during COVID restrictions made harder. We must remain vigilant; our eyes and hearts always open.

I also reaffirm, as a church, our commitment to be a voice for those who experience any form of abuse. I know we remained silent for too long in the past.

I would like to be able to make a commitment that all forms of abuse will be eradicated from our society and certainly our church, but I can't. It is an insidious evil that permeates many parts of society here and abroad.

What I can make is a continuing commitment to hear, listen and see the signs of abuse, to be informed and educated in those signs and to know how to respond appropriately and with courage, to ensure that those who are at risk are heard and as importantly protected. I know you join with me in so making this commitment.

In Christ,



Rev Gregory Barker
Diocesan Administrator

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church?

The Christian Formation Course is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition in community. This course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units

All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

- become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith, grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey

- realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community

- be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community

- grow in awareness of what it means to be a

responsive member of the faith community.

The course will commence in July 2022. For more information go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course

MYSTAGOGY MONDAY

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation.

Join us each Monday morning at 10am as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel. Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

In his excellent book, *Things You Get For Free*, Michael McGirr tells the story of going on pilgrimage to Rome with his mother. Maureen McGirr had always wanted to see St Peter's. Michael records the big day.

'One of the features of a visit to St Peter's is the modesty inspection. This is the kind of examination which most Australians on a visit to Bali would flunk. You aren't allowed to wear shorts or sleeveless garments. No swimming costumes, either, unless they have long legs and sleeves. No singlets. The modesty inspection has a point. It keeps out nudists and other undesirables... I would be more comfortable if the signs warned against coming in with a closed mind or an angry heart.

'When you get inside, however, St Peter's strips you bare. Mum took a few steps forward into the cavernous gloom and stopped. I looked up into the dome that Michelangelo designed late in life: he never lived to see it finished. In that moment, hundreds of visitors rushed past. "What on earth are they trying to prove?" I wasn't sure if Mum was talking about the building or all the people rushing past. Officials were still clearing away the cheap plastic stacking chairs which come out for big masses. They were not part of the original design. I was distracted by the noise.

"When you think," said Mum, leaving her sentence unfinished...

"When you think what?" I asked...

"I don't know. When you think."

"What?" I was getting testy with her. Mum drew in breath to say something important.

"When you think that Jesus had nothing."

'It was a naked response. For 70 years, this building had stood as the physical centre of Mum's religion. This was her pilgrimage to Mecca. Yet her response was almost revulsion. I wanted to put a brake on her reaction and jolly her along and tell her that Jesus would rather have had this as a monument than the Empire State Building or the Crown Casino.'

No matter how much we try to ignore it, or play it down, the call to simplicity of lifestyle and detachment are important elements in the teaching of Jesus and the way he lived his own life.

In Luke's gospel and in his second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, the obligations of the haves to the have-nots are regularly underlined. Scholars think Luke's gospel keeps this teaching most alive because it was a community divided by wealth.

In today's Gospel this obligation is put in its starkest form. To 'bury the dead' in first-century Palestine sometimes meant having to take on their responsibilities – farm, fishing or family. To have 'nowhere to lay one's head' gave as much freedom then as it does today; and to be detached, without regret, has always been a sign of God's kingdom.

Some preachers can blast off into loopy-land when they start drawing out lessons from this teaching. While Jesus' words have a radical edge which must not be blunted, if all Christians everywhere were to live this teaching literally we would constitute a family of happy but homeless people, surrounded by decomposing loved ones! There is no dignity in poverty and most people who are poor, while they can be rich in the best human values, do not want to stay poor. What they deserve, and what all Christians should want, is economic and social justice. We are not at liberty to follow Jesus and watch the rich get fatter and all-consuming while the poor pay the price for unchecked greed.

Some Christians are given the gift of living very simply and to the degree that this gift brings life to them, and those around them, it is a wonderful sign of God's kingdom. All the rest of us, who struggle to embrace this gift, or a desire to ever want it, must face up to the challenge of Jesus' teaching here. But it's not just about money. We are also called to detach ourselves from memories, which can be cluttered with anger and revenge; from the demands of work which keep us from being with those we love; and to be generous with our time, talent, hospitality and compassion.

Previous generations strayed from the demands of this gospel. Grand cathedrals, courtly behaviour and princely mansions were meant to reflect on earth the reign of God. These are our legacy, but may it not be said of us, what Michael McGirr says of St Peter's, 'any sense of the Divine completely disappears under the materialism of it all.' Rather, may our generation show the kingdom of God most visibly in the way we live simply, fight for justice for all people everywhere, and the detachment we have to everything but the essentials.

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JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

I will follow Jesus wherever he leads me

Lk 9:57-62

B L C P I X N Z W R M N P J F
H W A F I R S T T J I A N O O
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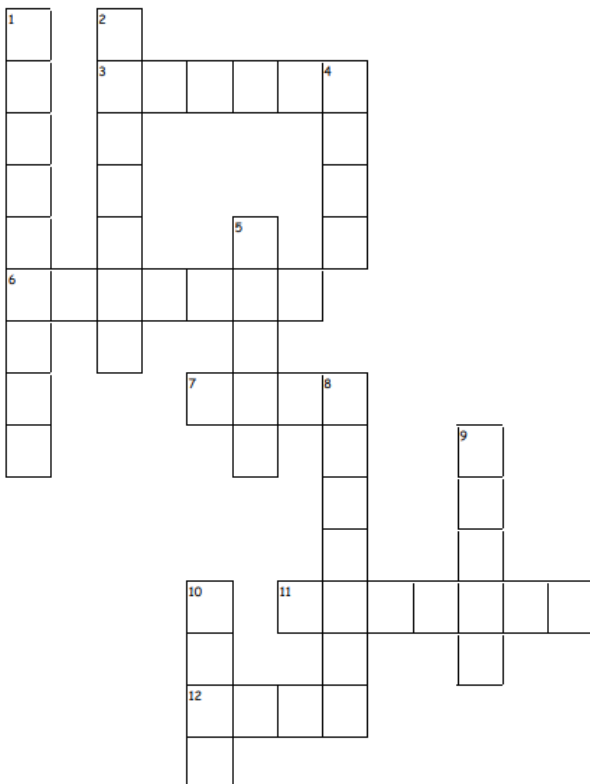
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CROSSWORD

I praise you, Lord, for being my guide

1Kg 19:16b, 19-21
Ps 16:1-2ab, and 5, 7-8, 11 R.v.(see 5a)
Gal 5:1, 13-15
Lk 9:57-62



Across

- 3: the prophet who chose Elisha as his successor
- 6: all the lands that are ruled by a king
- 7: the opposite of alive
- 11: liberty
- 12: to place something in the ground

Down

- 1: using hostile force against another
- 2: one who serves
- 4: a place where we live
- 5: dog-like animals that live in dens
- 8: wreck, ruin
- 9: animals that fly
- 10: a long, flowing garment

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Gal 5:1. 13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

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CARER'S TEAM MEETING

Thursday June 30 at CRCC at 2.30pm.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? NO LOOKING BACK

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

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FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from our parishes who will receive First Communion at the Cathedral, Christ the King, and St Joseph's this weekend. Please keep the children in your prayers.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Sunday July 3 @ 3pm, Christ the King Church, Mayfield West. All welcome.

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.

THE FULL BULLETIN

The entire 8-page bulletin is available on the Parish website (use this QR code).

