

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 19 JUNE 2022 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI), YEAR C

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Jesus said that his own body and blood were 'real' food which was not merely nourishing, but life-giving. It is easy to agree with 'the people' in this reading – the metaphor is raw and abrasive. It was dangerous language, but it engaged their attention.

The central symbols of bread and wine at our Sunday Eucharist are dangerous in what they evoke. It reminds us that the Eucharistic elements we use at Sunday Mass need to be authentic in order to more richly convey the power they evoke.

Reflection by 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)

Twelfth Week of Easter, Year C

Monday—20th June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—21st June

Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—22nd June

Memorial of Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

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

10:30am Funeral Mass for Anne Matthews @

Stockton

Thursday—23rd June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—24th June

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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—25th June

Solemnity of the Nativity of st John the Baptist

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—26th June

13th 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)

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:

1 Kg 19:16, 19-21 Gal 5:1, 13-18 Lk 9:51-62

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART



The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar since 1856. It falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday, which is June 24 this year. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (properly the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Come celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart at Sacred Heart Cathedral with midday Mass followed by a hearty bowl of soup and a glass of cheer.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for June is:

June 22: Lectio

June 29: No meeting

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

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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: Michael (Mick) Kenny, Matthew Spohr, Kodi Crockett, Brian Irwin, Ann Matthews, Eileen McCosker

ANNIVERSARIES: Leo McGovern, Cherie Zaunders, Patricia Walker, Fr. Brian Bailey, James Martin, Alice Howland, Garth Wallace, Mick Rabbitt, Roy & Olwyn John, Valda Cathcart

SICK: Christopher Woodland, Diane Cazubon; Ann Matthews, Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddie, 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

Envelopes are available in all the Churches for the month of June. Tax receipts for donations over \$2 will be available.



BOOK CLUB



Sunday, 6th June @ 6:15pm to discuss *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

FOOD BASKET FOR THE NEEDY

We have delayed the start until the first weekend of July (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

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.

CHILDREN'S MISSION. DONATIONS

Thank you to Tighes Hill parishioners for your ongoing support of Children's Mission. Donations for the quarter ending in June totaled \$5600 (thanks to a special donation). The total to date (from 1996 until the present) is \$44600, which is very much appreciated.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from our parishes who will receive First Communion at the Cathedral, St Peter-in-Chains, Mayfield West, and St Joseph's this weekend and next weekend. Please keep the children in your prayers.



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.

2022 TWEC DINNER

This year's dinner will be held Friday 24 June from 6.30pm at the Therry Centre, East Maitland. We invite you to enjoy a meal, share stories of the Josephite spirit within the diocesan community and imagine the next chapter of the Tenison Woods Education Community story together. Seats at the dinner are \$60 per person which includes drinks, canapés, main course and dessert. Tables of 10, small group and individual bookings are welcome. For details and bookings go to https://2022twec.eventbrite.com.au.

THE CHUCKLE

I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. He's 5 and it's past his bedtime

THE FULL BULLETIN

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



REFLECTION

Tasting the Future—by Fr Michael Tate

Recently I met with a couple to discuss their forthcoming marriage. Naturally, I asked to see the engagement ring. It was very beautiful and she (and he!) were *thrilled* to see it flashing in the morning sun. Of course, it was a symbol of their current love for each other. But, much, much more. It anticipated the future, a wonderful future. It created a commitment to the future. It was as if the ring were saying: 'There will be fulfilment in the future.'

But is it possible to *actually* drag the future into the present? Our Lord Jesus Christ is Master of the Universe of space and time. He can make it possible to bring the future life of Heaven into the present.

One of the Jewish symbols of Heaven was a great banquet – a wonderful feast. And Our Lord would every so often host a meal which anticipated the future, a wonderful future, a meal which promised 'There will be fulfilment in the future', and actually brought that future into the present.

The feeding of the five thousand in today's gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the banquet of the age to come. We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. And a major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat.' They were quite happy to leave the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. But when they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd - extravagantly. And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of that future generosity of God towards humankind which we can symbolise as a heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

Of course, the Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, after invoking the Holy Spirit and using the words of Jesus at that supper, we have a real sharing in the future. When we eat the heavenly bread and drink the spiritual drink, we are eating and drinking the life of the Risen Lord in glory, the *glorified* humanity of our *Risen* Lord Jesus Christ. The life of the future.

And then? And then we must do as the Twelve were directed to do. We must go to alleviate the hunger of the world – the hungers of the world: 'You give them something to eat!' There is a myriad of hungers in

the world: for food, for the other necessities of life, for companionship, for justice. We must go out and identify those hungers and then fulfill Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat'!

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Ecumenical and Interfaith Council – Aboriginal Spirituality Day

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us to experience an Aboriginal Spirituality Formation Day

Date: Thursday 14 July 2022 Time: 9.00am to 2.30pm

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 5 Hyndes

St, West Wallsend.

The day will concentrate on the core elements of Aboriginal Spirituality and will begin with Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr John Purnell.

Registration is now open.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Council - Church Crawl

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on **Saturday 23 July from 9.30am to 3.45pm.**

We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church and a Russian Orthodox Church.

It will be an opportunity to *unlearn, learn, and relearn* by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others.

Registration is now open.

2022 ACU Prize for Poetry

The 2022 ACU Prize for Poetry is open for all Australian residents to craft their finest poems on the theme of 'Hope', inspired by a line from Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous play Robin Hood play: "Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."

Entries for the prize, which has a coveted \$20,000 prize pool will close on July 4, 2022.

More information about the ACU Prize for Poetry including how to enter can be found at the ACU Prize for Poetry website. www.acu.edu.au/prizeforpoetry

Mystagogy Monday

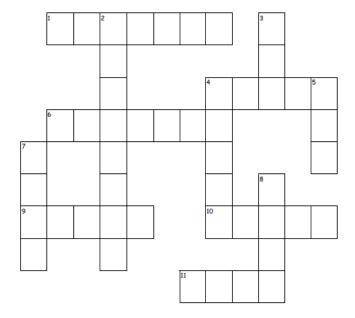
Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to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

CROSSWORD

All praise belongs to God Most High

Gen 14:18-20 Ps 110:1, 3, 4 R.v.(4b) 1Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17



Across

- 1: God first called _ _ _ _ to the land of Canaan
- 4: tore apart, ripped
- 6: one who creates
- 9: Melchizedek was the king of this place
- 10: to consume liquid
- 11: a drink made from grapes

Down

- 2: to have a memory
- 3: Jesus had this many fish to feed the people
- 4: food made from wheat
- 5: to consume food
- 7: animals that live in the sea
- 8: Jesus had this many loaves to feed the people

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1Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH All praise belongs to God Most High

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HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today, God's word helps us to appreciate more deeply two verbs that are simple, yet essential for daily life: to speak and to give.

To speak. In the first reading, Melchizedek says: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High... and blessed be God Most High" (Gen 14:19-20). For Melchizedek, to speak is to bless. He blesses Abraham, in whom all the families of the earth will be blessed (cf. Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8). Everything begins with blessing: words of goodness create a history of goodness. The same thing happens in the Gospel: before multiplying the loaves, Jesus blesses them: "Taking the five loaves, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples" (Lk 9:16). A blessing turns five loaves into food enough for a great crowd: the blessing releases a cascade of goodness.

Why is it good to bless? Because it turns a word into a gift. When we bless, we are not doing something for ourselves, but for others. Blessing is not about saying nice words or trite phrases. No, it is about speaking goodness, speaking with love. That is what Melchizedek did, when he spontaneously blessed Abram, who had not said or done anything for him. Jesus did the same thing, and he showed what the blessing meant by freely distributing the loaves. How many times too, have we been blessed, in church or in our homes? How many times have we received words of encouragement, or a sign of the cross on our forehead? We were blessed on the day of our baptism, and we are blessed at the end of every Mass. The Eucharist is itself a school of blessing. God blesses us, his beloved children, and thus encourages us to keep going. And we, in turn, bless God in our assemblies (cf. Ps 68:26), rediscovering the joy of praise that liberates and heals the heart. We come to Mass, certain that we will be blessed by the Lord, and we leave in order to bless others in turn, to be channels of goodness in the world.

This is also true for us: it is important for us pastors to keep blessing God's people. Dear priests, do not be afraid to give a blessing, to bless the People of God. Dear priests, continue to bless: the Lord wants to bless his people; he is happy to make us feel his affection for us. Only as those who are themselves blessed, can we in turn bless others with that same anointing of love. It is sad to think of how easily

people today do the opposite: they curse, despise and insult others. In the general frenzy, we lose control and vent our rage on everything and everyone. Sadly, those who shout most and loudest, those angriest, often appeal to others and persuade them. Let us avoid being infected by that arrogance; let us not let ourselves be overcome by bitterness, for we eat the Bread that contains all sweetness within it. God's people love to praise, not complain; we were created to bless, not grumble. In the presence of the Eucharist, Jesus who becomes bread, this simple bread that contains the entire reality of the Church, let us learn to bless all that we have, to praise God, to bless and not curse all that has led us to this moment, and to speak words of encouragement to others.

The second verb is to give. "Speaking" is thus followed by "giving". This was the case with Abraham who, after being blessed by Melchizedek, "gave him a tenth of everything" (Gen 14:20). It was the case, too, with Jesus who after reciting the blessing, gave the loaves to be distributed among the crowd. This tells us something very beautiful. Bread is not only something to be consumed; it is a means of Surprisingly, the account of sharing. multiplication of the loaves does not mention the multiplication itself. On the contrary, the words that stand out are: "break", "give" "distribute" (cf. Lk 9:16). In effect, the emphasis is not on the multiplication but the act of sharing. This is important. Jesus does not perform a magic trick; he does not change five loaves into five thousand and to announce: "There! Distribute then them!" No. Jesus first prays, then blesses the five loaves and begins to break them, trusting in the Father. And those five loaves never run out. This is no magic trick; it is an act of trust in God and his providence.

In the world, we are always trying to increase our profits, to raise our income. But why? Is it to give, or to have? To share or to accumulate? The "economy" of the Gospel multiplies through sharing, nourishes through distributing. It does not sate the greed of a few, but gives life to the world (cf. *In* 6:33). The verb Jesus uses is not *to have* but *to give*.

He tells his disciples straight out: "You *give* them something to eat" (*Lk* 9:13). We can imagine the thoughts that went through their minds: "We don't have enough bread for ourselves, and now we are supposed to think about others? Why do we have to give them something to eat, if they came to hear our Teacher? If they didn't bring their own food, let them

go back home, it's their problem; or else give us some money to buy food". This way of thinking is not wrong, but it isn't the way Jesus thinks. He will have none of it: "You give them something to eat". Whatever we have can bear fruit if we give it away – that is what Jesus wants to tell us – and it does not matter whether it is great or small. The Lord does great things with our littleness, as he did with the five loaves. He does not work spectacular miracles or wave a magic wand; he works with simple things. God's omnipotence is lowly, made up of love alone. And love can accomplish great things with little. The Eucharist teaches us this: for there we find God himself contained in a piece of bread. Simple, essential, bread broken and shared, the Eucharist we receive allows us to see things as God does. It inspires us to give ourselves to others. It is the antidote to the mindset that says: "Sorry, that is not my problem", or: "I have no time, I can't help you, it's none of my business". Or that looks the other way...

In our city that hungers for love and care, that suffers from decay and neglect, that contains so many elderly people living alone, families in difficulty, young people struggling to earn their bread and to realize their dreams, the Lord says to each one of you: "You yourself give them something to eat". You may answer: "But I have so little; I am not up to such things". That is not true; your "little" has great value in the eyes of Jesus, provided that you don't keep it to yourself, but put it in play. Put yourself in play! You are not alone, for you have the Eucharist, bread for the journey, the bread of Jesus. Tonight too, we will be nourished by his body given up for us. If we receive it into our hearts, this bread will release in us the power of love. We will feel blessed and loved, and we will want to bless and love in turn, beginning here, in our city, in the streets where we will process this evening. The Lord comes to our streets in order to speak a blessing for us and to give us courage. And he asks that we too be blessing and gift for others.

(Homily from Church of Santa Maria Consolatrice, in the Roman quarter of Casal Bertone Sunday, 23 June 2019)



TABLE CULTURE IN THE 1ST CENTURY

In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practised open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.

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 ir 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

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill

Date: First Sunday each month starting June 5th, 2022

Time: 5.00pm – 6pm followed by a

shared supper.



TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading: Gen 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

- (R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.
- The Lord's revelation to my Master:
 'Sit on my right:
 I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)
- The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)
- A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)
- 4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!

ONLINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR REFUGEE WEEK

Monday 20 June 2022 at 6.00pm AEST - The World Day of Refugees

Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace are inviting you to participate in an online prayer service to pray for asylum seekers and refugees and mark Refugee Week from Sunday 19 June to Saturday 25 June 2022. The theme for the week is "healing".

Register now at:

https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES FORMATION Online event 20 June- 7.00pm-8.00pm

Relationships Matter- Presented by Robyn Donnelly Marriage and Relationship Educator- Pastoral Ministries)

The session provides participants with an understanding of patterns of behaviours that drain our emotional bank accounts and can cause the relationship to go into meltdown or disconnection of the parties. Participants can reflect on 7 areas that create strong sound relationships starting at the foundations this includes research around rituals and shared meaning, so your relationship stays connected to get through areas of disagreements or conflict.

To register go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/upcoming-events