



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 17 JULY 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.



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)

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—18th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—19th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—20th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—21st July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—22nd July

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West—CANCELLED

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—23rd 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—24th July

17th 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*) **
Cancelled until 11th September

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

CLERGY HOLIDAYS

No Polish Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral from SUNDAY 10 July, resuming 11 September. Fr Zaremba is taking annual leave and visiting Poland. We wish Fr Zaremba a wonderful trip and a safe return.

Fr Peter Thoai is on holidays from 12 July until 18 August. His Sunday Masses will be covered by retired clergy.

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays (before Friday Mass) at St Joseph's Church, The Junction. It is so wonderful that parishioners have supported this call to pray for world peace and all people are most welcome to attend!

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for July is:

July 20: Bible study wrap up


July 27: Lectio

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

HOUSIE IS BACK!

Thursday and Saturday nights from 7:30 until 10 in the Southern Cross Hall.

BOOK CLUB

 **Sunday, 7th August @ 6:15pm** to discuss *The Russian Wife* by Barry Maitland. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barbara Frost Fr. Bernie Maxwell, John Cooke, Ellen Kavanagh

ANNIVERSARIES: Edward James 'Jim' Boys, John & Sarah Mennie, Robert Mennie, Richard Mennie, John Mennie, Joseph Mennie, Mary Russell, Bede Russell, Moira Bailey, Slavko Kefecsek, Carolyn Lennon, Frank Blefari, Sheila Delaney, Sr. Maree Haggerty rsm, Sr. Philomene Tiernan rscj, Frank Narvo, Helen Amos

SICK: 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

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Gen 18:1-10

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

TODAY'S GOSPEL—A DIFFERENT VIEW

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that the story in today's Gospel is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS

New Planned Giving envelope sets (2022/2023) for existing planned givers are available for collection at the Regional Office Mon-Fri 9:30am to 4pm.

DIRECT GIVING

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

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

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours changed as of Monday 4th July; the new hours are 9.30am to 4pm. The office will be closed between 1 and 2pm for lunch.

Those who may visit the office outside the new opening hours can leave written messages, forms, and paperwork in a secure wall-mounted box (at the front door), or communicate via email or a phone message. All matters of concern will be attended to in a timely manner.



ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COUNCIL CHURCH CRAWL

Be quick there are only three spots left!

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.

[Church Crawl Tickets, Sat 23/07/2022 at 9:30 am | Eventbrite](#)

PASTORAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE

Pastoral Ministries is seeking to employ people in the following roles to engage with and to serve the wider diocesan community in growing mutually supportive relationships for the sake of community and mission.

Closing date for applications is 28 July 2022.

· *Officer Identity and Community* – <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/304>

· *Officer Worship and Prayer* - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/305>

· *Pastoral Ministries Youth Minister* - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/300>

· *Administration Assistant* – Community and Mission - <https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/dio/job/view/187>

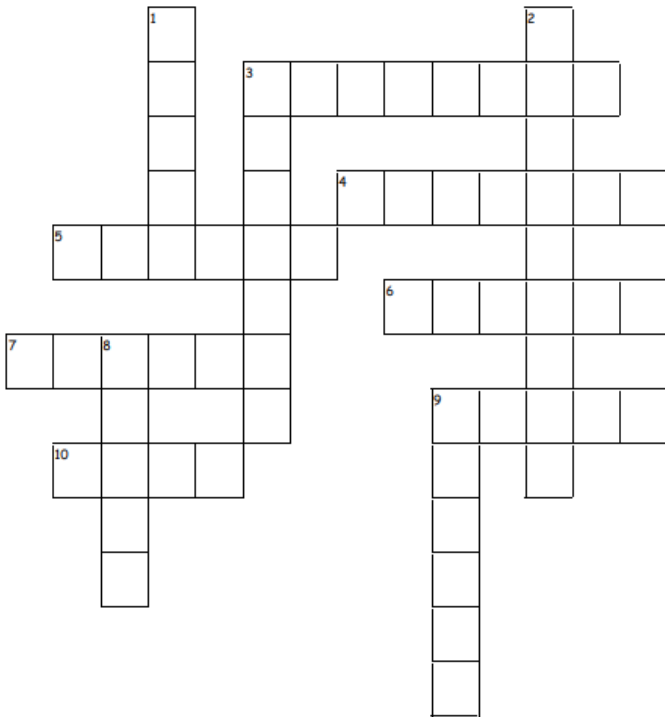
Calvary Retirement Community Cessnock is seeking a suitable person for the following role:

· *Pastoral Care Worker* - <https://careers.calvarycare.org.au/jobs/pastoral-care-worker-cessnock-nsw-australia>

CROSSWORD

Lord, I am honoured to serve you

Gen 18:1-10a
Ps 15:1-3a, 3bc and 5ef R.v.1a
Col 1:27-28
Lk 10:38-42



Across

- 3: to be given a friendly greeting
- 4: something that is not fully known or understood
- 5: to get older
- 6: selected
- 7: livestock
- 9: the wife of Abraham
- 10: the sister of Martha

Down

- 1: to have hurt feelings
- 2: something important that must be included
- 3: concerned
- 8: to pass on knowledge to others
- 9: the season that comes after winter

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

We welcome Jesus with generous hearts

Lk 10:38-42

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

Try to find these words:

best
chosen
disciples
listening
Mary
necessary
sister
travelling
upset
welcomed
work
worried

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

A Queensland grazier, a Sydney stockbroker, and a woman barrister from Melbourne died and were standing in line, waiting for their chance at the entrance to Heaven.

St Peter called the grazier first. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' St Peter said, 'You must spell "God".' 'Easy enough,' said the bloke from Queensland, 'G-O-D.' And he entered Heaven.

Next, St Peter called the man from Sydney. 'We have only one simple requirement for entrance here,' he said. 'You must spell "God".' 'No problem,' said the stockbroker, 'G-O-D.' And he went in.

Finally, the woman barrister approached St Peter. 'Good riddance to the world,' she said. 'My whole life, I've tried to excel in a male-dominated society, only to continuously bump into the proverbial "glass ceilings" at every point. I can't tell you, St Peter, how glad I am finally to be rid of male chauvinism.'

'Well, you'll certainly find none of that here,' said St Peter. 'I'm sure you'll enjoy heaven, if you can meet this one simple requirement for entrance. You must spell "Czechoslovakia".'

One of the things I find reassuring about today's Gospel is that the Church seems to have been wrestling with women's leadership since the very beginning. It's the issue that will not go away.

When it comes to interpreting scripture, I am always pleased that I'm a Catholic. We're not fundamentalists or literalists. We believe that the truth of the scripture lies not just in the words themselves, but also in the careful interpretation of the text in history. The story of Martha and Mary is a complex narrative. It can be read on at least two levels.

The first level is extraordinary enough: it focuses on Mary who assumes the position of the Rabbi's student and is defended against any attack on her right to be there. In first century Palestine, Jewish women were 'not permitted to be taught the Torah, but only instructed about how they should live their lives in obedience to its demands. They were not permitted to touch the scriptures nor to take part in public debate or official liturgical ritual.' (Fitzmyer, Luke p.892) From this context we can see the sort of freedom Jesus envisaged for women, against the practice of his own day.

On another level, however, this story focuses on Martha. The writer of Luke's Gospel tells us that we are in Martha's home and, that with Jesus as special

guest at table, she is serving the members of her household with care and devotion. Martha comes across as strong and outspoken. Mary, meanwhile, is passive and silent. It is likely this story is criticising a call in Luke's community for women to move away from the leadership Jesus gave them and to adopt again the traditional roles to which the Jewish/Christians were more familiar.

At the Vatican on 21 May 2000 the Pope told a group of Bishops from the USA: 'The genius of women must be ever more a vital strength of the Church of the next millennium, just as it was in the first communities of Christ's disciples.'

To that end today's story from such a community holds a key to our own dilemma. Just as Jesus broke through the gender boundaries of his own day, so too must we. We must renew our commitment to ending anything that degrades, exploits or dehumanises women throughout the world.

But more, it's time for the Church to take some strong symbolic and practical steps to defend the leadership of women within our own Catholic community. For example, Church teaching does not stand in the way of re-admitting lay people, and this time lay women, into the College of Cardinals; women could continue to assume high profile positions in each Diocese and also leaderships roles within the Roman Curia, starting with those departments that deal with instructions and decisions that directly affect them; and the Church could welcome the ordination of women as Deacons.

These avenues would enable women to have even more options for them to demonstrate and realise the full extent of their genius, as the Pope puts it.

At this Eucharist, then, let us recommit ourselves to using, in the best possible way for the mission of the Church, the gifts, talents and strengths of over half our community. May we learn from the earliest Church, described in today's Gospel, 'that which is the better part' and never 'take it away from her.'

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FROM TUESDAY'S WITH TERESA (ON THE DIOCESAN WEBSITE)

This past week, the Second General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia (July 3-9, 2022) was held, and I am conscious that on Day 3 the deliberative vote on some of the motions for Part 4 – *Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men*, failed to pass. Women, some men, and clergy stood silently, a move which disrupted the proceedings.

One of the rejected motions mentioned “ensuring that women are appropriately represented in decision-making structures of Church governance at the parish, diocese or eparchy, and national level, and in Church agencies” and “ensuring, through formal policies and intentional practice, that the experiences and perspectives of women are heard, considered and valued”.

This sense of pain, discontent and hurt was followed by the re-drafting of five motions supporting equal dignity of women and men in the Church, which on Friday, passed both the consultative and deliberative votes at the Plenary Council. It was noted that the Holy Spirit was both a comforter and a disrupter.

There were eight parts which the members of the Plenary Council considered during the week:

Part 1 – Reconciliation: Healing Wounds, Receiving Gifts

Part 2 – Choosing Repentance – Seeking Healing

Part 3 – Called by Christ – Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples

Part 4 – Witnessing the Equal Dignity of Women and Men

Part 5 – Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World

Part 6 – Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry

Part 7 – At the Service of Communion, Participation, and Mission: Governance

Part 8 – Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of our Common Home

The agenda and motions of the second assembly drew together the fruits of four years of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment, which have been the marks of this long Plenary journey.

This process has been an expression of the synodality that Pope Francis has identified as a key dimension of the Church's life in the third millennium. Synodality is the way of being a pilgrim Church, a Church that journeys together and listens together, so that we might more faithfully act together in responding to our God-given vocation and mission. This journey of synodality will re-shape our engagement with the world, our evangelising mission and our works of service in a rapidly changing environment.

The seeds have been sown and now we wait and participate in their flourishing. The outcomes of the

Plenary Council will continue to inform our own diocesan synodal journey.

The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes* reminds us.

Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not to be served... To carry out such a task, the Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. (3-4)

Fr Richard Lennan, provided input on Day 4 (6 July) on Communion in Grace: Sacrament to the World. He spoke about our liturgical sacramental life, portraying it as a way in which we grow as communion and grace. I share some of his talk:

1. *Grace is the self-expression of God, the gift of God's own life and therefore gives life. Grace is abundant and we live and move and have our being in grace. This invites us to an ongoing permanent relationship with God.*
2. *Grace is God's initiative and mediates what is not of God to mediate God – that is the notion of sacramentality. This has a history which begins in the covenants of Israel. So, the land, the law and the prophets become genuine encounters with God and are therefore sacramental. This reaches its fullness in Jesus Christ. Jesus is grace in human form and the healing grace of God is present in us as one like us; to comfort, to encourage, to feed, and to forgive. And through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we as human beings and a human community in the whole of human history are reconciled to God and given the promise of a future fulfillment in God. What God accomplishes in Jesus continues through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the fullness of the trinitarian revelation of God. What the Spirit does is gather together a community of faith and witness in Jesus Christ, that's us, that's the church. The Church exists to be sacrament of God's love, to make present that love of God in our world. As church we are not perfect, rather we are continually called to mission and conversion.*
3. *If we are to be a community that manifests grace, we need to be nurtured in grace, and that gets us to the sacramental and liturgical life of the church. We need to be people nurtured by the Word of God, by our sacraments, by our communal life, by our personal prayer, by our being together and sharing faith, and through that we can grow as a community that makes manifest God's justice in our world.*

4. *The Church which exists to manifest this grace, has to be a community open to its own conversion, so that we are constantly seeking how might we make this love of God present more fruitfully. So how might our liturgies better reflect this life-giving love of God. How will the motions help us to grow as a community transparent to the grace of God, a community more able to witness to the hope that we have in Christ.*

We are called to mediate God's grace to our world in this time and place. I wonder how we are going at doing this. Over to all of us to make this real!!!!

Thank you to the 277 members of the Plenary Council, to the facilitation team, to all the organisers and many others for all the work of last week. We have witnessed a moment in history.

JULY/AUGUST RETREATS AT ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

There are a number of retreats being hosted at St Mary's Towers in Douglas Park during July and August. They are as follows:

- 15-21 July \$930 or Weekend 15-17 July \$310: At Home in the Heart: Therese Carroll rsj
- 22-24 July \$310 Prayer Weekend: In the Company of Women: Woman with the Haemorrhage: Elizabeth Lee
- 3-11 Aug \$1240 or Weekend 5-7 Aug \$310: In the Heart of Creation with Jesus: Retreat Team
- 13-22 Aug \$1395 Life's Healing Journey or Private Weekend 19-21 Aug \$310: Retreat Team
- 24 Aug – 1 Sep \$1240 or Private Weekend 26-28 Aug \$310: Retreat Team

For more information or a flyer contact contact@towersretreat.org.au or 02 4630 0233. An application form can be found here:

www.towersretreat.org.au/1-retreat-application-form/file

REDISCOVERING JOY—FINDING WONDER AND JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD.

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

Date: 15 August 2022

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am)

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley. **Cost:** \$30

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467

Scriptural Context

Scriptural context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Sacred Heart Cathedral Columbarium whose anniversaries occur in July:

Reginald Bennett
Coral Dawn (Diri) Cooke
Gerard Daly
Patrick Docherty
John Doran
Maree Margaret Drennan
Mary Everleigh
Sergio Franceschi
Fay Franks
Joan Marjorie Harris
Kevin Thomas Kelly
Teresa Gabriela Lewandowska
Reg Jim McLean
Ken Moulston
Frank Narvo
Jerzy Nowakowski
Mildred Roser
Christine Smith
Eric Smith
Josef Stefanson
Clarence Joseph Withers

Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been
revealed to his saints.*

Gospel Acclamation: See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a gener-
ous heart

and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary
chose the better part.*

Communion Antiphon: Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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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

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

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.

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.