



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 3 JULY 2022

14TH 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 Harvest is Plentiful,
but the Labourers are few. - Matt 9:37**

GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 3 July 2022



CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

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

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—4th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—5th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

12 noon Funeral Mass for Ellen Kavenagh @ Mayfield West

Wednesday—6th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

10:30am Funeral Mass for Aurora Toscano @ The Junction

Thursday—7th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—8th July

9:00am 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—9th 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—10th July

15th 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

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*

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

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

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 – 6.00pm followed by a shared supper.

HOUSIE IS BACK!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kodi Crockett, Ellen Kavanagh, Aurora Toscano, Don Lloyd, Sr Patricia Lake rsm, Robyn Murphy

ANNIVERSARIES: Eden Brice, Terry Hart, Winifred Hart, Nancy O'Toole, Marie Edeline Anicich, Fr Tony Stace, Brian Nolan, Terry O'Brien, Katie Geatches, Paul Riley

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:

Deut 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Hamilton conference will be holding its winter appeal this weekend: July, 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 July is:

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.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New Planned Giving envelope sets (2022/2023) for existing planned givers are now available for collection from your church. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the Regional Office Ph: 4979 1101.

Any uncollected envelopes after next weekend, will be returned to the Regional Centre where they can be collected Mon-Fri 9:30am to 4pm.

If you would like to join the planned giving system, please contact me at the Regional Centre Ph. 4979 1254 or email: anne.warren@mn.catholic.org.au. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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

LIVING THE GOSPEL – DISCIPLESHIP

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud of their achievements, but rather to be happy that their 'names are written in heaven'. In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Parish office staffing levels will be reduced over the coming weeks due to leave and absences, so now is an appropriate time to adjust the Parish office face-to-face opening hours to better manage roles and tasks.

The Parish Office hours will be adjusted 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.

We hope this new arrangement does not cause undue inconvenience and we appreciate your understanding and co-operation.



APOSTOLIC LETTER

The Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis – 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God' is available on the Vatican Website. <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

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

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.

THE CHUCKLE

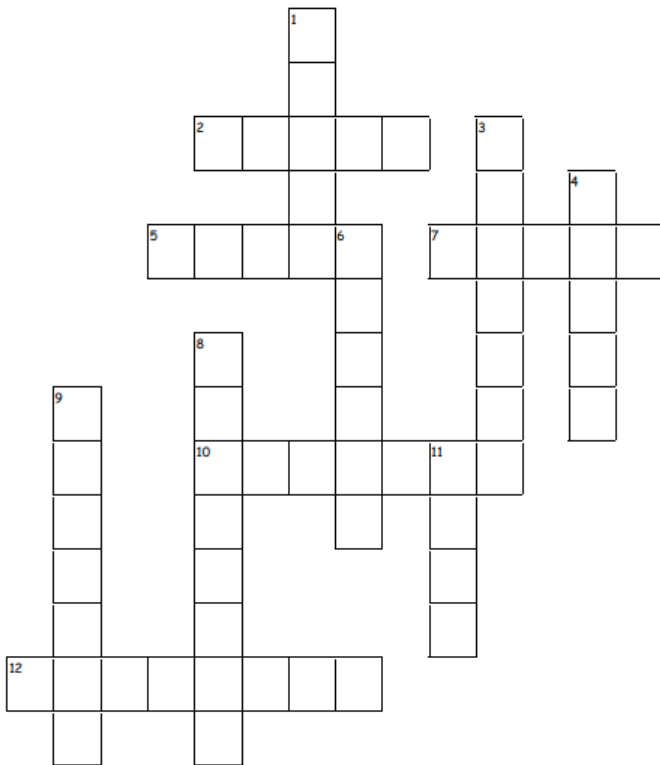
Disciple: Oh wise and all knowing one, take me to the realm of perfect peace.

Master: If I take *you* to that realm, it will no longer be peaceful.

CROSSWORD

Everyone will know the Lord is with you

Is 66:10-14c
Ps 66:1-3ab, 6-7a, 16 and 20 R.v.1
Lk 10:1-9



Across

- 2: when there is no conflict or fighting
5: consecrate
7: overflow with water
10: be happy, celebrate
12: welcoming with words

Down

- 1: a lawn is made of this green plant
3: a small town
4: a building people live in
6: a feeling of sadness
8: the opposite of weakness
9: people who work
11: a very large town

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Jesus sends out his followers with peace

Lk 10:1-9

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

Try to find these words:

bless
drinking
greeting
harvest
heal
house
lambs
peace
sandals
village
welcome
workers

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

A man was in his dinghy on a lake when a large yacht rammed him and his dinghy sank. As the man began to drown, the crew of the yacht threw him a life jacket, but the man yelled back, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'

Straight away another boat pulled up beside the man to haul him aboard, but he refused to go saying, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'

Just then, the Air & Sea helicopter flew overhead and dropped a ladder, but the man pushed it away yelling out, 'I don't need help, for God will soon save me.'

And with that the man drowns.

He meets God and angrily enquires, 'Where were you when I needed you most? I kept believing you would save me and I've ended up here.'

'Don't blame me for your tragic death' replied God, 'I sent you a lifejacket, a boat and a helicopter.'

Traditionally, this Gospel has been used to talk about vocations to the priestly and religious life. While it can apply to these specific roles of service in the Church, to exclusively read the labourers in the harvest as priests and religious undermines the power of Jesus' message. His commission of the seventy disciples must be read over and against his commissions to the twelve. The seventy are called to be evangelisers, to go and prepare the way for Jesus to visit the surrounding villages and towns. This commission is for the whole community. It is the priesthood of all believers. The twelve are later commissioned to serve as leaders of the community.

Through baptism we have all been commissioned to go out to live and proclaim the Good News of Christ, to keep journeying on to all our sisters and brothers and prepare the way for Christ to come into their lives. The number of labourers for this harvest has never been greater. We have never had more Christians in the world than we have right now. If all of us who have been baptised in Christ were living out the Gospel and bringing it to bear in our personal, family, social and national life, then the world would be transformed. As Gandhi once said, 'I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians living out what they profess to believe.' We seem to have lost our courage, our nerve for the task at hand. We have been consumed by sheepishness and daunted by the wolves.

Jesus reminds us that to live out this commission we need to depend on each other for support, hospitality

and kindness. He challenges us to travel light and stick together.

So let us pray in this Eucharist for ourselves, labourers who are putting in a hard day's work in the harvest. Let us pray for the gift of faith and gratitude for the privilege of the commission. Let us also pray that all baptised people will live out their faith in such a manner that it prepares the way for the Christ to come in every village and town. And let us ask for eyes to see the extraordinary flowering of vocations throughout the Church and celebrate how grace comes in many shapes and sizes, even as a life jacket, a boat and a helicopter.

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GOSPEL FOCUS

Blessing & Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, "The kingdom of God is very near." In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

NAIDOC WEEK RESOURCES AND SERVICE

NAIDOC Week is this week (3-10 July), and affords another opportunity for our parishioners to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our faith communities.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry Council and the Pastoral Ministries Team are resources within our diocese available to collaborate with parish communities seeking to learn more about this important aspect of our Catholic identity. For more information, please contact: Brendon.Mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au

This Sunday 3rd July, the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle will celebrate 'Coming of the Light' at Christ Church Cathedral at 6pm. This celebration commemorates the adoption of Christianity through Torres Strait Island communities during the late nineteenth century. All are welcome.



THE HARVEST

Today's gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few'. This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

DISCOVER THE DIOCESE'S NEW APP!

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's new app is available now! Mass times, news and events, and parish giving will be just a tap away.

As part of the new app, you are also able to select your Church and receive customised alerts. To view your latest Parish updates, simply scroll down the home page and click on the notices that interest you for more details.

You can download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!

To learn more about the app, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app

STELLA MARIS - APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (PORT CHAPLAINCY) APPEAL

Next week is Sea Sunday (10 July), when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

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

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.](#)

HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTRODUCTORY UNIT

The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is running an Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education commencing Monday 18 July. Topics covered will include: Pastoral Care, Listening, Self-Awareness, Grief, Healing and Illness, Community.

Dates: [Six weeks commencing Monday 18 July, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 29 August](#)

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Mackillop Parish Hall, Milson Street Charlestown

Enrolment: [1 July 2022](#)

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[0408 151 481](tel:0408151481)

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

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

LIVING & GOSPEL

Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their "names are written in heaven". In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!



The 'Lord of the harvest' sends out disciples to spread the good news of the Kingdom in this reading from Luke's gospel. The yield of his harvest is high, but there are problems recruiting workers to bring in the crop. Perhaps this is because the work of a disciple is demanding and ultimately dangerous.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

Your peace will rest upon him.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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!

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, 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.