



# 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 28 AUGUST 2022

### 22ND 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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



Jesus challenges his disciples to replace their self-interest with a more generous and outgoing desire to serve others. Openhearted response to 'the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind' has more value and requires more courage than building social status or staying cosily within strictly reciprocal relationships.

Art and 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)

*Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time, Year C*

Monday—29th August

*Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—30th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—31st August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—1st September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—2nd September

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—3rd September

*Memorial of St Gregory the Great*

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—4th August

*23rd 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 Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Taize Service @ Tighes Hill

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

\* Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—  
[www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton](http://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Wis 9:13-18

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Lk 14:25-33



## FROM THE MODERATOR

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Renovations - Tudor Street Building

Those who attend Mass in the Cathedral may have recently noticed a few extra pews in different parts of the Cathedral. These have come from the Tudor Street Building which is the building at the eastern side of the



Cathedral which houses meeting rooms, the Inter-Diocesan Tribunal and Marriage Education offices. In the next few weeks major renovations to this building will commence, which to convert it into the new Maitland Newcastle Diocesan Library, along with new meeting rooms and toilet facilities. Unfortunately, this construction work, which will last several months will require the demolition of the toilet block currently used by parishioners and visitors who worship in the Cathedral. However, the Property Department which is overseeing the renovations, has advised that a large temporary toilet with wheelchair access, and connected with the underground sewerage system, will be set-up on the eastern side of the Cathedral for parishioners and visitors to use during the period of renovations. The Diocese apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

On another matter, you may have noticed in our recent bulletins that Catholic Care have been asking for donations during August to support their amazing work in providing thousands of meals to poor and homeless people across our Diocese every month. If you haven't yet donated and can afford to give something, it would be a great assistance in enabling them to continue this important service, as they receive no government funding for this. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Wishing you all every grace and blessing,  
Fr John

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



The Hamilton conference would like to thank the parishioners of Hamilton and Tighes Hill once again for their generous contributions to our winter appeal.

The total amount donated was \$16,550, which is very much appreciated

## TAIZE SERVICE

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
Tighes Hill

Date: Sunday September 4

Time: 5.00pm – 6pm

*followed by a shared supper.*



## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Sunday September 4 @ 3pm, Christ the King Church,  
Mayfield West. All welcome.

## BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, 4th September @ 6:15pm** to  
discuss *The Mother* by Jane Caro. If you  
would like to participate in book club  
meetings, please email  
[newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



## VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for August and September is:

August 31: No meeting

September 7: Bible Study: Son of God

Episode 2, "The Mission" discusses how Jesus became  
popular among Jews and Greeks, and why the  
Pharisees of the area might have seen him as a threat.

September 14 and 21: Lectio

September 28: No meeting

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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Australia's Catholic Bishops have used their annual  
Social Justice Statement to condemn the scourge of  
domestic and family violence, saying relationships  
must be "marked by respect and freedom rather than  
coercion and control." For more information or to  
read the full statement, visit [https://  
socialjustice.catholic.org.au](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## 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](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

# LIVING THE GOSPEL

## What's the cost?

*Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.*

## MIGRANT AND REFUGEE KIT

The Migrant and Refugee Kit has been released ahead of the 108<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrant and Refugees. To be commemorated in Australia on Sunday 25 September 2022, Pope Francis has chosen the theme, "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees". Included in the Migrant and Refugee Kit are stories from local communities, reflections and prayers of the faithful to assist parishes, schools, families and other Church communities in celebrating this important event. To access the kit, visit <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10N1tBLWvyU9E1WSv4y81tYYeOVRfnqv>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Keddie, Sr. Patricia Barret, op, Sr Pauline Murray, rsm, Colin Crittenden, Shirley Wade

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Martin Shanahan, Hazel Delaney, John Fitzpatrick, Max Geatches, Patricia Nolan, Carmel Jennings, Louise Little, Audrey Gilholme, James Dixon, Joan Fitzgerald (nee Dwyer), Merle Peters

**SICK:** John Woods, Ronnie Jennings, Eileen Howard, Eva Grant, Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Tiani Bishop, 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](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).*

## REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

### *What's in it for me?*

One of the most basic human responses to anything new is to ask, 'What's in it for me?' We would like to think our motives are pure and our interests are for others, but there is often a nagging voice reminding us that selfish desires are never far from the surface.

That said, we all know heroic individuals who care for sick spouses or children, who go to faraway places to give those in need their time and talent or who stay at home and do the same in their local neighbourhood. That's what makes them heroic. There is nothing in it for them; they are drawn by bonds of love, faith or by a desire to create a better world.

There are at least two ways we can hear Jesus' words in today's gospel. The first is as a strong challenge about social justice.

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters. At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little – except God's justice.'

A somewhat comforting angle to take on this gospel is more psychological. Many of us, when we come to God at any time, try to dress ourselves up to look better than we are! This gospel reminds us that at Christ's banquet, however, it's not the poised and perfect who are most welcome, but the vulnerable. What does this mean for us who pray and celebrate the Eucharist? That God embraces those parts of us that are in greatest need of his love and healing – where we are poor, crippled, blind and lame.

We know this is true because if Jesus is telling us to host the poor and broken at our tables, then as the perfect host he must do exactly the same with us at this Eucharistic meal as well.

When I was a child we referred to our finest clothes as our 'Sunday best' and we wore them proudly to Mass. Not only did we look good, we acted the part as well. Everyone was on best behaviour for the entire parish to see. Now, I have nothing against dressing with care and behaving well at Mass; it can be a sign of our self-respect, our courtesy toward others and our devotion to God. But God cares more about what's going on inside us. We can never hide from God, especially at the Eucharist because we have been invited to be here, not as we would like to be, but as we are.

May this Eucharist – this taste of heaven's justice – give us renewed courage to think beyond our self and national interests, and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us. May we discover that where faith is concerned, the answer to 'What's in it for me?' is 'More than we can ever hope or imagine.'

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## THE GOODNESS OF GOD

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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## JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Humble yourself and you will be honoured

Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

banquet  
blind  
dinner  
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friends  
guest  
invited  
lame  
neighbours  
Pharisee  
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rich

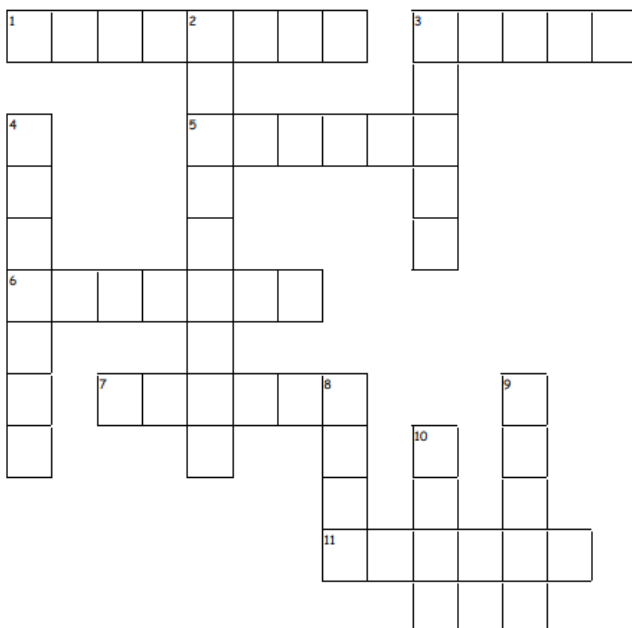
## CROSSWORD

The more important you are, the more humble you should be

Sir 3:17-18, 20

Ps 68:3-4acdef, 5-6abced, 9-10 R. v. (see 11b)

Lk 14:1, 7-14



### Across

- 1: Jewish religious leader
- 3: a person entertained at the house or table of another
- 5: to make someone happy
- 6: asked to attend
- 7: an evening meal
- 11: modest, lowly

### Down

- 2: significant
- 3: mighty, impressive
- 4: spoken highly of by another
- 8: wealthy
- 9: a young person
- 10: unable to walk

## APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to give participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help people explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

## SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL SEARCHES FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES

Over the coming month, more than 60 people from refugee backgrounds are arriving in Newcastle, and Settlement Services International (SSI) are struggling to secure enough on-arrival accommodation to house them. The regional housing crisis that is affecting our whole community is having a significant impact on their ability to welcome people into our community. At this stage it looks like they may need to redirect families to Sydney. Can you help?

SSI is looking for houses or units that can fit families of two to seven people, or some single bedroom units. Some of these rental properties will be "head leased" by SSI Group and used as on-arrival accommodation. Others may be rented directly to families from refugee backgrounds already here, and free up some of our existing on-arrival accommodation. Unfortunately, generous offers of a room in someone's home can't be used for on-arrival accommodation for these families. Email Helen Larkin [hlarkin@ssi.org.au](mailto:hlarkin@ssi.org.au) if you can help.

## 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.

## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation** is available at **Sacred Heart Cathedral: Usually Fridays** from **11am** until **11.55am** and on Saturdays from **about 10.30am** until **11am**. Other times available by appointment.

**Baptisms** are celebrated on Sundays, either during or after any of our Sunday Masses. A monthly Baptism Preparation meeting takes place on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will take place in the Regional Office on **Wednesday, 4th September**, commencing at **5.30pm**. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

A **Sacramental Preparation** process runs each year in the parishes for children wishing to complete the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation as part of the community of the parishes of the Region. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

For adults who wish to become part of the Church, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** for those who have not been baptised, and the process of **Reception into Full Communion** for those who have been baptised in other churches. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

**Weddings** are celebrated by arrangement with at least three (and preferably more) months notice. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

## 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

Collection baskets also at Tighes Hill.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours are 9.30am to 4pm; we are closed between 1 and 2pm for lunch.

Those who 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.

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Betty Caelli  
Lynda Corrigan  
Joan Adele Daly  
William (Jack) Everleigh  
Aileen Gilbert  
Nesta Haggerty  
Kathleen Hart  
Margaret Hogg  
Harry Kilner  
Leon Lakomy  
Thi Kim Loan Le  
Mary Loscocco  
Teresa Losurdo  
Anthony Mangioni  
Maree Ann Martin  
Mark Murphy  
Henry Petherbridge  
Ashleigh Powter  
Sheelagh Ruggero  
Madeleine Savage  
Veronica (Rhona) Seath  
Robert (Bob) Smythe  
Marjorie Wakely

## **Historical** **CONTEXT** **Hospitality**

*In the first century, hospitality carried with it certain rules and expectations. If you were the recipient of hospitality, there was an obligation on you to return hospitality if it were within your means. Hospitality meant more than feeding people. It meant extending welcome to people even if you didn't know them. There was an obligation to extend welcome and hospitality to anyone who asked for it. Travellers knew that they could enter a village and ask for a meal and a bed and they would be provided. Jesus reinterpreted this obligation of hospitality and extended to anyone in need.*

## CAN YOU HELP CATHOLICARE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS AUGUST?

CatholicCare's Community Kitchens provide thousands of meals across the Hunter-Manning region each month and help people who have nowhere else to turn. However, these important services receive no government funding, so we rely on the generosity of the community. Please give a gift today to help us provide more meals to people in need. Your tax-deductible donation will go directly to our local food programs, ensuring no one is turned away and that everyone is welcomed with a hot meal and a smile. Go to <https://www.mycare.com.au/page/288431/make-a-difference> for more information or to donate.

## WAITING WITH PURPOSE

As we continue our synodal journey we invite you to a period of waiting this Advent through connecting with each other in prayer and reflection. Our Diocesan Advent Reflection will be available from October 2022.

## FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR RCIA AND SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION MINISTERS

Saturday 10 September, Morpeth, 10am to 3.30pm – Reflection Day 'Come rest a while' in appreciation of current and interested Christian Initiation ministers. Opportunity to listen, reflect and get to know other ministers. Morning tea and lunch provided. Details and registration at

[come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au](https://come-rest-a-while.eventbrite.com.au).

Sundays September 18, 25; Oct 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, Newcastle West, 1pm to 4.30pm – Formation process 'Go make disciples' for new and experienced Christian Initiation ministers. Explore the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) over six Sunday afternoons. Details and registration at

[go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au](https://go-make-disciples.eventbrite.com.au)

Read more at [tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd](https://tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd) Enquiries to [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au) or P 4979 1134.

## MASS CELEBRATING DIVERSE LEARNING

Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration. It's on Sunday 18 September from 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie. An afternoon tea will be hosted after Mass, no RSVP is required. For more information please contact Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000.

## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

### First Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.  
(R.)

### Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

*You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

### Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

### Communion Antiphon: Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

## ART AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

An art and spirituality workshop will be held on 15 September at St Joseph's Community Centre, Kilaben Bay from 9am to 3pm. This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection.

Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit.

Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

Cost: \$25.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-and-spirituality-workshop-tickets-359269162737>

For further information contact Rose McAllister on [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

## SEASON OF CREATION: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

This annual Christian celebration calls us to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation. This year they unite around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation." 1 September 7.00pm for an evening of prayer and reflection as we commence the Season of Creation 2023. To register go to: <https://>

## 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!



## THE CHUCKLE

Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Opera House?

A: Of course. The Opera House can't jump.

