



# 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 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

### 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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The nature of discipleship is the focus of today's gospel reading. To be a true disciple, it is necessary to put commitment to Jesus before relationships, material possessions, comfort and safety.

#### **Happy Father's Day**

Heavenly Father,  
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers  
for the many times they reflected the love, strength,  
generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in  
Your relationship with us, Your children.

**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)

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

Monday—5th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—6th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—7th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

10:30am Funeral Mass of Wladyslaw Zarcynski

11am Funeral of John Ball @ St Joseph's

Thursday—8th September

*Feast of The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

10am Funeral Mass of Sr Marie Craddock @ Lochinvar

Friday—9th 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—10th September

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—11th August

*Perpetual Day of Remembrance*

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](http://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton)*

\* 15 September marks a day of remembering the harm caused by a history of child sexual abuse and failure to protect children within the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

## FROM THE MODERATOR

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

On behalf of all our staff, parish teams, my fellow clergy and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our dads every blessing and a very happy Father's Day. And for those of us whose dads have left this world, we give thanks to the Lord for the legacy of their lives and look forward to that time when we'll all be re-united in the eternal kingdom of our one Heavenly Father.

With love,

Fr John



### NOTICE TO VOLUNTEER/HELPERS

If you are thinking about volunteering, we thank you for your generosity and contribution. Volunteers are most welcome in our parish communities.

As a new volunteer, you will be guided through a necessary induction process. The purpose is to familiarise you with the processes, policies and procedures that will make your time volunteering in our parish communities safe and rewarding. Induction will also include the completion of required forms.

Organizational policies and procedures applicable to your role as a volunteer can be viewed at

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/people/volunteer/)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ezekiel: 37:1-14

Romans: 14:7 – 9

Luke: 1:46-56



### 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

### 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!



## 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:  
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.

## 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/10N1tBLWyyU9E1WSv\\_4y81tYYeOVRfnqv](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10N1tBLWyyU9E1WSv_4y81tYYeOVRfnqv)

## 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)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Terri Kerr, Sr Marie Craddock, rsj, Carolyn Strudwick, Pamela Norman, John Ball, Jim Lennon, Wladyslaw Zarczynski

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Canice Watt, Francis Fernando, Delicia Fernando, Victor Fernando, Dot Bunt, Betty Hooton, Amelia & Hilton Hoffman, Jack and Zofia Cizek, Kay Noble, Laurie Dowling, Georgia Dragon

**SICK:** Karen Varnum, 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, Ronald Watt

*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).*

## ADVANCE NOTICE—MERCY DAY

The regular Saturday morning Mass, Novena, and Confessions will not be celebrated on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Instead, to celebrate Mercy Day, we will join with the Sisters of Mercy to celebrate Our Lady of Mercy Mass at 10.30am. All welcome to share this special day!



## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?



# PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 11

2022 marks five years since Lina's Project and Bishop Bill Wright establishing 15 September as a Perpetual day of Remembrance throughout the diocese.

A lot has happened in these five years, and particularly in the last twelve months or more. Our context is different, and context informs our feelings and understandings, our priorities and choices, our prayer and liturgy.

Two-and-a-half years of living with COVID-19 has opened our eyes, and the eyes of Australian society, to the broad spectrum of abuse including:

- The increasing incidence of domestic violence and abuse
- Ongoing child abuse in families: physical, sexual, emotional
- Lack of care and resources, and the abuse of the elderly both in aged care homes and our neighbourhoods
- Lack of care and resources, and the abuse of people with a disability, including our brothers and sisters who live with a mental health illness in care facilities and our neighbourhoods
- The sexual abuse and intimidation of women in society and some institutions structured around power, including our parliament
- Abuse of power in government institutions that disrespects all of us and our democratic principles including those of equity and justice
- Rampant abuse of creation, particularly of the earth which is our common home.

Our 2022 context also includes war in the Ukraine, and political and military power struggles and posturing in Asia and the Pacific.

Violence in all its forms, and abuse in particular, exist on a very broad spectrum. The examples listed above are on the extreme end. At the other end are the tiny seeds of abuse which, if not challenged, grow into and enable the extremes. Our long standing 'Prayer for Turning on Light' names some of these seeds: dishonesty, disrespect, hidden agendas, silence, exclusion. Such behaviours continue in our society, communities and workplaces.

What are we – the Catholic community – learning from our experience of abuse within the Church? How are we changing? What are we noticing and speaking up about now our eyes are wide open? What are we doing differently? How can our story and experience

of the historical sexual abuse of children break us open to be a force for good and a source of wisdom in our ever-changing context? We know this landscape inside out. We know it because of the courage of survivors who have spoken up, and the media who amplified their voices and told their stories.

The Diocese has many resources available that support the Church's prayer response to the Perpetual Day of Remembrance (<http://mn.catholic.org.au>) Prayer is not our only response. It is, however, our unique response. The social workers, counsellors, police, media, doctors, lawyers, government and the many other support networks, including our own church networks, continue to respond to survivors and their families with their human presence and particular professional expertise.

The community of faith prays with its eyes and hearts wide open. The community of faith prays that it will be changed – 'it' being the church.

The community of faith prays: for those who cannot pray, for those who have lost all hope and faith, for those who see no possibility of healing, no hope for a new day. The community of faith prays for the survivors of sexual abuse perpetuated by members of the Catholic Church.

The community of faith prays for those in our society who are standing up and speaking out and demanding change: those who speak up for the environment; those who speak up for women: people like Rosie Batty, Grace Tame and Brittany Higgins who name our unpalatable truths; family members who speak out about elder abuse and abuse of those living with a mental illness; people who are part of unjust systems and who name a truth and demand change.

The community of faith holds hope for those who are no longer able to hope. As the People of God whose life is grounded in Christ's Paschal Mystery we know and seek to proclaim a truth far deeper than human wisdom and logic. It is the truth that in the very worst, the very darkest, the most devastating and hope-less moments of life, God is there with us, suffering with us, waiting with us, and acting to bring new and unimagined life out of death.

In 2022 our context has sharpened the imperative to remember and reflect on the story of historic child sexual abuse in the church of Maitland-Newcastle. The need for prayer is even more urgent. As always, the point of our remembering and praying is that we will be changed so we will help to shine the light of Christ in all the dark places of our Church and our world. We pray as Jesus taught the disciples

*that God's Kingdom will come and God's will be done.*

## SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST VIGIL

To draw a line of continuity with National Child Protection Week, we invite you to begin our Perpetual Day of Remembrance with a Shine the Light of Christ Vigil. Churches, Schools, Diocesan Agencies and associated groups, individuals, house mates, families and communities are invited to turn/leave on a light on Saturday night September 10, the last day of National Child Protection Week and the Vigil Mass for Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday. This is a simple and public way to show we stand with survivors, and their families and friends, and that we are committed to Shine the Light of Christ on this issue and in our world. Immediately below is the Prayer for Turning on the Light of Christ. This will be easy for parish groups to do after the Vigil Mass.

### PRAYER FOR TURNING ON 'THE LIGHT OF CHRIST'

If there is more than one person, the introductory dialogue will work as indicated below.

If you are alone, you might also say the response and omit 'Let us pray.'

Person 1: The light of Christ shines in the darkness

**Response: and the darkness shall never overcome it.**

Let us pray  
God with us,  
you have made us in your image  
and filled us with the breath of your divine life.  
Through the life of Jesus  
you show us the way to live in the light of your love.

As darkness falls may these lights remind us  
of our mission to shine the light of your love  
on the darkness of our Church and world.

Create a clean heart in us O God.

Where people are disempowered  
May we shine the light of your justice.  
Where there is privilege and prestige  
May we shine the light of your humility.  
Where there is dishonesty and denial  
May we shine the light of your truth.  
Where transparency is lacking and agendas are hidden  
May we shine the light of your integrity.  
Where there is fear  
May we shine the light of your courage.  
Where there is judgement  
May we shine the light of your compassion.  
Where there is disrespect  
May we shine the light of your love.  
Where people feel silenced

May we shine the light of your word.  
Where people feel excluded  
May we shine the light of your acceptance.  
Where there is sin  
May we shine the light of your forgiveness.  
Create a clean heart in us O God.

### For turning off the lights

Day has dawned.  
As we turn off our lights  
we commit to shining the light of Christ in all we do  
throughout our day.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS WE LAMENT AND WE HOPE

This year, for the first time, a version of the 'Stations of the Cross' has been prepared specifically for the Perpetual Day of Remembrance. It is available on the diocesan website if you would like to pray them individually. We will pray them together at Sacred heart Cathedral on 15th September @ 6pm



### LEAD US

Lord,  
Lead us from death to life,  
From falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.  
Let us dream together, pray together and work together,  
To build one world of peace and justice for all.

*Author unknown*

## 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 September:

Allan Atkins  
Eileen Boswell  
Francis Bernard Paul Clarke  
Pietro Dalle Nogare  
John Duggan  
Mieczyslaw Kawka  
Kathleen Joan (Joanie) Lawrence  
Kenneth Lidbetter  
Brian Lowe  
Nelvia Nelio Martinelli  
Allan McKinnon  
Alphonsus Paul McLachlan  
Ann Mary Mercieca  
Patricia Ryan  
Margaret Smith  
Patricia Tuxworth  
Kay Annette Varnum  
John Winstanley

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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th from 1pm. Apologies for any inconvenience!

## **Historical** **Context** **Radical poverty**

*The earliest Christian communities were characterized by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.*

## 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: Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

### First Reading: Wis 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a  
very dear brother.*

### Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions can-  
not be my disciples.*

### Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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## 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)

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

To celebrate Father's Day,  
here's my favourite dad joke:  
What's brown and sticky? A stick.

## STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author Unknown