

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 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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# PRAYER FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

Almighty God,
You are the author and
sustainer of all human
life; grant that your
servant, Elizabeth our
Queen, whom you
granted a long and
happy reign
as Monarch of these
lands may be forgiven
her sins and rewarded



with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

Who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit God,

forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord,

And let Perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—19th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—20th September

Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim Tao-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-

sand & companions

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.30am Mass @ Stockton—Cancelled\*\*

Wednesday—21st September

Feast of St Matthew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West—Cancelled\*\*

Thursday—22nd September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton—Cancelled\*\*

Friday—23rd September

Memorial of St Pius of Petrelcina

9:50am Rosary for Ukraine@ The Junction

10:15am Mass @ The Junction—Cancelled\*\*

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @

The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—24th September

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

(followed by Reconciliation)-Cancelled\*\*

10:30am-Mass @ The Cathedral for Mercy Day

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—25th September

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral \*

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (Italian)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (Polish)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Mass @ Mayfield West (Vietnamese)

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

\*\* Masses cancelled only this week

#### **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



# ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT 19-23 SEPTEMBER - MASSES CANCELLED

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September the only weekday Masses celebrated in our City Pastoral Region will be the regular ones at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, as most of our clergy will be away on retreat during this time. We are grateful that one of our retired priests has kindly offered to say these Masses at the Cathedral for us.

#### MERCY DAY—SEPTEMBER 24

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!

# FAITHS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE MULTI-FAITH SERVICE

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 16 Tighes Terrace, Tighes Hill Thursday 13 October 2022, 10.00AM

More information at: <a href="https://www.arrcc.org.au/">https://www.arrcc.org.au/</a>

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## BEYOND THE WALL: STORIES OF LGBTIQ+ SPIRITUALITY & TRANSFORMATION

Saturday 29 Oct. 2022, 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland

Bookings essential: www.trybooking.com/CBWHI

For more information contact: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Sunday, 2nd October @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

#### 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! Although there's no Mass on Friday 23rd September, we will still gather to pray the rosary at 9:50am.



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Queen Elizabeth II, Mignon Evans, Sinfo Triana Tan, Rosa Hibaya, Marlon Falconete, Asuncion Onting, Stefano Cincotta, Patricia Munro

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Kay Varnum, Lola Orrett, Tess & Barry O'Kane, Dennis Wilfred Lee, Cecil O'Toole, Patricia Cunningham, Stephanie Shortland, Ronald Raftery, Lola Orrett, Keith Crittenden, Frank Tobin,

**SICK:** Karen Varnum, 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.

### TUDOR SINGERS CONCERT FEMME MUSICALE

Join us for a lovely afternoon of music by female composers. Sacred heart Cathedral, 18th September @ 2pm. Tickets at the door.

## VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

All meetings in September are cancelled. Our next meeting is October 12 for Bible Study: Son of God

#### 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 <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10N1tBLWyyU9E1WSv">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10N1tBLWyyU9E1WSv</a> 4y81tYYeOVRfngv

#### 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

#### MENTAL HEALTH BREAKFAST

The Diocesan Social Justice Council, invites you to its annual Mental Health Breakfast. The event celebrates National Mental Health Month. This year's theme is **RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES** BUILDING AND CONNECTIONS. Guest speakers from the State Emergency Service (SES) and The Rosewood Centre, will share their experiences working in our community to support people going through difficult times. Hear how these connections with others have helped build them up and keep them mentally strong. For more information your or to book spot, www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-social-justicecouncil-mental-health-breakfast-2022-tickets-413804058077

# DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF MINISTRY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:

#### **BR. DAMIAN PRICE RETREAT**

The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People is hosting a retreat on Saturday 29 October 2022 with Br Damian Price. Attending guests will have the option to attend a second Strategic Vision Planning Day on Sunday 30 October from 10am-3pm at the Newcastle Diocese Meeting Rooms. Br Damian Price is a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province; he has worked in youth ministry for years. The retreat will be based on the following words from Pope Francis:

"An evangelising community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelisers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice. An evangelising community is also supportive, standing by people at every step of the way, no matter how difficult or lengthy this may prove to be."

For more info or to register, visit: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-council-for-ministry-with-young-people-br-damian-price-retreat-tickets-418380706957">www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-council-for-ministry-with-young-people-br-damian-price-retreat-tickets-418380706957</a>

#### 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.

#### WHERE THE HEART IS

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest, saying, 'Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly be saying a mass for the poor creature?' Father Kelly refused point blank, 'No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and there is no telling what they believe in, maybe they'll do something for the animal.' Muldoon said, 'I'll go right now. By the way, do you think 10,000 pounds is enough to donate for the service?' to which Father replied, 'Now why didn't you tell me the dog was a Catholic!'

A cheap jibe regularly levelled at the Church is that while we preach about justice and development for all people, we are one of the world's wealthiest multinationals. Sometimes Catholics are stung by this criticism. There is something healthy about that because there is always more we can, and should, do about our detachment from materialism. At the same time, however, our accusers should be reminded of a few facts that spoil their good story.

In commercial terms the Church is asset rich and cash poor. Many established churches through good planning and generosity have a large plant on decent real estate, but I don't know a diocese, religious order, parish or Church agency that does not need to carefully look at its cash flow. We rely on your goodness to keep going each year. Our real estate is often our only collateral for our borrowing; always done to improve the services we can render the People of God.

The greatest thing going for the Catholic Church, however, is you, Christ's faithful people who witness day in and day out to the power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We are also asset rich in terms of the quality of the women and men — lay, professed and ordained — who selflessly serve the Church and the world.

When we are attacked for the land and buildings we have, it's always good to remember some facts about our Catholic family's commitment to the poor: outside the United Nations and governments, Catholicism is the largest provider of education, health, welfare, personal assistance and Third World development in the world; we have the largest and lowest-paid charitable workforce of any international group; we have been trying to serve God, not money, for two thousand years; and from the earliest Christians to this very day, some Catholics have loved

and served the poor so faithfully, that they die with them, and for them.

Where all of this is concerned, we are our own worst enemies. False humility has meant we have not sufficiently celebrated what Grace has done in and through us in regards to poverty and the world's poor.

None of this excuses us from the direct challenges in today's Gospel. We all know how seductive money is and how quickly greed can throw our moral and spiritual compasses off course. In moral theology, however, intention is critical and even money, seductive as it is, can be, and is, put to good service in Christ's kingdom. It's always a question of where the heart is.

By not publicly acknowledging the service done in our name and with our assistance, we do the Church and ourselves an injustice. When we fail to explain the number of times and places Christians clearly put Jesus ahead of money we allow the Church's critics to have the last word, as though it was the only word on the subject.

May this Eucharist, this meal of Christ's poor, assist us to be detached from anything that masters our deepest desires away from Christ and keeps us from serving his kingdom of justice, development and peace for all people everywhere.

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# Historical Context

## **Stewards**

We often encounter the term steward in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

#### **BEING THERE**

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh. "Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a Glum sounding voice. "We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house. Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there. No more; no less.

AA Milne



# CAN YOU HELP CATHOLICCARE 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 <a href="https://www.mycause.com.au/page/288431/make-a-difference">https://www.mycause.com.au/page/288431/make-a-difference</a> 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

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 Read more at <u>tinyurl.com/4tyh82bd</u> Enquiries to <u>sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au</u> 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.

#### THE CHUCKLE

After a very long sermon, the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the priest. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons.

"Father, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The priest was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

## 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 if you can help.

#### **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. 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.

#### **OUR BELOVED DEAD**

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

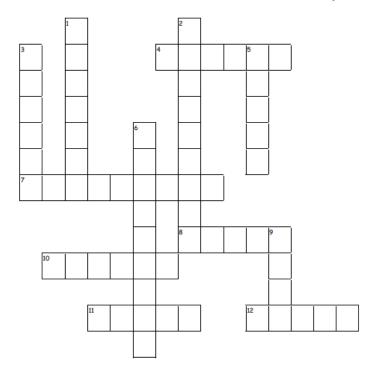
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Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

#### CROSSWORD

## You cannot serve God and money

Lk 16:10-13



#### Across

- 4: small
- 7: followers of Jesus
- 8: to have faith that someone will be honest and true
- 10: riches and fortune
- 11: what we use to buy things
- 12: perform an act of service

#### Down

- 1: people who own slaves
- 2: not honest
- 3: very bad
- 5: devoted
- 6: significant
- 9: fact, correct

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# JUNIOR WORDSEARCH Love one another and serve the Lord

Rom 12:9-12 Ps 25:4-5ab, 5cd-6 R,v,4a Lk 16:10-13

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## Try to find these words:

brothers
disciples
glad
hate
loyal
money
patient
sincere
trouble
trust
wealth
wicked

#### **TODAY'S LITURGY**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

- Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
   May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
- High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
   Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
- 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 8:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

#### Communion Antiphon: Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## SEASON OF CREATION SHORT FILM SCREENING

Join us to view the winners of the short film competition and to listen to the voices of those who recognise injustices in our world and have a desire to be heard.

During Season of Creation 2022 we are being urged to care for planet earth and care for our brothers and sisters. Whose voices have been muted? Whose voices need to be heard?

We are excited to showcase these winning 2022 Season of Creation short films that recognise the voices of those who hold generational wisdom about how to live gratefully within the limits of the land.

These films help us to consider our call to action. Where do we feel the calling to act for those who are voiceless? How can these films help us to feel equipped for the call to action?

**Date:** Saturday 15 October **Time:** 2:00PM – 4:00PM

**Venue:** St Pius X High School, Park Ave, Adamstown **To register:** www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-short-film-screening-tickets-415042472207

#### THE CHOSEN EXPERIENCE - SEASON ONE

We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine.

We welcome you to join us to view the first-ever multiseason series about the life of Christ.

The Chosen is a series which brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening during October and November join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode.

The Chosen Experience commences on October 6 at 6pm in the Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, we hope to see you there.

To register to go: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217</a>

# 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.