



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 9 OCTOBER 2022

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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

Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

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

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—10th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

2:00pm Funeral Mass for Esme Kelly @ Sacred Heart Cathedral

Tuesday—11th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

10:30am Funeral Liturgy for Errol Marshal @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

Wednesday—12th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

2:00pm Funeral Liturgy for James Meighan @ St Joseph's, The Junction

Thursday—13th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

10:00am Funeral Liturgy for Violanda Rossetti @ St Joseph's, The Junction

Friday—14th October

9:50am Rosary for Ukraine @ The Junction

10:15am Mass @ The Junction ** Cancelled this week

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—15th October

Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus

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

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday—16th October

29th 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

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

22nd and 23rd of October

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Unified Consciousness: One Mind One Heart

On Saturday 22 October, you're invited to attend a Christian Meditation event at the St James School Hall (Vista Parade, Kotara) from 9am until 12pm. The morning will be chance to reconnect and feel "oneness" again. Cost is \$10 per person; morning tea will be provided. RSVP: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE

Mental Health Month with guest speaker

Ellen Hazelton

Mental Health Month is a chance to share activities and ideas that can have a positive impact on our daily lives and the lives of others. The last few years have been incredibly challenging, and many of us have experienced times where we haven't felt a strong sense of hope. Hope plays a big role in helping us get through tough situations, but it's not something that you can just "switch on" – it's important to acknowledge and reflect on what you're experiencing. Hope can come and go over time, we can work to help it grow when things aren't great.

One way to build up hope is to tune in to others' experiences and learn how other people got through their struggles. You can also build hope through sharing things you've learnt with others.

Ellen Hazelton is an experienced mental health nurse who will facilitate discussion around mental health, mental illness and all the ways we can manage our lives in every way including our faith.

Date: Monday 10 October

Time: Dinner from 6.00pm

Talk from 7.00pm-8.00pm

Location: Sydney Junction Hotel, 8 Beaumont Street, Hamilton (The Hudson Room)

For further enquiries contact Mary-Anne de Luca on 0409 077 373

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets via zoom on October 12 for Bible Study, to discuss Son of God, episode 2

Join us @ 7pm via Zoom. All welcome!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tim 3:14 - 4:2

Lk 18:1-8



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Esme Kelly, Errol Marshal, James Meighan, Violanda Rossetti

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin Bede Fitzgerald, Frank Fois

SICK: Phil Bawden, Madge Humphries, 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.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 6th November @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *The Bullet that Missed* by Richard Osman. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



THE CHUCKLE

One Christmas, Mum decreed that she was no longer going to remind her children of their thank you note duties. As a result, their grandmother never received acknowledgments of the generous cheques she had given. The next year things were different, however. "The children came over in person to thank me," the grandparent told a friend triumphantly. "How wonderful!" the friend exclaimed. "What do you think caused the change in behaviour?" "Oh, that's easy," the grandmother replied. "This year I didn't sign the cheques."



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: <https://www.arrcc.org.au/f4cj2022>

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY LAUNCH EVENT

Are you a young person interested in travelling across the globe?

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is inviting any young person who is over 18 years old to join us on a 3-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land and then Lisbon for World Youth Day.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelisation for the youth world. This pilgrimage will take place in July/August 2023. For now, we are taking expressions of interest until we have specific information on dates, times, and prices. We have limited space so signing up is essential. Please express your interest on the diocesan website at www.mn.catholic.org.au

The official WYD launch will be hosted on Sunday 9 October at 4pm at the Murray Room (841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West). To register your attendance, please visit the WYD page on the Diocesan website. If you have any questions regarding this pilgrimage, please email Ryan Gato, Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinator at: ryan.gato@mn.catholic.edu.au

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays (before Friday Mass) at St Joseph's Church, The Junction.



IN NOVEMBER

WE REMEMBER

In November, we take time to pray in a special way for those who have died.

On Wednesday—All Souls' Day (2nd November):

5pm Remembrance Mass & Columbarium Liturgy @ Sacred Heart Cathedral.

We offer Mass to remember those whose funerals were celebrated in Sacred Heart Cathedral this year. After Mass, we will move to the Columbarium to remember and pray for all those whose mortal remains rest in the Columbarium area.

On Friday (4th November):

10.15am @ St Joseph's. Remembrance Mass for family members of those whose mortal remains rest in the St Joseph's Columbarium

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 our Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral. 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.

A DAY ON THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

As the liturgical calendar leads to Year A and the Gospel of Matthew, we are excited to have Dr Michele Connolly rsj Associate Professor of Biblical Studies Catholic Institute of Sydney, visit the Diocese. The day will include both presentation and discussion around the literary structure, organisation, history and intended audience of the Gospel of Matthew.

Issues for Interpretation, comparison with other Synoptic Gospels; the ancient historical, cultural, and religious backgrounds and Matthew's prominent themes will be explored.

Several pieces of scripture will be unpacked and interpreted on the day.

Date: Thursday 10 November

Time: 9:00AM – 3:30PM

Where: Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

Cost: \$25 (includes Morning Tea and Lunch)

Registration: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/a-day-on-the-gospel-of-matthew-tickets-413966584197

REFLECTION

GIVING THANKS WITH ALL OUR HEARTS

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts"!'

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered

story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.

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gospel focus

Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

Nash Azzopardi

Gwen Burke

Bernard Francis Callaghan

Leslie John Dodds

Reginald Gilbert

James Haggerty

Kevin Hittit Hinitt

Mark (Walter) Kearney

Anthony Keelan

Andrew Mainey

Aleksander Maliszewski

Sandra Martin

Thelma Martin

Terence Murray

Ivy Petherbridge

Hilda May Pilgrim

Ian Ray

Kathleen (Mardi) Rooney

Judith Sphiris

Brian Trenaman

Peter Tynan

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

SON OF GOD

View, Chew, and Chat begins a new series for Bible study on August 10. If you have not attended View, Chew, and Chat before, now might be the time to join! The new series, called **Son of God** (also known as **Jesus: The Complete Story** and **Jesus: The Real Story**), is a British documentary series that chronicles the life of Jesus using scientific and contemporary historical evidence. *Son of God* featured interviews with 21 historians and other Biblical experts, live action reenactments of the life of Jesus with Leron Livo in the lead role, and computer-generated images of what locations from Jesus's time might have looked like.

Son of God is a series of three episodes that focus on a different stage of Jesus's life.

Episode 2, "The Mission" (October 12) discusses how Jesus became popular among Jews and Greeks, and why the Pharisees of the area might have seen him as a threat.

Email the office to sign up and you will receive the link to the episode, which you view prior to the discussion date. Then attend via Zoom. All are welcome!

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Offer your thanks to the Lord

2 Kgs 5:14-17
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Tm 2:11-13
Lk 17:11-19

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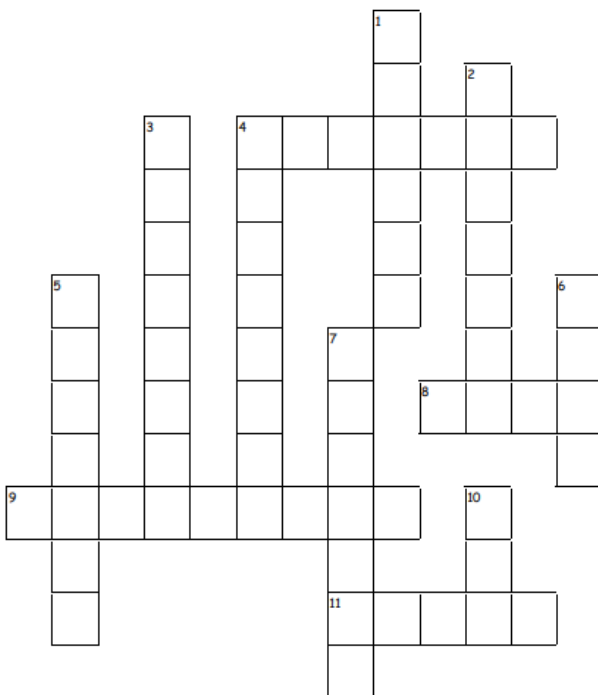
Try to find these words:

Jordan
Samaria
deny
healed
health
pity
priests
refused
rule
soil
thank
village

CROSSWORD

Your faith has made you well

Lk 17:11-19



Across

- 4: A Samaritan comes from this country
8: the appendages on the end of our legs
9: someone from a foreign country
11: to show gratitude

Down

- 1: cured, made better
2: a small town
3: the measurement between two points
4: speaking loudly
5: lepers suffer from this disease
6: feel sorry for someone
7: people who perform religious rites
10: Jesus sent this many lepers to see the priests

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:
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-council-for-ministry-with-young-people-br-damian-price-retreat-tickets-418380706957

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 multi-season 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: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217>

13-Day Encounter Challenge Tour – Palms Australia

In October, join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste including its bustling capital of Dili, the beautiful Atauro Island and regional communities such as Maliana, Atabae and Balibo. Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians sought by grassroots communities overseas as mentors to assist sustainable solutions to poverty. Meet Palms personnel who are working with our overseas partners and engage directly with local Timorese people through project site visits. Stay overnight with a local Timorese family for an authentic, personal experience of cultural exchange. The trip will go from Sunday 16 to Friday 28 October. [Register your interest here](#)

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to [register](#) for a Webinar on Saturday 24 September at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from 16 to 28 October](#).

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving
power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19

*It seems that no one has returned to give
thanks to God except this foreigner.*

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region of Parishes continue its important mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, you might consider including us in your Will. You would just need to specify which parish or parishes you would like to help with your bequest. Thank you!

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

HISTORICAL CONTEXT Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

THANK YOU, LORD,
FOR THE BLESSINGS YOU HAVE BESTOWED
ON MY LIFE.

You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions.