



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 23 OCTOBER 2022

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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In today's Gospel we hear the parable where Jesus parodies two types of men that are well known to his audience – the Pharisee and the tax collector – and he casts them as the self-righteous egoist and the humble sinner. A fundamental Kingdom value is evident here: the first will be last and the last first, or 'all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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)

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—24th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—25th October

Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—26th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—27th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—28th October

Feast of Sts Simon and Jude

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—29th October

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—30th October

31st 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*)

6:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

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

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

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets November 3 for Lectio Divina All welcome!

Email: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Wis 11:22 - 12:2

2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2

Lk 19:1-10

INVITATION

THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

A ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph

Celebrating 30 + years of Ministry

Where? House of Hospitality

125 Broadmeadow Rd

Broadmeadow. NSW

When? Sunday 20th November

Time ? 2 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP 10th November.

Carmel : chansonrsj@gmail.com



WAITING WITH PURPOSE

This resource invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to:
www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to:
www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Moira Burke

ANNIVERSARIES: Jean Goodwin, Filomemo Matamo, John & Lourdes Yu, Betty Russ, David Roche, Tess Connell, Gerard Tobin, Piero Barile, Sr Trish Jackson rsj, Maureen Close, Michael Palmer

SICK: Helen Tumbers, Phil Bawden, Madge Humphries, Ronnie Jennings, Eileen Howard, Eva Grant, Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Tiani Bishop, Tom Parker, 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, 6 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



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!

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.

BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. Applications close on 2 December 2022. Find out more: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church/youth/bishops-award/>

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

FIRST FRIDAY FISH AND CHIPS

It's time again for First Friday fish and chips!!

Friday 4 November from 5pm at Bar Beach (under cover on lower level) All welcome.

BYO everything. Enquires to Chris 0419 265194

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

DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY ON OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill's death. To be held on Saturday 12 November, 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start and finish at 3.00 pm. There are various locations to choose from including, Victor Peters Suite-Newcastle West, San Clemente High School - Mayfield, St Pauls High School - Booragul, Catherine McAuley College - Medowie, St Joseph's High School - Aberdeen and St Clare's High School - Taree.

The six hubs will allow people to gather together in a close by location and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch with those attending.

The reflection purpose will be:

- To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people
 - To pray, reflect and engage with one another
 - To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles
 - To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions
- Registration is open now by this link: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-reflection-day-on-our-spiritual-foundations-tickets-433215227407 They will close on Monday 7 November.

TRUE HUMILITY

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes. May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God
you reveal your way of unfailing love
in the image of the Good Shepherd
who seeks the lost,
shows compassion
knows and is known by the sheep
and lays down his life for them.
We your people of Maitland-Newcastle
are without a bishop to shepherd us.
We ask that your Holy Spirit
who moves through this great south land,
inspire the choice of our new Bishop,
empower his 'yes'
and open our hearts in hospitality and love.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us

INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

The Interfaith Dialogue will explore leadership within different faith communities. Join us as we explore what is the same or different – and what we can learn from each other. This is an opportunity to join the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council and other faith communities. The event is being hosted at the Mackillop Pastoral Centre (7 Milson Street, Charlestown) from 6.30pm to 9pm on Thursday 3 November. A light supper will be served, for catering purposes, please register online by 31 October. Register here: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interfaith-dialogue-tickets-410277560227

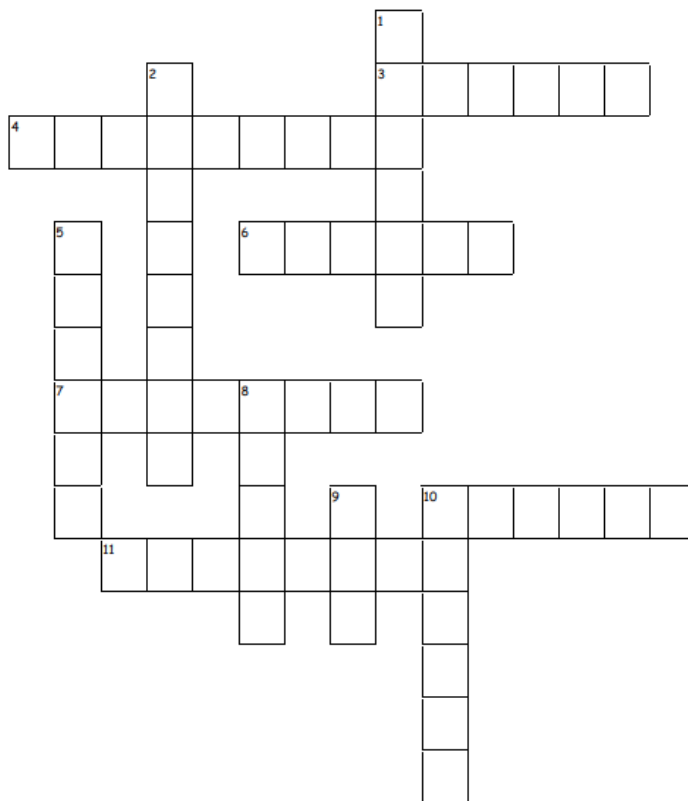
PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

Lord, we ask that our students feel your presence during the HSC exam period. We pray that you give them calm nerves and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding, retentive memories and the ability to grasp questions correctly.

CROSSWORD

Humble yourself and you will be honoured

Lk 18:9-14



Across

- 3: consuming food
4: not honest
6: someone who wants more than one needs
7: satisfying
10: modest, lowly
11: a wedding is a celebration of the
----- rite

Down

- 1: above most others
2: Jewish religious leader
5: a place of worship
8: what we say when we apologise
9: money that must be collected for the
government
10: where we go when we die

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The prayers of the humble go straight to heaven

Sir 35:12b-14, 16-17
Ps 34:1-2, 17-18 R.v.7a
2 Tm 4:6-8
Lk 18:9-14

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

Try to find these words:

better
cheat
crown
drink
greedy
heaven
humble
offering
orphans
Pharisee
poor
temple

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

WORLD MISSION MONTH

This October, we are celebrating World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world.

This year, we walk hand-in-hand with the Church of Ethiopia and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need.

Pope Francis, in his 2022 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to be missionary, sharing that "Mission is carried out together, not individually..."

Through the Pontifical Mission Societies' international network, with our supporters, we are answering the call to help build brighter futures. Working at a grass-roots level and closely collaborating with the local communities, we aim to find sustainable solutions which will bring hope to those in most need.

We are currently supporting a range of mission development programs in Ethiopia addressing malnutrition, the lack of access to education for young children, and the vulnerable position of women in society.

In the rural region of Emdibir, where 70 percent of families struggle to put food on their tables, we are working towards providing them with a sustainable source of nutrition by building a goat rearing centre. The resources produced through the Centre will help fight malnutrition, a phenomenon that contributes to 50 percent of child deaths. This project is led by Fr Habte, a local priest who is dedicated to raising the local community out of poverty by creating employment, providing sustainable food resources, and bringing hope.

We are also supporting women in the town of Meki to learn skills and gain financial independence by providing access to vocational training, which can help them secure employment or start their own businesses. This critical mission work is carried out by Maria, a lay missionary who dedicates her life to creating hope for the futures of women in vulnerable situations.

"Each year, the second last Sunday of October is dedicated to World Mission Sunday. Happening on the 23rd of October, it also offers us the opportunity to commemorate 200 years of Mission," says Fr Brian Lucas, Catholic Mission National Director.

Learn more about the work on Ethiopia:

<https://youtu.be/YVvABd2wzp4>.

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 O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

HUMBLE PRAYER

Elizabeth A. Elliott

The director of a high school retreat I attended as a student asked participants to write down three things we admired in other people. We'd look around the room and try to find qualities in each other that we admired. Then she asked us to write three things that bothered us about others. In high school, where cliques are involved, that part was easier.

After we shared our likes and dislikes, the director told us those things that we dislike in others are reflections of things we dislike in ourselves. Yikes. It's easy to see what bothers us in others, but not as much in ourselves.

In today's Gospel story, we hear about two men praying side by side. One prayer comes from a person with a humble heart seeking God's mercy. The other comes from a person who thinks he has done everything right. The Pharisee thanks God that he is not like other sinners, such as the tax collector standing beside him. The Pharisee feels righteous, perhaps even superior; he cannot see himself in the one whom he appears to disdain. The tax collector presents a contrast — he knows his sin, is repentant and prays from that posture.

Watching the nightly news, perhaps we can't help but think like the Pharisee. Thank God we are not like the sinners we see on news reports. It seems so easy to look down on others, to be glad we are not like them. We can look from the safety of our homes and say: Thank goodness we aren't the ones shooting innocent people, igniting riots, destroying and burning homes. Yet perhaps we do need to set a fire in our hearts so we can seek God's mercy, especially in this year of mercy.

How do you measure humility? Humility can be a tricky thing. Sometimes we tend to be overly humble and self-denigrating. We can act completely opposite of the Pharisee, who believed himself to be righteous, and put ourselves down to the point that we can't see how blessed we are. We need to find a balance. If in our humility we can see how we have been living wrongly and pray for mercy, we can align ourselves with the tax collectors of our day. God hears the prayers we express in solitude as much as those we speak out loud, in public. But knowing we need to pray in solitude, like the tax collector, can help us draw closer to God.

LIVING & GOSPEL

Competitive prayer!

For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon:Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

First Reading:Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel:Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Communion Antiphon:Cf. Ps 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

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.

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

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.

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>

THE CHUCKLE

I took the shell off of my racing snail,
thinking it would make him faster.
But if anything, it made him more sluggish.



ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays (even though there's no Friday Mass) at St Joseph's Church, The Junction.

