



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 30 OCTOBER 2022

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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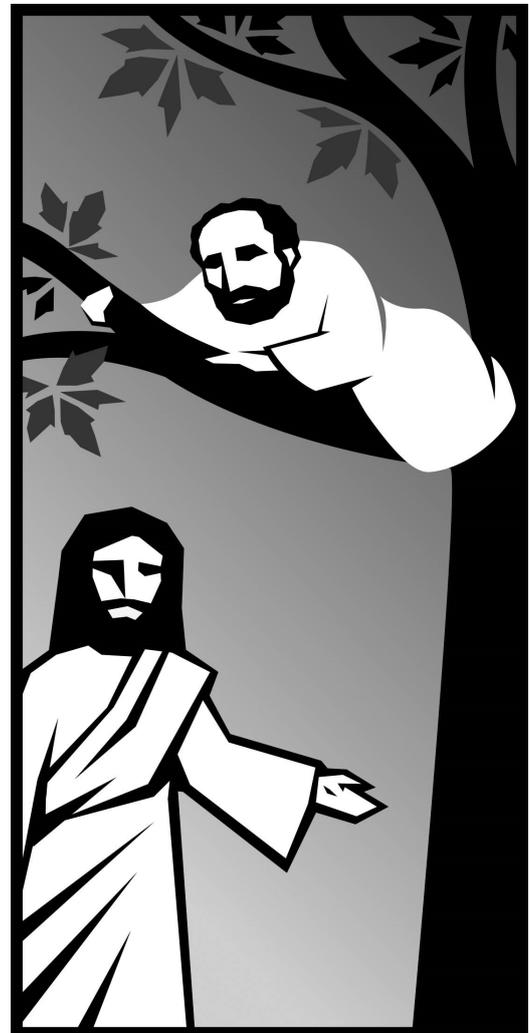
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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

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)

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—31st October

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 6.30pm Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints @ Mayfield West (in Vietnamese)

Tuesday—1st November

Feast of All Saints

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8.30am Mass @ Stockton
- 6:00pm Mass SHC POLISH

Wednesday—2nd November

All Souls' Day

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
- 5:00pm Remembrance Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5:00pm Mass @ Stockton
- 6:00pm Mass @ SHC POLISH
- 6:00PM SHC Columbarium ritual

Thursday—3rd November

Memorial of St. Martin de Porres

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—4th November

Memorial of St Charles Borromeo

- 9:50am Rosary for Ukraine @ The Junction
- 10:15am November Remembrance Mass @ The Junction -
- 11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)
- 12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- 2.30pm Wedding in SHC

Saturday—5th November

- 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—6th November

32nd 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*)
- 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion @ Mayfield West
- 5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5:00pm Taize Service @ Tighes Hill
- 6.00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)**
CANCELLED THIS WEEK ONLY

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

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



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

On Saturday (5th November):

6pm @ Christ the King. Remembrance Mass for family members have died in the past year

On Sunday (6th November):

7:30am @ St Mary's, The Hill. Remembrance Mass for family members have died in the past year.

8am @ Tighes Hill. Remembrance Mass for family members have died in the past year.

9am @ Stockton. Remembrance Mass for family members have died in the past year.

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS REUNION.

Spread the word. 21st January 2023

St Thomas' Willoughby.

Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thess 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathy Panton, Anna Wubbles
ANNIVERSARIES: Con Cagney, Ben and Edna (Teddee) Bernard, Peter Tynan, Anthony Tynan, Filomeno Matano, Rita Butcher, Mary Campbell, Mavis Murphy, Margaret O'Dwyer, Morris O'Dwyer Gregory and Raymond Fitzpatrick, Steven Howard, Thomas Haggerty, Fred Fitzpatrick, Eileen Johns, Leo Connolly, Roger Stretton

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/>

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

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

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.

REFLECTION

BY RICHARD LEONARD

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box.

Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning.

He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

The Gospel we have just heard is often called, 'the little man's revenge'. Zacchaeus was the least likely person in Jericho to host Jesus at dinner. In fact, as this marvellous story goes, that was the last thing on his mind as well. All Zacchaeus seems to have wanted is get a good look at Jesus who was on a 'walkabout' in the village.

Jesus, however, seized the opportunity, given him by the actions of Jericho's chief tax collector, to teach everyone about how God's Kingdom comes in extraordinary packages. Because of his job, the local Jewish community would have hated Zacchaeus and yet Jesus does two things that welcome into the family of God: he calls him by name and dines with him. Jesus might have gone in the door of

Zacchaeus' home, but he brings Zacchaeus out through God's door. He enables Zacchaeus to face up to his extortion and wealth and to claim his salvation.

It's the same with us. If only we have the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the arms to embrace, Jesus comes to us through the most unusual people, times and places. We are his family, he calls us by name and he dines with us as often as we choose to accept his standing invitation to this table. But there's a price tag: we are meant to be different people for this encounter, generous with all we have to offer the world and transparent in all our relationships.

No matter how lost we are, how far up a tree we get stuck or even when we are consumed with regret at the dreadful judgements we have made about the wrapping of God's gifts, Jesus calls us by name, invites us to his table and tells us that salvation is near at hand.

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HAVE YOU THOUGHT? Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

PINTS WITH A PURPOSE: THE HUSTLE

Qwayne Guevara is a much sought-after speaker and innovative evangeliser. Born in the Philippines and moving to Australia in her first year of life, Qwayne was brought up with a strong Catholic faith and a deep sense of gratitude towards the opportunities afforded to her and her family. Upon reflecting on her own experiences, Qwayne saw the need to provide safe spaces for young people to grow and flourish both socially and spiritually. Qwayne had a dream and made it a reality when she started "The Hustle" a warehouse in the Western Suburbs of Sydney which she transformed into a basketball court and community hub.

Come and hear Qwayne share her amazing story and intriguing insights in bringing 'The Hustle' to life.

Date: Monday 7 November

Time: Dinner from 6.00pm

Talk from 7.00pm-8.00pm

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

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

MOSAIC MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS' 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mosaic Multicultural Connections, formerly known as Northern Settlement Services and the Newcastle and Hunter Migrant Resource Centre, will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Thursday 3 November at the Newcastle Exhibition Centre (NEX).

At the event you'll hear from 2017 NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut. A refugee and former child soldier from South Sudan, Deng is now a defence lawyer and refugee advocate in Western Sydney. His incredible story will be shared, followed by a Q&A.

Enjoy an evening of celebrating with a two-course meal and a showcase of local multicultural performances.

It starts at 5.30pm in The Arena, dress code is relaxed-formal and colourful, and they highly recommend Traditional/Cultural dress. Tickets start at \$120, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/mosaic-multicultural-connections-40th-anniversary> to purchase.

SYRO MALABAR ANNIVERSARY

The Syro Malabar community will be celebrating ten years in Newcastle with a feast and Mass at Holy Cross Glendale on Saturday 29 October at 5:00PM and Sunday 30 October at 10:30AM. All welcome.

MOSAIC MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS SEARCHES FOR VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVERS

Mosaic Multicultural Connections Youth Exchange programs are re-starting in November, and we are taking groups of young people to visit regional locations on one, two and three day bus trips. These are great experiences for young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to meet other young people, have new experiences, visit new places and do some great team building through fun activities.

We are interested in recruiting volunteer bus drivers who can drive a 25-seater bus with a trailer and would be willing to travel with young people for a few days. We cover the cost of meals and accommodation.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Alyaa, Sami or Debbie - Alyaa Al Attabi A.AAttabi@mosaicmc.org.au - Volunteer Coordinator Mohammad Sami Zakhil s.zakhil@mosaicmc.org.au - Multicultural Youth Worker Debbie Carstens d.carstens@mosaicmc.org.au - Manager - Settlement and Communities

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023: PILGRIM INFORMATION SESSION

We will be holding an online information session on Thursday 3 November from 4pm to 5pm for all those who are interested in either attending our Diocesan pilgrimage or learning more about World Youth Day. To register, visit: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=x2JU50ZySU-2DkekM06p1sRqnzeqcN1DnMeIB-amwJIUQ0cxSVZSSTdTNkJFMUJCTTFJSDAxNOE2Ri4u>

THE HEALING POWER OF ART

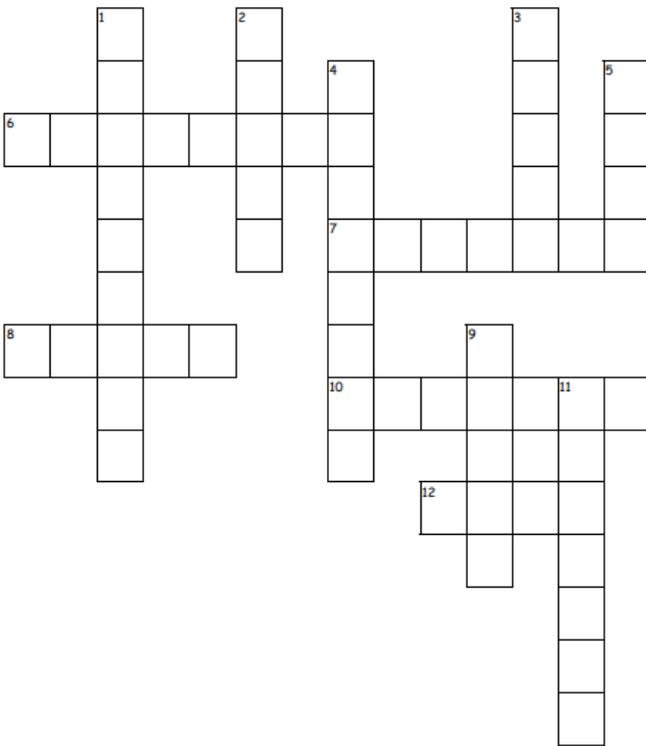
Opening on Thursday 3 November at Wallsend Library (30 Bunn Street), the Healing Power of Art is an exhibition of words, textiles, drawings, and photography from workshops attended by people impacted by institutional child sexual abuse. These works explore the hopeful and creative capacity of the arts in providing a compassionate space for self-expression and healing. The exhibition is open until 4 December and will include two events:

- Tuesday 8 November 1pm: Photography through the lens of Gratitude: a conversation on the healing capacity of art with art therapist Danielle Minett and participants from the Loud Sky Art Workshops
- Thursday 1 September 10am: Art and Healing: a conversation with art therapist Dr Helena Bezzina, Jo Davis Public Programs - Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie, and participants from the Loud Sky art Workshops

CROSSWORD

The Lord is merciful to everyone

Wis 11:22-12:1
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 13cd-14 R.v.see 1
2 Thes 1:11-12
Lk 19:1-10



Across

- 6: the rich man climbed a _____ tree
- 7: made
- 8: a small particle
- 10: to have suffered hardship for a long time
- 12: the opposite of false

Down

- 1: the man who climbed a tree to see Jesus
- 2: selected
- 3: not tall
- 4: warmly greeted
- 5: good natured
- 9: rush
- 11: forever

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Jesus comes to find and save those who are lost

Lk 19:1-10

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

Try to find these words:

- crowd
- family
- grumbling
- hurry
- property
- rich
- saved
- short
- sycamore
- true
- welcomed
- Zacchaeus

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

Historical **Context**

Tax Collectors

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.

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 Hinit
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.

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

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Wis 11:22 – 12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 15:11

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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.



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>

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

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The St Laurence O'Toole ADVENT Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday 24 November** and continue for the next 3 weeks of Advent. All welcome. Please see Gwen Haggerty if you would like to be part of it.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets November 10 for Bible Study—the last episode of Son of God. All welcome!

Email: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

THE CHUCKLE

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said: "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

