



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 13 NOVEMBER 2022

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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REMEMBERING BISHOP BILL

Bishop Bill Wright died on 13 November 2021. On this first anniversary of his death, we take time to remember him and to pray for his soul.



Bishop William (Bill) Wright was ordained eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on June 15 2011 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton.

Bishop Bill was passionate about walking alongside those in our community who needed a bit of extra support. He was an advocate for strengthening and expanding the social footprint across the Diocese, from community kitchens and food programs to refugee support services. He was interested in consulting and collaborating with the diocesan community to help work towards becoming a more welcoming, inclusive and participatory church for all in this modern world. Under his direction the Catholic Diocese developed three new schools, St Aloysius Catholic Primary School and St Bede's Catholic College and Catherine McAuley Catholic College. The Diocese introduced important services such as St Nicholas Early Education, St Nicholas OOSH and St Nicholas Pathways, as well as The Rosewood Centre to better support people's mental health in the community. He launched the Many Parts. One Body. One Mission initiative to assist diocesan agencies in working together.

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-Third Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—14th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—15th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—16th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—17th November

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—18th November

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

Saturday—19th 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—20th November

33rd 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*

Thank you to Susana Enriquez who has painted the new image of the Virgin Mary for the Grotto at St Mary's.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2 Sam 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

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



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

The Catholic Women's League Australia – New South Wales Inc. Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to invite you to their Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon on Friday 18 November. Mass is at St Paul's Church, Rutherford at 11.30am and lunch will be at the Telarah Bowling Club at 1pm. Cost for lunch is \$40 per person. For more information contact Margo Nancarrow on 0418 657 989 or bjmnan4@bigpond.com or cwlamn214@bigpond.com



THANK YOU to those who have so generously contributed to Children's Mission Partners. \$870 has been raised in the four month period July to October, with total donations now reaching \$45,000.

BECOME AN SRE VOLUNTEER

Did you know that some 50% of Catholic children are in state schools? Have you ever thought of spreading the good news of the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ with children? Have you ever thought about becoming a Special Religious Educator?

This could be an opportunity for you to meet new people, discover new friendships and build quality relationships whilst mastering skills and confidence in Catechetics.

You can make a difference in the schools within your parish! For people of faith, knowing you are participating in Christ's call to share the Good News to all is a great source of joy and meaning.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Pastoral Ministries team on 4979 1200.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF BISHOP BILL

Dear friends,

This Sunday it will be 12 months since our late Bishop Bill Wright died in Maitland Hospital on 13th December 2021. Accordingly, this weekend we will specially remember him, his family and those close to him, in our Masses and our prayers. Ordained as the Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle in June 2011, Bishop Bill showed great faith and courage in accepting the responsibility of shepherding our Diocese through a very challenging period. We continue to give thanks to God for his life and his many good works. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

And let's continue pray the providence of God will bless our Diocese with a new bishop very soon to carry-on his good work.

RELAXATION OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCHES

Due to a relaxation of COVID safety precautions across many areas of public life in recent months, the Diocesan Liturgy Council has recommended easing many of the restrictions that were in place in churches over the past couple of years. Accordingly, after consulting with our Regional Pastoral Council and Cathedral staff, I am pleased to announce the following:

1. Holy Water may be re-introduced into the Holy Water stoops at the entrances of our churches. I have asked that this water be changed weekly
2. During Sunday Masses the Gifts may be brought forward by volunteers, as was the practice before COVID
3. Greeters and Hospitality Ministers should feel free to resume their former roles of making everyone welcome at the entrances of our churches
4. Collection plates/bag may be passed along pews once again during Mass as occurred prior to COVID. As our parishes have struggled financially since the start of the pandemic, I ask you to be as generous as you can.

At this stage, the Australian Catholic Bishops have asked parishes to delay in re-introducing the sharing from the Chalice at Mass due to a recent spike in new COVID cases.

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are welcome to do so, but are urged to come forward at the end of the Communion procession to mitigate any risk to others.

Despite these relaxations, individuals should feel free to continue wearing masks in Mass if they so choose. And sanitiser will continue to be available in our churches. Also, no-one should feel any compulsion to bless themselves with the Holy Water from the stoops. Although it is pious practice, it has always been voluntary and remains so.

Wishing you all every grace and blessing,
Fr John

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays at St Joseph's Church, The Junction.



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

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!

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets via Zoom November 17 for Bible Study—the last episode of Son of God. All welcome! Email the office for more info.

THE CHUCKLE

Did you hear about the guy who invented the 'knock knock' joke?
He won the no-bell prize.



FROM A HOMILY BY POPE FRANCIS

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired and loved by so many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storm, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments

"To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become the author of your own fate." It's walking through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in the soul. Is thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

"Being happy is letting the creature that lives in each of us live, free, joyful and simple. You have the maturity to be able to say: 'I've made mistakes'. It's having the courage to say 'I'm sorry'. It's having the sense to say 'I need you'. Is having the ability to say 'I love you'. May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring he may be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom.

"And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you be in love with life. You'll discover that being happy isn't having a perfect life. But use tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience.

"Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up ... Above all never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on being happy, because life is an incredible spectacle. "

Pope Francis

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We take time in November to remember all those dear to us who are no longer with us. We also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply. We remember those who have died during the past year.

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS REUNION.

Spread the word. 21st January 2023

St Thomas' Willoughby.

Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

The Sun of Righteousness

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthener in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness *will* shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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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

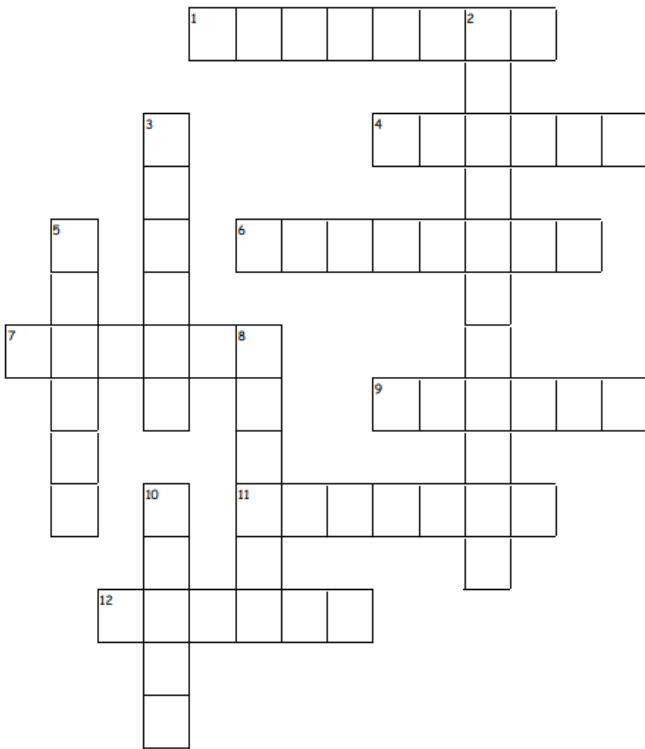
BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

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-mission/youth/bishops-award/>

CROSSWORD

You will be saved by being faithful

Lk 21:5-19



Across

- 1: sicknesses
- 4: the Messiah
- 6: disciplined
- 7: tricked
- 9: to go hungry
- 11: those who are against you
- 12: wise thought

Down

- 2: when the ground shakes
- 3: a place of worship
- 5: carved rocks used to make buildings
- 8: protect
- 10: belief

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

Mal 3:19-20
Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 R.v (see 9)
2 Thes 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

F T J Q V K R T I A P Q K T
R B A X A R H E A L I N G E
Y A X C C H R I S T I O D M
T S T O N E S C P O Q Q Q P
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Try to find these words:

burden
Christ
faith
flames
fooled
healing
punished
stones
sun
temple
waste
work

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

Among the frightening things said by Christian leaders in the USA following the bombing of the World Trade Centre was that 'God turned away from America because we have turned away from God' and that 'God sent these acts as a wake-up call for us to live righteous lives and return to Him.' One went as far as to confidently assert that, 'September 11 tells us we are living in end times.'

We all have different reactions to shock and grief. Everyone asks, 'Why is this happening to us?' when tragedy strikes on any scale. Christian ministers, who should know better, must never resort to bad theology to further their own social and political agendas. They give us all a bad name.

For as long as I can remember there have been people predicting the end of the world. Whenever there is a tidal wave, cyclone, hurricane, earthquake or other natural disasters, someone declares that 'the end is nigh'. Just recall the Year 2000. Never mind that the dating of our calendar is out and so that the 2000th year occurred in 1996. The truth rarely gets in the road of the doomsday story. Sadly for us they usually invoke today's Gospel to support their case. The good news for us is that we are still waiting for the end of time. The good news for doomsday prophets is that one day they're going to be right!

We know from a variety of documents around the time of Jesus that the people of Palestine thought the world was soon coming to an end. Given they were being persecuted under an occupying Roman army and that their nation was in tatters, they seemed to have a better cause for this view than we do. In today's Gospel Jesus speaks to a demoralised people who thought, and maybe hoped, that it would all be over soon. In such a context people are liable to follow the loudest voice to what appears like the safest place and so Jesus offers us the hope of God's fidelity whatever suffering we may endure. We are challenged to counter despair, not place our trust in things or institutions which we can see but to not be afraid and stand up for faith and hope.

When bad things happen to good people, when they happen to us, we have choices. We can give into desolation, depression and despair. Some of us make a life-long career out of it. This is understandable and tragic. Or we can choose to hope. Christian hope is not about 'pie in the sky when we die'. It is not about 'putting on a happy face, come what may'. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next.

Interestingly, one of the signs Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel is famine. We have known for thirty years that if we all lived justly and shared from our abundance, we could have seen an end to starvation. We choose otherwise and sometimes blame God.

St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life's winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

Today's Gospel is not interested in a timetable for disaster. It's about encouraging us to drop the anchor of hope overboard when the times get tough.

May this Eucharist help us to keep choosing to hope until the end of time.

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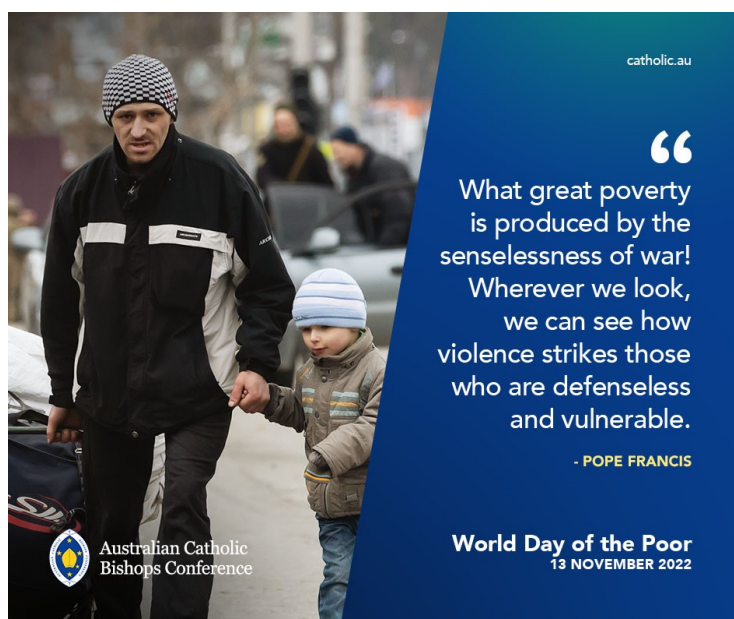
Living the gospel

Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'



Jesus draws a picture of terrifying challenges that his followers will have to face in the future. However, they will have the 'words and wisdom' of Jesus to rely on when the time comes. The symbolic moment for the Jews is the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem; but perhaps for today the symbolic moment is the destruction of the World Trade Centre. It is significant for us that Jesus speaks of 'words' rather than weapons, 'wisdom' rather than revenge, and 'endurance' rather than violence.



Pope Francis established the commemoration of the World Day of the Poor, with it first marked in 2017. It occurs on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In 2022, it will be marked on Sunday, November 13.

The theme for Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor message for 2022 is "For your sakes Christ became poor (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)". The Pope's message begins: With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

David Bound
Monica Bound
Anne Veronica (Bonnie) Cook-Moore
Mary Ferry
Frank Holmes
Desmond (Des) Ledlin
Elva Letitia Murphy
Helen Murray
Peter Murray
Antonieta Rossetti
Mary Synod
Pauline Wenman

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES; MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

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>

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading: Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 11 December @ 6:15pm:

Bookclub meets to discuss *The Secret World of Connie Starr* by Robbi Neal. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email:
newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr. Patricia Swadling rsj, Peter Egan

ANNIVERSARIES: Norrie Connors, Ross Maurer, Richard Taper, Darryl Jennings, Ella Stace, Peter Davis, George Kitchener Searle, Graham Chegwiddden, Paul Mather, Theresa McCormack, Gerald Crockett, Rose Berwick, Marion Scorer

SICK: Margaret Cox, Fr Tomasz Zaremba, 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.

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.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS The Parish ADVENT Prayer Group will be meeting @ 9.30 am on **Thursday 24 November** in the Parish Centre and continue for the next 3 weeks of Advent. All welcome. Please see Gwen Haggerty if you would like to be part of it.

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

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