

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 20 November 2022 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

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I think we are familiar with the inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews!" Jesus was a king like no other. A king who wasn't given a golden crown, like His human ancestors David and Solomon, but a crown of thorns; and for a throne, a Roman Cross.

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.

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RED LIGHTING AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral be lit up red at night this week to highlight the Church in Need Day on Wednesday.

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AL RECEPTIONIST

Hill are looking for a cretary for a short 022 to 6 January 2023. e each Thursday and Friday from 9am to 5pm. Previous experience and an understanding of Catholic organisation is preferred. If you are interested in this assignment, please call Sister Margaret on 4964 6400.

THE CHUCKLE

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.



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.

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!

MORE BULLETIN

The entire 8-page bulletin is available on the Parish website (use this QR code).



THANKSGIVING MASS

The Newcastle Catholic Charismatic community invites everyone to join in celebrations for a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 2 December from 7pm at Holy Cross Catholic Church Glendale. We also want to especially invite all priests and deacons in the Diocese as a way of giving you a special thanks for your service and sacrifice as you have shepherded the community through challenging times. Please contact Wayne Caruana 0466 631 384 or on on wayne.caruana@mn.catholic.edu.au for more details and RSVP.

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.

То 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-purposeadvent-2022-tickets-443044436837

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets via Zoom November 24 for Waiting with Purpose-the Advent Program. All welcome! Email the office for more info.

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.

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 the office

RED WEDNESDAY

Since 2018, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia has joined commemorations around the world for Red Wednesday. Red Wednesday is an initiative of ACN to pray for, and draw attention to, Christians who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Notre Dame in Paris; the British Houses of Parliament and the Colosseum in Rome, are some of the landmarks that have participated by lighting their facades in red. Several Australian dioceses have also participated in recent years including Sydney, Hobart, Melbourne, Broken Bay, and us!.

ACN will also be launching its *Persecuted and Forgotten Report.* The report will cover about 25 countries and will have a reporting period ending 30/09/22. It will be a global survey of persecution and oppression of Christians, with an emphasis on those places where the problem is worst.

PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Lord Jesus Christ, as the Good Shepherd, You gave Your life for all people. You have personally called each one of us to serve suffering and persecuted Christians. In them, You continue Your passion for the redemption of the world. It is a grace to carry the cross with them. Grant us love, courage and a readiness to sacrifice, so that we can aid and console our brothers and sisters in faith. Fill us with Your merciful love for one another, that we may also bless our enemies and forgive them. Thus, we want to joyfully testify to Your presence in

the world and find fullness of life in You. Amen.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

A concert for Christmas presented by the Newcastle Tudor Singers.

Directed by Anne Millard, with pianist, Marcia Wall, organist, Keith Murree—Allen, and featuring the Hunter Handbell Ringers.

The programme includes new and familiar music for Advent and Christmas.

2pm on Sunday, 18th December at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Tickets at the Door



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

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

Stephen Spielberg's film *A.I.* opens in the near future when couples are permitted only one child. Families also have robots, but the makers of these robots have not yet been able to get them to ape human feelings. Professor Hobby develops David, a robotic boy who 'is able to love'. Hobby's question is, 'Will human beings love him back?' Henry and Monica's only son is in danger of death. They are selected as David's first foster parents. They grow to love him until their son recovers and comes home. David is then abandoned, but he spends the rest of the film trying to regain the love he has known.

David is caught between being robotic and human because he develops a memory, at least he remembers what is like to be loved by Monica. Spielberg seems to argue strongly in this film that memory is ensoulment. It makes us who we are. It gives us our spirit, our human compass. The film's insight is important. It might be set in the future, but it is a commentary on the present debates about DNA recreation and cloning. Spielberg is right in as much as *A.I.* argues that we can never have a clone or copy of someone because each person is made up of his or her memories.

Memory is powerful. It is often one of the last faculties to go in the human brain. It can be so strong that decades after an event people can recall an experience as though it were yesterday. This recollection can bring back strong feelings, which makes us laugh at the pleasure or weep over an unhealed hurt.

As insightful as Spielberg's theology of the human person in *A.I.* may be, it is inadequate for Christians. We all know people who have limited or no memory and some, tragically, who since birth are unable to communicate whatever they can remember. For Stephen Spielberg these people could be less human than we are. But for Christians it doesn't matter if we remember or not, our soul or spirit is that which is alive to God's memory. We are privileged to know that God remembers us.

In today's Gospel the good thief simply asks Jesus to 'remember me'. And Jesus tells him that being remembered by God is paradise. It's a wonderful way to understand the Kingship of Christ. We know that Christ our King is not about earthly power, land, buildings, riches or might. We know Jesus' Kingship is not about lording it over us, or making us frightened of his compassionate judgment. The power of Christ the King is seen in his memory, holding every person in this world close; calling each one of us by name.

What a feastday! The final day of the church's year is when we remember the saving memory of God!

So in this Eucharist let's join our voice with all those who long for paradise and say, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.'

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Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

WILLOUGHBY ANTIOCH 40 YEARS REUNION.

Spread the word. 21st January 2023 St Thomas' Willoughby. Info: willoughbyantioch@gmail.com

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH God is king of all the earth

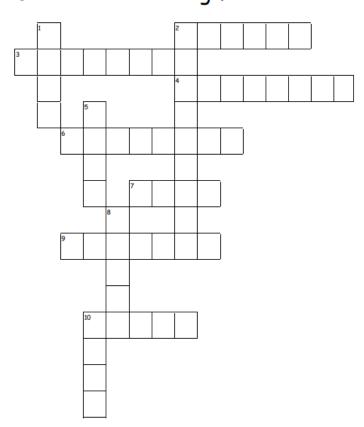
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crossword Jesus Christ is king forever



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Lk 23:35-43

Across

- 2: selected
- 3: recollect, recall a memory
- 4: subjected to rude speech
- 6: a word to describe heaven
- 7: the experience of being afraid
- 9: to assure someone of a definite outcome
- 10: the opposite of right

Down

- 1: Jesus' and his people were of this faith
- 2: people who commit crimes
- 5: rescue
- 8: strength, might
- 10: drink made from fermented grapes

FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Each weekend at our parish Masses, there are two collections. The 1^{st} collection immediately follows the Prayers of the Faithful, while the timing of the 2^{nd} collection may vary (either immediately following the 1^{st} collection, or after communion).

THE FIRST COLLECTION provides, in the first place, for the priests of the parish: their monthly stipend, household food expenses, cooking and cleaning expenses. Funds surplus to the local priests' needs are forwarded to a central fund, which provides for the health care of priests and for the care and upkeep of retired priests and the Bishop. Surplus funds do not stay within your parish.

THE SECOND COLLECTION provides the income for all the running expenses of your parish - staff employment, insurance, maintenance, maintaining and operating the Regional Office and the Churches, liturgical supplies, waste collection and, most importantly, parish and regional ministries and services. Surplus funds stay in your parish and are invested to meet the parish's future needs.

First Collection: Currently the only way to contribute to the 1st collection is via a weekly cash contribution to the collection plate.

Second Collection: There are various ways to contribute to the 2nd collection:

- 1. *Cash* donations on the 2nd collection plate.
- <u>Weekly Envelopes</u> (known as the planned giving scheme) which are placed in the 2nd collection each weekend during Mass. Contributions made via Planned Giving can be offset against any Catholic School Building Levy you may be liable for, when you have one or more children attend a Catholic Primary or High School.
- 3. <u>Automated contributions</u> via your credit card or direct debit. The Catholic Development Fund can make a charge to your nominated credit card or bank account on a monthly, fortnightly or weekly basis according to a signed authority, offering a 'set and forget' option for contributions. Of course you can withdraw your authorisation for these contributions at any time. This type of planned giving is also an eligible offset to the School Building Levy.

If you wish to apply for Weekly Envelopes, set up a periodical contribution or have a monthly contribution activated, please contact the Regional Office in person at 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction, by post to PO Box 6, The Junction 2291, or by emailing your request to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

Many Catholic diocesan and parish works currently helping those in need in the Hunter region are made possible by bequests. Each of us finds different ways to make our mark on the world. One way of doing this is by making a bequest. A bequest is a gift left in a will. When you leave a bequest to the Church, you give a gift that lasts longer than your lifetime, a gift that will always be remembered.

Since 1841 the Catholic Church has been meeting the material and spiritual needs of the people of the Hunter. That need is always growing. The work of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle in the parishes of the Newcastle, Mayfield and Stockton Region takes many forms.

After providing for your family, a bequest to your parish is a special way of ensuring the work of the Church in the parishes of the City Pastoral Region continues. Depending on family situations, some bequests are large and some are small, but all are vital to the work of the Church. Please consider donating to your parish to ensure that the work of spreading the message of Jesus Christ can continue

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/churchmission/youth/bishops-award/

A KINGDOM OF INCLUSION

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, '...today you will be with me in paradise'. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued in society. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

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

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.

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.

Consultation on the Synod on Synodality's **Document** for the Continental Stage (DCS) on Sunday 27 November 2022 9.00-10.00am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill. Please read the 56 page DCS beforehand either at <u>https://www.catholic.org.au/</u> <u>synodalchurch</u> or collect a copy from the Parish Office. The consultation questions are:

1. Experiences of Church

- After having read and prayed with the DCS, what resonates most strongly with the lived experiences and realities of the Church in your continent?
- ✤ Which experiences are new, or illuminating to you?
- 2. Challenges to Address
- After having read and prayed with the DCS, what significant tensions or differences emerge as particularly important in your continent's perspective?
- Consequently, what are the questions or issues that should be addressed and considered in the next steps of the process?
- 3. Priorities and Calls to Action
- What are the priorities, recurring themes and calls to action that can be shared with other local Churches around the world?
- ✤ What should be discussed during the First Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023?

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jeffrey Reynolds, Maria Argano **ANNIVERSARIES**: Beryl Straiton, Neil Straiton, Jim Straiton, Quintino Murri, Margaret Spencer, Terence Webber, Betty Holly, Philomena Walker, Jack Dunn

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.

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: <u>rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au</u>