



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 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our readings this Sunday focus on the need for forgiveness. Which beckons the question: is there anyone in either our own lives or the lives of others (including those we hear about in the media or history books) we would be unwilling or unable to forgive? Perhaps we ourselves have done something we think is unforgiveable. If we judge ourselves or others by the standards of our secular world, which can be very unforgiving, who could be saved? So, the Lord invites us to take a quantum leap into the Divine, His eternal realm, where all wrongs can be forgiven and all wounds healed, if only we will submit ourselves to His life-giving grace.

Fr John

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)

24th Week of Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—18th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—19th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—20th September

Memorial of Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Ha-sang & companions

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

7:00pm Sacred @ Seven in The Cathedral

Thursday—21st September

Feast of St Matthew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—22nd September

10:15am Mass @ The Junction **Cancelled this week only due to clergy retreat

11am Exposition, Adoration, and Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—23rd September

Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina

9.15am Mass @ The Cathedral followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—24th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed via the Diocesan website:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

2:00pm Tudor Singers Concert @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

CLERGY RETREAT

Most of our diocesan clergy will be away together with Bishop Michael on their annual retreat this coming week from Monday 18/9 till Friday 22/9. Please keep them in your prayers. Except for next Friday morning's 10.15 am Mass at the Junction, which needs to be cancelled due to non-availability of clergy, Fr John and Fr Bogdan (who have both previously had their retreats) will attend to our other regular weekday Masses.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith Everitt, Gordon Wilson, Mato Debeljak, Sr Moya Lantry, RSM, Margaret White, Patricia Gribble



ANNIVERSARIES: Kay Varnum, Patricia Cunningham, Tess & Barry O'Kane

SICK: Sr. Margaret Mary, OLN, Sr Monica Sinclair rsm, Gerard Pearce, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Christine Timbrell, Twon Nguyen, Stewart McKinnon, Tony Nguyen, Mark Caesar, Aaron Parkes, Peter Kefcecek, Carlo Rossi, Jim Bailey, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis, Peter Maurer, Steven Howard, Betty Hooton, Bernard Innes, Keith Crittenden, Maurice Crittenden, Lolla Orrett, Sylvia Davies

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Denise Bleakley (leaves Mayfield Parish to embark on the next phase of her life's journey)

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, 2nd October @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *The Years* by Annie Ernaux. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. On two Wednesdays each month, we employ the practice of *Lectio Divina* to prayerfully reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. Next month we will discuss the film *Departures*.

The program for September is as follows:

20th September: Lectio Divina

27th September: No meeting

To participate, please email the parish office.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in September.

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Allan Atkins	Nelio Martinelli
Eileen Boswell	Allan McKinnon
Francis Clarke	Alphonsus McLachlan
Pietro Dalle Nogare	Ann Mary Mercieca
John Duggan	Patricia Ryan
Mieczyslaw Kawka	Margaret Smith
Joanie Lawrence	Patricia Tuxworth
Kenneth Lidbetter	Kay Annette Varnum
Brian Lowe	Brigitte Warren
	John Winstanley

At St Joseph's

Mary CALLEN	Maurice NELSON
Stan CARROLL	Lola ORRETT
Betty EDSER	Audrey O'SULLIVAN
William FLEMING	Jack PALMER
William FLETCHER	Helen PALMER
Albert GRANT	Mary Gertrude PERRETT
Frank Snr HAWKINS	Judyth RADECKI
Brian MACKLIN	Lola ROBINSON
John McHUGH	Edna WALSH
Lorna & Jack MULDOON	Norma WILSON

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

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.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

Over the next few months, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is being audited against its compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. Director of Safeguarding, Sean Tynan, has made an electronic recording of a 15 minute presentation, designed to let parishioners know about the audit process and what they can expect. As we are one of the parishes being audited, please take this opportunity to learn about what will be happening between now and mid November 2023.

View the presentation:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=9QmrwxXhx0U>

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



GOSPEL FOCUS

How many times?

Peter says, 'How many times should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Peter probably thought that he was being pretty generous. The religious law of his time required people to forgive three times, so by suggesting seven times, Peter would have thought that he was really going the extra mile. To forgive someone seven times is a pretty big call. But the number seven has great significance in scripture; it is regarded as a number of perfection. Peter is suggesting that there is an ideal number of times that one should forgive. Jesus blows this out of the water by saying, take that perfect number of times and multiply it by seventy. There is no perfect number of times to forgive.

INCIDENT REPORTING

The City Pastoral Region is committed to providing a positive, safe environment for everyone. There are occasions, however, when something happenings. If you need to let us know about the incident, please use this report form:

<https://tinyurl.com/newcincident>

An incident of inappropriate behaviour should be reported directly to the Office of Safeguarding:

<https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/report-abuse/>



SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390, E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

REFLECTION

Charged with the rape and murder of a young woman, it only took the jury twenty minutes to return a guilty verdict for the three men in the dock. The courtroom erupted in cheers as the verdict was read out.

As the men were being led out of the courtroom the mother of two of them ran toward the dock yelling, 'I think what you've done is despicable, but I want you to know that I love you.'

Outside the courthouse, the media were expecting the parents of the victim to advocate capital punishment for the criminals. Instead, they said they wanted to forgive the perpetrators of this vicious crime. Everyone listened in disbelief.

No one at that courthouse was running away from the heinous nature of the crimes, nor from the punishment the men deserved, but the parents involved chose to focus on love and forgiveness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we should forgive each other seventy-seven times. Numbers are not randomly used in the Bible. One, three, seven, twelve and forty all have specific meanings. To number something as seven is to describe it as being perfect. When we hear Jesus use this phrase we recall the story in the Book of Genesis of the seven days of creation where, on the seventh day, God looks at the result of his creative love and sees that it is very good. Jesus, using some shorthand, says that not only is forgiveness good, but that it is a creative act that gives life to the world and gives glory to those who exercise it.

In the 5th Century St Augustine said that forgiveness was like a mother who has two wonderful daughters named justice and compassion. In using such a metaphor Augustine knew that forgiveness was not a once-off event, it was a process that involved other virtues as well. Jesus teaches a similar lesson in today's Gospel, where he uses the image of the King settling his debts. Because the King is just, compassionate and forgiving, he rightly expects that, in turn, his steward will be so as well.

It's easy to be forgiving in the big picture. We can preach strongly about war, peace and reconciliation. It's quite another to forgive those closest to us. Sometimes the hardest place to be compassionate and just is our own home. If we are not speaking to a husband, wife, child, parent, sibling or friend then today's Gospel has a strong challenge right where we live.

Part of the problem is that we could have accepted the film *Love Story's* motto, 'Love means never having to say you're sorry'. This idea is many things, but it's not Christian. For followers of Jesus the exact opposite is

true. We seek opportunities to forgive and ask for forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't tell us that forgiveness is easy, just necessary. To forgive someone in our family, our workplace, our circle of friends or in our Church is not to pretend that a sinful situation did not occur, but to face it head on and demand justice with compassion.

For when we stand before God with the weakness and sinfulness of our own life, God will not settle old scores, take revenge and exact retribution. Rather God, will be perfectly just and completely compassionate. When we choose forgiveness over revenge, and love over hate we begin to glimpse God's creative goodness coming to perfection in us, because forgiveness is a participation in the very heart of God.

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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?

You can make a difference in the schools within our 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.

Rose Mcallister: Manager Formation & Education 4979 1346

Nicki Graham: Officer Formation & Education 0417 773 444 Email: formed@mn.catholic.org.au

PARISH LUNCHEON

Parish Luncheon at *Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether* (Please note the new venue). 12.30pm on Monday, 18th September. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen on 0412 673151.



ST JOSEPH'S MEN NEWCASTLE

St Joseph's Men Newcastle is hosting a trivia night at the Sydney Junction Hotel, Hamilton on Tuesday 19 September from 6.00pm. Get a team together or come alone for some fun trivia and a delicious meal. Great prizes to be won. FREE entry.

TABLE CONVERSATION

You are invited to join interested parishioners from the Chisholm Pastoral Region for an afternoon 'Table Conversation' on the upcoming Voice to Parliament Referendum.

The conversation will be facilitated by Jennifer Rumbel, proud Kamilaroi woman and member of the Diocesan Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry. Learn about the key opportunities for you and your faith communities to ensure an informed and educated decision is made when voting for the Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

RSVPs close Wednesday 20 September. Registration is appreciated but not essential.

Cost: Free, though cash donations are welcome.

Location: The Therry Centre, 72 King Street, EAST MAITLAND is mobility friendly, with ample onsite parking.

Date & Time: Sunday 24 September 2023. 1:30pm for 2pm - 4pm.

Enquiries: Please contact by phone, Helen B: 043 933 4000 or Yvonne R: 0432 550 986 Registration: <https://thevoicechisholm.eventbrite.com.au>

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT

The Pastoral Ministry Network is excited to invite you to the annual 'Alive in the Spirit' Event!

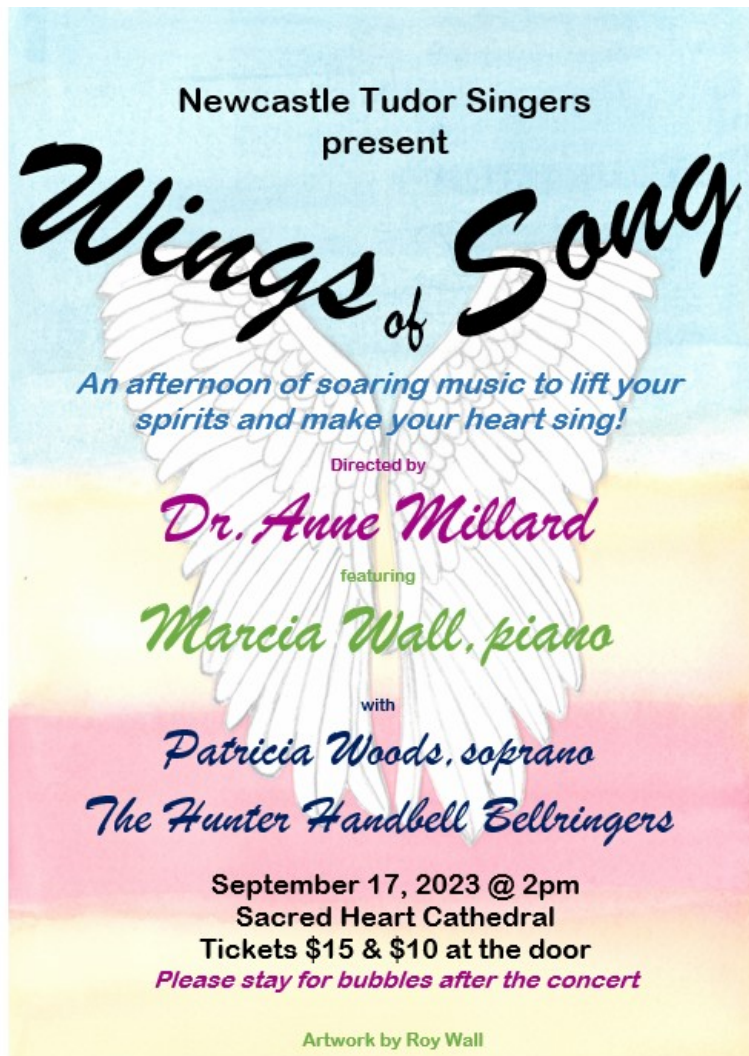
After two years of dynamic online gatherings, Alive in the Spirit is thrilled to be gathering for an in-person event on Wednesday 25 October 2023 at Hornsby RSL from 10am - 4pm.

This year's conference will focus on the theme of Communion, Participation, and Mission, which is drawn from the Synod on Synodality. The Synod encourages us to seek new vision, energy, and life for the Catholic Church.

The Pastoral Ministry Network AGM will follow at 4.30pm to top off a great opportunity for networking, growing in faith and sharing our hope for the Church.

Tickets are \$149 for non-members. We encourage you to share this image across your own networks inviting all wanting to be Alive in the Spirit!

For all enquiries, please contact Lisa on 0419 418 547 or email info@aliveinthespirit.com.au

A poster for a concert titled 'Wings of Song'. The title is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, in a smaller blue font, is the tagline 'An afternoon of soaring music to lift your spirits and make your heart sing!'. The background features a large, white, feathered wing graphic. The text 'Newcastle Tudor Singers present' is at the top in black. Below the tagline, it says 'Directed by Dr. Anne Millard' in pink. Then 'featuring Marcia Wall, piano' in green. Then 'with Patricia Woods, soprano' in blue. At the bottom, 'The Hunter Handbell Belbringers' is written in blue. The date and time 'September 17, 2023 @ 2pm' and location 'Sacred Heart Cathedral' are in black. Ticket prices 'Tickets \$15 & \$10 at the door' are in black. A note 'Please stay for bubbles after the concert' is in pink. At the very bottom, 'Artwork by Roy Wall' is in green.

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND- NEWCASTLE MARRIAGE TRIBUNAL

Can we help you? The Church is aware of the stresses associated with marriage breakdown and divorce and understands that many people have questions about the processes which might allow a divorced person to remarry in the Catholic Church. If you have any questions or would like to have a confidential chat about your situation, please contact Jane at the Tribunal on 4979 1370.

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDIATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am – and has done so for the last 25 years, in which time many hundreds of people have taken up this prayer form. After meditation on Fridays Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. Through both practices we open ourselves to the fullness of life; we come to know ourselves by knowing that we are known and loved by God. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj -0412122297 - or just come.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you
pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

- (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
 3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
 4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but
seventy times seven.*

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

EXUBERANT CATHOLIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

Wednesday 27 September, 5:30-7:00pm
(refreshments to be provided).

All ages are welcome! Come and join us for our third
planning meeting as we explore the thrilling potential
of this upcoming event. We warmly welcome
passionate musicians and vocalists to be part of our
enthusiastic ensemble.

Location: Function Room, MacKillop Parish Pastoral
Centre (7 Milson Street, Charlestown).
Phone 0466 140 066 for any inquiries.

SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING

This Season of Creation you are invited to join us for
prayer and reflection, then participate in the 5km
Awabakal Coastal Walk. It is an opportunity to
surround yourself with the beauty of God's creation
and consider how we might respond as the people of
God caring for our common home.

Date: Saturday 30 September

Time: 9am-12pm

Location: We will commence with prayer and
reflection at St John Vianney's Church Redhead, then
walk 5km on the Awabakal Coastal Walk and loop back
to Redhead. Light lunch provided. To register go to
[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-
community-walk-tickets-704984426397](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/season-of-creation-community-walk-tickets-704984426397)

THE CHOSEN SEASON 3

We invite you to join us in soaking up the sights,
smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine as we view
Season 3 of The Chosen.

The Chosen is a series that brings to life an
interpretation of what life might have been like for
Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been
creatively produced and includes the backstories for
each of the disciples that were individually chosen by
Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into
their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to
Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we
are invited to witness such a transformation of each of
his first followers.

Each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch
and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience
commences on 12 October at 6pm in the Murray
Room. Viewing of Seasons 1 & 2 is not required. We
hope to see you there. To register go to:
[www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-3-
tickets-702923361697](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-3-tickets-702923361697)

"TILLING THE CHURCH: THEOLOGY FOR AN UNFINISHED PROJECT." ZOOM DISCUSSION.

While Father Richard's visit was short, he last left our Diocese with riches that we can continue to explore together, as our church is an unfinished project and in need of tilling.

So, let's continue the discussion!

You are invited to discuss Father Richard's latest publication, "Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project" chapter by chapter over the next several months online.

Wednesday 18 October: Introduction and Chapter 1.

The Church as Project

Wednesday 22 November: Chapter 2. Symbolizing Grace

Wednesday 21 February: Chapter 3. The Pilgrimage Community of Faith and Hope

Wednesday 20 March: Chapter 4. Engaging the Graced World

Wednesday 17 April: Chapter 5. The Future-Oriented Past

Wednesday 15 May: Chapter 6. The Art of Faithfulness and conclusion To register go to:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087

SACRED@SEVEN

Sacred@Seven is back! Come along for a beautiful night of Adoration, prayer, free food, and fellowship.

Where: Sacred Heart Cathedral.

When: Wednesday 20 September at 7.00pm.

All are welcome!

GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark is a treasure trove for the nurturing and nourishing of our faith. Mark brings us face-to-face with the One who came to serve and not to be served, to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Explore the Gospel of Mark with Dr Debra Snoddy, a lecturer in biblical studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney a partner of the University of Notre Dame Australia. As we look forward to the year when the Gospel of Mark takes pride of place in our liturgy, Debra promises to inform you, nourish you and challenge you to hear Mark's words in ways old and new.

The day will include an overview of the Gospel and a detailed treatment of some of the most illuminating texts from the Gospel of Mark.

Date: 15 November, Murray Room, 9.30am – 3.00pm

Registration: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gospel-of-mark-tickets-699335259587

PASTORAL PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the 2024 Pastoral Placement Program!

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the Diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants with a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn how to apply go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/

The Chuckle

An SRE teacher gave a long talk on sin, prayer, and forgiveness. When she finished the lesson, she asked the class, "What do we have to do before we ask the Lord for forgiveness?"

One little girl confidently answered, "Sin"



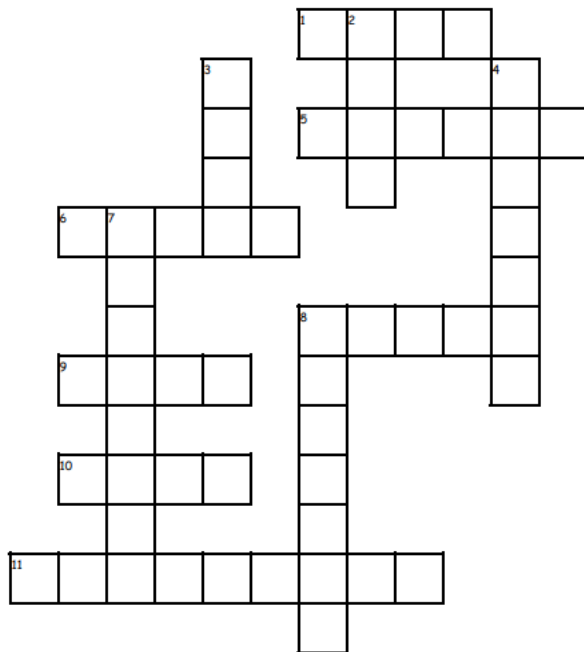
Have you thought?

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

CROSSWORD

Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times

Mt 18:21-35



Across

- 1: exchanged for money
- 5: to have asked for charity or mercy
- 6: we use this to buy what we need
- 8: forgive the Lord's followers with all your h_ _ _ t
- 9: a male monarch
- 10: feeling sorry for someone
- 11: people who follow

Down

- 2: to have people in debt to you
- 3: released
- 4: Jesus told Peter to forgive not just seven times, but _ _ _ _ _ -seven times
- 7: the _ _ _ _ _ owed the king fifty million silver coins
- 8: the man owed the official this many silver coins

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times

Mt 18:21-35

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Try to find these words:

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