



# 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 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Lord challenges our innate sense of fairness in this Sunday's parable of the labourers who are called to work in the vineyard. Is the owner in this story being unfair?

If we interpret it literally and by the accepted standards of this world, perhaps he is. More than that, his actions seem radical and even provocative.

But God's ways are not our ways. There are many mysteries in the Kingdom of God that we will not make sense of until we get to the 'other side'. Until then, we are asked to live by faith and be grateful for every blessing the Lord has given us.

*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)

25th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Monday—25th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—26th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral \*\* Jubilee Mass for the Sisters of Mercy

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

10:30am Funeral Mass for Jim Bailey @ The Cathedral

2:00pm Funeral Mass for Judith Everitt @ St Joseph's

Wednesday—27th September

*Memorial of St Vincent de Paul*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

10:30am Funeral Liturgy for John Cannon @ Mayfield West

11:00am Funeral Liturgy for Patricia Higgins @ The Cathedral

Thursday—28th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—29th September

*Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael*

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—30th September

*Memorial of St Jerome*

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—1st October

*26th 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/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/)

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion @ Mayfield West

5:00pm Taize celebration @ Tighes Hill

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

## FROM THE MODERATOR

Dear friends,

I would like to introduce you to our new Bereavement Team for the parishes of the City Pastoral Region. Those who have so generously offered to serve us in this wonderful new ministry are:



Anne Millard (Coordinator), Margaret Beard, Margaret Cox, Steven Dargue, Christopher Gregory, Gail Lovell, and Margaret Newton. Under the kind guidance of Sr Louise Gannon rsj, Benita Tait, and Fr Roger Zohrab, these volunteers have engaged in a three-stage Stepping Stones process over this past year and are now ready to serve in active ministry, which includes the preparation of funeral liturgies and being a listening ear for anyone who needs pastoral support in coping with some issue of loss in their lives.

Please join me in welcoming this wonderful team and do keep them in your prayers. Contact details are now listed in our weekly bulletins and will shortly be on the regional website too. If you feel this ministry can help you with some issue of loss in your life, please feel free to reach out to them for support.

Love, Fr John

## BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, 1st 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](mailto: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.

## 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 October is as follows:

4th October: *Departures* discussion

11th October: Lectio

18th October: Lectio

25th October: No meeting

To participate, please email the parish office.

## 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.*

## MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Month of the Holy Rosary 2023 begins on Saturday 1 October and ends on Monday 31 October. The first Newcastle Maitland diocese Men's Rosary will be held on Saturday 28 of October, 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. For More Information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.

## 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>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jim Bailey, Patricia Higgins, Judith Everitt, Christopher Howes, John Cannon

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Phillip Garvey, Kay Varnum, Anne May Tait, James Tait, Domenica Rossi, Pat Francis, Anthony Tynan, Peter Tynan, Frank Tobin, Mavis Sheedy, Trevor Thornton, George Babic, Peter Maurer, Steven Howard, Betty Hooton, Bernard Innes, Keith Crittenden, Maurice Crittenden, Lola Orrett, Sylvia Davies

*\* Humble apologies that some names appeared in the Prayers for the Sick last week instead of Anniversaries.*

**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 Kefeczek, Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis

*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](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).*

## 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/>



## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Labourers for hire

*Jesus' parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they sought to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.*

## REFLECTION

### NO SALVATION OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?

*Fr Michael Tate*

In May 2013, Pope Francis caused uproar amongst some Catholics and many fundamentalist Christians by stating in a homily, speaking of human beings generally: 'The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the blood of Christ: all of us, not just Catholics. Everyone! "Father, the atheists?" Even the atheists. Everyone!'

How can this be? How did the Church come to this point? One of the foundations of this teaching lies in today's Gospel story, or parable.

On the surface, this is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. They lived on the edge: one denarius a day would feed their family. If they did not work and get their pay by sunset, their families starved.

The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard yakka over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

But, first, the complainants suffered no injustice. They still got the just wage of one denarius. Secondly, they were completely out of tune with the generosity, the large heartedness, of the landlord who wanted all those day labourers and their households to have their 'daily bread'.

But, who was Jesus really trying to shock out of their preconceptions? Why was this little parable so important that it circulated in the little Christian community of the first century?

There was great antagonism in the early church between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles', such as Paul converted.

The Jewish Christians looked at their long history preparing for the coming of the Messiah, the hardships and persecutions and exile endured. They had indeed borne the 'heat and burden of the day', generation after generation.

And, now, here were these Gentiles, non-Jews, who had done nothing by comparison. They were the 'Johnny-come-lateleys' who had perhaps done something in the last little while, and here was God showering them with the same grace of reconciliation in Jesus Christ and granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians of the Gospel time had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the traditional boundaries of the Chosen People.

Many Christians of our own time have to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace can *not* be lavished on those outside the traditional boundaries of those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

For the Catholic Church that shock came 500 years ago with the discovery of the new world by Christopher Columbus. Suddenly, the realisation hit the Eurocentric Church that millions of people in Central and South America had never heard the Gospel.

Were they saved?

The Popes of the 16th century reflected on this question. The old slogan 'No Salvation outside the Church' had to be abandoned in its crude form. It was enough that people responded to the grace of the Holy Spirit and led good lives in accordance with the promptings of that incognito Divine Presence in their conscience.

Billions of people who have lived throughout history, or even now in China or India, without the slightest awareness of the Gospel, are able to be saved. Those in our own societies who have heard the Gospel but have not been convinced of its truth, perhaps because of its presentation or the sins of the presenter, can be saved if they live good lives as prompted by the Holy Spirit.

From one aspect, this will not be as easy for them as it is for us, because we have the great privilege and advantage of the Gospels to guide us and the sacraments to nurture us.

But this may lead some Catholics to think that these outsiders may not have laboured as hard as we, and our Catholic forebears over the centuries, have had to do with that knowledge of the demands of the Gospel. But who are we to be outraged at the generosity and large-heartedness of God who wants all to share in the bliss of Heaven?

Do we want to be on the side of the churlish day labourers who had borne the heat of the day?

Rather, let us look forward to our transition to the next life where we may be taken by surprise by those billions of people who, by the grace of God, will share with us the 'daily bread', 'the Bread of Life', 'the Heavenly Bread' given for the salvation of all the world.

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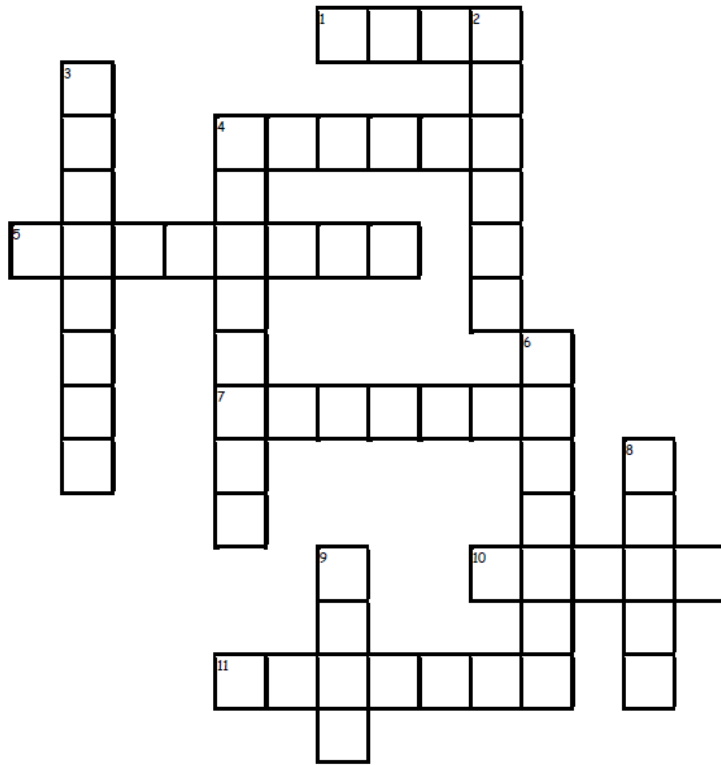
### SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT –KINGDOM PARABLES

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

# CROSSWORD

## The Lord is near to those who call

Is 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18a  
Mt 20:1-16a



### Across

- 1: close by
- 4: a place where people buy and sell food and goods
- 5: the owner of the vineyard was \_\_\_\_\_ with his money
- 7: to pardon an offence
- 10: discovered
- 11: people who work

### Down

- 2: to go back to where you came from
- 3: a farm where grapes are grown
- 4: forgiving and compassionate
- 6: envious of someone else
- 8: we use this to buy things
- 9: to change direction

# SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Is 55:6-9  
Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18a  
Mt 20:1-16a

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

Try to find these words:

forgive  
found  
generous  
jealous  
market  
merciful  
money  
near  
return  
turn  
vineyard  
workers



## 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@aliveinthepirit.com.au](mailto:info@aliveinthepirit.com.au)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32



## 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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087)

## **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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gospel-of-mark-tickets-699335259587)

## **THE CHUCKLE**

Wine improves with age. I improve with wine.



## **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.

## **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.

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Nicki Graham: Officer Formation & Education 0417 773 444 Email: [formed@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:formed@mn.catholic.org.au)

## **CARITAS AUSTRALIA**

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](http://www.caritas.org.au)



## **MADE FREE: CREATIVE RETREAT**

20-22 October 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW. Bookings:

<http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD> (by 6 October)

Contact: Judy - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

*For me to live is Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation: See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

### Communion Antiphon: Psalm 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully  
kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## 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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information  
[www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

## OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Primary School

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### Holy Family Primary School

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Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291  
P:(02) 4963 3009  
W:[www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au](http://www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au)

### St Columban's Primary School

Danielle Reed (*Principal*)  
Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304  
P:(02) 4968 3315  
W:[www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au)

### St Peter's Primary School

Mark Konik (*Acting Principal*)  
Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295  
P:(02) 4920 1736  
W:[www.stockton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stockton.catholic.edu.au)

## FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

### ST JOSEPH'S, THE JUNCTION & MARY IMMACULATE, TIGHES HILL:

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 ), can be placed in the basket at the back of **St Joseph's Church**, The Junction and in the foyer of **Mary Immaculate Church**, Tighes Hill. 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 or 4967 2998. The St Joseph's community kindly requests that you do not donate peanut butter.

### SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL & ST MARY'S, NEWCASTLE:

If you would like to donate, any of the following types of non-perishable items would be most gratefully received: UHT milk, cereal, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat, dried pasta, rice, pasta sauces, teabags, coffee, biscuits, crackers, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner (even the travel sized ones from hotels), deodorant.