

**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 22ND OCTOBER 2023 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God", was Jesus' answer to the trap His enemies set for Him in today's Gospel. He didn't snap back or try to get even, but just calmly gave a very wise and practical response. Let's pray for this same wisdom and composure whenever we feel someone is being sarcastic, provocative or trying to set a trap for 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.

Monday—23rd October 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

- Tuesday—24th October 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 8:30am Mass @ Stockton
- Wednesday—25th October
  - 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
  - 10:00am Funeral Mass for Marco Moriello @ The Cathedral
  - 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West \*\* Cancelled this week only
- Thursday—26th October
  - 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 8:30am Mass @ Stockton
- Friday—27th October
  - 10:15am Mass @ The Junction \*\* Cancelled until November 24
  - 11amExposition, Adoration, and Reconciliation@ The Cathedral (until 12pm)
  - 12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- Saturday—28th October

Memorial of Sts Simon and Jude

- 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—29th October

30th 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
5.00pm Mass @ The Cathedral
6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

# NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Ex 22:20-26 1 Thess 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40



# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Ann Gallagher rsj, Robin Patricia Walsh, Paul Truong, Nevenka Propadalo, Marco Moriello.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jennifer Hickey, Piero Barile, Tony Vial, Gerard Tobin, Tess Connell, Piero Barile, Sr Trish Jackson rsj

**SICK:** Sr. Margaret Mary, OLN, Sr Monica Sinclair rsm, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj, Gerard Pearce, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Christine

Timbrell, Stewart McKinnon, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecek, 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.



# **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.



# **BOOK CLUB**

## Sunday, 5th November @ 6:15pm:

Bookclub meets to discuss *The Remarkable Mrs Reibey* by Grantlee Keiza. 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 begin the Advent program.

The program for October and November is as follows: 25th October: No meeting 1st November: No meeting 8th November: Lectio Divina 15th November: Lectio Divina 22nd November: No meeting 29th November: First Meeting of the Advent Program

To participate, please email the parish office.

## **OUR BELOVED DEAD**

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in October. At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Therese Aitchison	Sandra Martin
Nash Azzopardi	Thelma Martin
Gwen Burke	George Mercieca
Bernard Francis Callaghan	Terence Murray
Leslie John Dodds	Ivy Petherbridge
Reginald Gilbert	Hilda May Pilgrim
James Haggerty	lan Ray
Kevin Hinitt	Kathleen (Mardi) Rooney
Mark (Walter) Kearney	Judith Sphiris
Anthony Keelan	Brian Trenaman
Andrew Mainey	Peter Tynan
Aleksander Maliszewski	Karen Varnum
	Sydney Wickham

#### At St Joseph's

Fergus CAMPBELL
Alton Richard CUSICK
Paul DOOHAN
Rachel DOWZER
Tess FLETCHER
Mary GONINAN
Peggy GRAVES
Eileen HARTSORN
Bernard 'Barney' HICKEY
Pam HOGG

Cecily McHUGH Patricia PAGE William PALMER Noel PRYDE John SMYTH William SOWERBY Ray SKINNER Geoffrey TONKS

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



gospel passage is sometimes This interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state. It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

## POSITION VACANT Administrative Assistant For Inner Newcastle Pastoral Region

We are seeking applications for the position of an Administration Assistant in the parish office. This is a full time position and enquiries for the position can be made to Fr John Lovell at:

john.Lovell@mn.catholic.org.au.

A position description will be made available.

### **ACU PUBLIC LECTURES ON LITURGY**

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present two exciting public lectures by international liturgical scholars:

Renowned liturgical scholar Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a public lecture live via Zoom on Monday 6 November 2023, 10am AEDT on the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" and

Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver a FREE public lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday December 3, 2023, 5pm-6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Further information and registration details for both of these unique and valuable events, and a flyer if desired, can be found above and at the following link: https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-

academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/newsevents-and-resources

We look forward to welcoming you to these very special events marking this important milestone anniversary.

For more information please contact: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

#### SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing 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 <u>www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au</u>

#### REFLECTION

There are people inside and outside the Church who think that Christ did not give the Church a mandate to speak about political matters. They regularly quote the Gospel we have just heard to support their case. But if one knows and understands the context and meaning within which this text was written it provides no ammunition for those who want the Church to stay indoors, reflect on things 'spiritual', preach the eternal verities, and sing hymns more ancient than modern.

In Jesus' day, we know that some people thought he was a Zealot. Zealots were a well-organised group who agitated for the end of the Roman occupation of Israel. One of the things Zealots did was withhold paying the Roman taxes. We can see why some people thought Jesus may have been a Zealot. He took the part of the poor, the sick, women and those who lived on the fringes of society. He attacked the religious authorities of his day and certainly stirred up trouble in many places he went. On the other hand he rejected violence, taught his followers to pray for their enemies and to return good for evil. Jesus showed us that the justice and equality God longs to see in the world comes from a community which is converted by love, not by weapons, fear or revenge. Jesus was no Zealot.

Rather than undermine civil authority, however, Jesus, in this passage, supports it. But he does more. 'Give to Caesar what is Caesar's' is followed by 'And give to God, what is God's', which encompasses all the Caesars of this world, all civil authorities and states. The sense that we as the People of God can split off our obligations to the Gospel from the State is as false as it's dangerous. We only have to think of some of the darkest chapters last century to see what happens when good, churchgoing people, like us, do not put their Sunday devotion in touch with their Monday politics. Evil can reign.

Christian leaders, who are charged to proclaim and defend the Gospel, are obliged to use whatever forum necessary to declare that God's personal love encompasses everyone and everything under heaven. As the prophet Isaiah reminds us today, God calls each one of us by name.

At times we may not agree with our religious leaders; we may think them ill informed; we may even think they have overstepped the mark. If this is the case we should tell them, enable them to consider other perspectives and to broaden the basis upon which they make their judgments. But we should never be seduced by those who want the Church sidelined from the mainstream of the debates that shape the way we live, the values we share, the laws we draft and the priorities we draw up for our human community.

If the Church shows disinterest in any of this, it is untrue to the very things for which Jesus lived, died, and was raised from the dead. By all means we should give to Caesar all that Caesar is justly entitled to have for the sake of the common good. A higher allegiance, however, goes to God, who will call all Caesars to account for what they have done and what they failed to do. And we might be asked to explain how we let them get away with it in the first place.

#### © Richard Leonard SJ

**Richard Leonard SJ** is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers. He completed a PhD in cinema studies at the University of Melbourne. He lectures in cinema and theology at the Jesuit College of Spirituality and has been a visiting lecturer in Australian cinema at the University of Melbourne, a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film and Television at UCLA and is visiting professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University, has lectured widely and is the author of numerous books.



#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at <u>catholicmission.org.au/timor</u>, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

# JUNIOR WORDSEARCH Give to God what belongs to God

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

# SENIOR WORDSEARCH Give to God what belongs to God

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#### **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

#### 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.

#### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

The next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre (25 Farquhar St, The Junction).

Anyone interested in being part of this valuable ministry is invited to attend and find out more!

#### HISTORICAL CONTEXT - WHAT'S IN A FACE?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes. © Greg Sunter

#### **NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES**



In the church community, November is a time when we take the opportunity to pray in a special way for those who have died.

The City Pastoral Region invites you and members of your family to attend the Special Masses to be held throughout November

#### Thursday 2 November @ 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral (Mass, followed by liturgy in the Columbarium

Sunday 5 November @ 9:00am St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton

Sunday 12 November @ 7:30am St Mary's Star of the Sea, Newcastle

Saturday 18 November @ 5:30pm Christ the King, Mayfield

Friday 24 November @ 10:15am St Joseph's, The Junction (for those at rest in the Columbarium)

**Saturday 25 November** @ 5:30pm St Joseph's, The Junction (for those whose funeral were celebrated in the past year)

Sunday 26 November @ 8:00am Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill

We look forward to sharing this commemoration with you and your family.

Should you wish to have your loved one remembered during this time of commemoration envelopes are available in your church for you to note your request.

## Position Vacant – Hospital Chaplain John Hunter Hospital

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is looking to appoint a Catholic Hospital Chaplain to John Hunter Hospital. The purpose of this position is to provide Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care services to the patients, their families and staff at the John Hunter Hospital and other health facilities that exist on that site. The Catholic Chaplain provides spiritual and pastoral care and emotional support on behalf of the faith community.

For more information about this position please go to the Careers section on the diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/pastoralministries/ or contact Taraca Priorlay on 4070 1157

ministries/ or contact Teresa Brierley on 4979 1157.

## **PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS**

We pray for those preparing for their HSC.

Father we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.

Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and express themselves clearly.

Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.

Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## **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-ofmark-tickets-699335259587

# THE CHUCKLE

My wife's credit card got stolen the other day. I haven't bothered reporting it, though, because the thief spends much less than my wife.



# 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.

# Advent 2023: With Anticipation and Joy

We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. With Anticipation and Joy is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels and associated artworks. 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.

To access the resource, go to: <u>https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/</u> catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/

## NEWCASTLE REGIONAL PARISH (BROADMEADOW) CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Monday 27 November** 12 pm at Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn

St, Merewether. Please phone Gwen Haggerty 49 675010 so appropriate seating can be arranged. Bookings in by Saturday, 18 November.



Our next monthly Luncheon will be Monday 30 October at 12 pm.

# ST JOSEPH'S MEN NEWCASTLE

Calling all men to a talk on the Rosary- A Spiritual Weapon. Come along to hear from St Joseph's Men Newcastle Founder, Curtis Mahoney as he talks about the power of the Rosary @ The Sydney Junction Hotel, Hamilton on Monday 23 October from 6pm. Free entry and meals are available at your own cost.

## **TODAY'S LITURGY**

#### Entrance Antiphon: Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1.4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.* 

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name.
   Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- 4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
  O earth, tremble before him.
  Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
  He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

#### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

#### Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.* 

#### Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

## **OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**St Joseph's Primary School** Karen McGinlay (*Principal*) Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291

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#### **Holy Family Primary School**

Ann Jackson (Principal) Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291

P:(02) 4963 3009 W: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

#### **St Peter's Primary School**

Mark Konik (Acting Principal) Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

P:(02) 4920 1736 W:www.stockton.catholic.edu.au

#### FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

# ST JOSEPH'S, THE JUNCTION & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, 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 **Immaculate Heart of Mary 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.