



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

St Benedict's 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 26TH MAY 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY, YEAR B

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



The members of the Trinity are co-equal and co-eternal, one in essence, nature, power, action, and will. On this feast of the Holy Trinity, God urges us to strive for unity. "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." We all live with the objective

of being happy: our lives are different and yet the same. The key to being united with God and others is prayer. As Pope Francis says "the family that prays together, stays together."

Fr Anil

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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)

8th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 27th May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 28th May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 29th May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

Thursday 30th May

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 31st May

Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @
The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 1st June

Memorial of St Justin, martyr

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 2nd June

Corpus Christi, Year B

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral *

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (*Italian*)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (*Polish*)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*) **
No Mass this week.

* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—
www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton
and on the Diocesan website*

** The Vietnamese Mass is now celebrated fortnightly

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patricia Fraser, Sr Patricia Adams
RSM, Sr. Catherine Grant rsj

ANNIVERSARIES: Bob Haggerty, Sr. Beverly Zimmerman
rsj, Annie Crittenden, Sr. M. Paula
Crittenden rsj, Mary Royan, Clare Innes,
Ralph Sweeney, Laurel Murray, Doris
Parker, Eileen Russell, Ellie and Joe
Catulay, Milagros Diwa, Leonardo Diwa



SICK: Sr. Denise Edmunds rsj, Peter & Bev Woods
Leeton, Lisa Woodland, Maria Therese Perera, Tui
Innes, Marko Kefcecek, Jolina Joyce Saranillo, Maureen
Dwyer, Angela Cottier, Joshua Zalanardo, Rosa
Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine
Johnson, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefcecek, Carlo Rossi, Neil
Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis, Josephine
Diwa, Ronoel Diwa, Loreta Diwa

*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.*

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Speak the name of the dead and they will live forever.

We remember those in our Columbaria whose
anniversaries occur in May:

At Sacred Heart

Margaret Winsome Azzopardi	Gerard McCosker
Joyce Callaghan	Cyril O'Neill
Michael Clement Daley	Lorna Pearl Roberts
Marjorie Hardy	Barbara Smith
Ian King	Beryl Smith
Mario Malaspina	

At St Joseph's:

Violet Ernst	John Joseph Skehan
Edith Isabel Fahey	Francis Smith
Anne Marie Gilroy	Eunice Smyth
John Hogg	Meryl Ryan
Margaret Kelly	Jack Robinson
Maureen Maher	Charles Tynan
Paul-Elizabeth McNamara	Frederick Wilson
	Geoff Young

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

Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the
Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm
on Wednesdays.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year B
(Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



PRAYER GROUP

Junction Prayer/Discussion Group will recommence Monthly meetings Thursday May 30th at 9:30am in Parish meeting room.

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 www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

THE CHUCKLE

Sorry about the errors in the bulletin last week My laptop has pneumonia. Apparently I left windows open.



STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS: THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE AND LIBRARY AND THE 2024 TWEC DINNER – FRIDAY 31 MAY

It is with much excitement that you are invited to join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library. The Library, which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Catholic Library, offers our community access to resources relating to Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, Liturgy and more.

Following on from the official opening, the celebration continues with the reimagining of the TWEC dinner with guest speaker Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Diocese of Broken Bay. Kelly was amongst five Australians chosen personally by the Holy Father to participate in the General Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Library Opening – 4.30 PM

Free entry. All welcome

Dinner & Speaker – 5.30 PM

\$40 pp includes buffet meal and guest speaker presentation. Dinner

Registration link: [https://](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/twec-dinner-library-opening-tickets-872278206597)

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VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

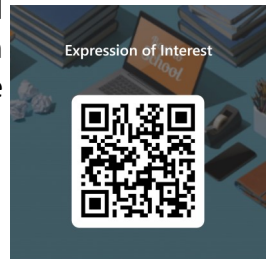
View, Chew, and Chat meets June 5 to discuss Episode 6 of *The Chosen*. To participate, please email the parish office.

RCIA TEAM – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Dear friends,

Over the past couple of years, our Pastoral Region has received an increasing number of enquiries from adults interested in becoming Catholic. To assist our parishes in responding to this need, I would like to form an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team for our region, to guide and accompany these individuals on their journey of faith in preparation for being initiated into the Church. I have spoken with Bishop Michael, who is very supportive of this proposal. Formation will be provided to those who will become part of this new team. Accordingly, I would like to invite anyone who may feel called to share their faith with others in this way, to please register your interest via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/r/DdYEiSwPUu>



Fr John

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

I believe

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo – I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 2nd June Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Tighes Hill 5.00pm – 6pm *followed by a shared supper.*

You can read about it in the Aurora article "A spirit of joy, simplicity and reconciliation" available in the Diocesan website: <http://mnnews.today>



CAN YOU HELP CATHOLICARE SOCIAL SERVICES HUNTER-MANNING MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

A single mum, three couples from Afghanistan, a university student, and dozens of school students – these are just a few of the people CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has supported in the last couple of months.

As a not-for-profit organisation, We can't do this work without the generosity of our community. Can you help us to support more?

Donate to our 2024 Make a Difference appeal now:
www.mycause.com.au/page/345965/make-a-difference

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS

Venue: Diocesan Resource Centre, Corner of Tudor & Parry Streets, Newcastle West.

1 June at 11am, the Formation film will be *Peace by Chocolate*. Lunch, coffee & tea provided. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/SvvXE86e1v>

7 June at 10:15am, Children's story time will feature *Wombat Stew*. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/FeJ4gyXBu4>

7 June at 1:00pm, Formation Friday's theme is *The Sacred Heart of Jesus* Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/P7siS03nLz>

COMMUNITY KITCHEN OPENING HOURS

As we enter winter, more people in our community will need help. CatholicCare's Community Kitchens can be accessed by anyone who needs a warm meal or support. Five locations operate across the Hunter and Mid-North Coast. including:

- Hamilton South: Every Wednesday, 12pm to 1pm at 29 Fowler Street, Hamilton South
- Newcastle: Every Saturday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm (6.30pm to 7.30pm during Daylight Savings) at Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle
- Toronto: Every Thursday, 5pm to 6.30pm at 97 The Boulevard, Toronto



**VINNIES WINTER APPEAL
COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!**

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

© 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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE

Expressions of Interest for 2024/2025 Christian Formation Course are now open.

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church? The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

- The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units

- All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

- become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith
- grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey
- realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community
- be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community
- grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community

Commencing on Tuesday 23 July, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. To find out more, go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course/

NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS - THE END OF FINANCIAL YEAR IS COMING!

Planned Giving Tax Receipts: Parishioners who require a tax receipt for planned giving for the 2023/2024 financial year must notify the Parish Office **by Friday, 28 June 2024.**

Please submit requests in writing by one of the following methods:

Email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au: Use the wording, *"Please provide me with a Planned Giving tax receipt"* and include your name and envelope number.

Planned Giving Envelope: Write on your weekly envelope, *"Tax receipt required"*.

Tax receipt data will be processed immediately following 30 June 2024. If you make a request after that date you will not be eligible for a receipt, nor for a tax deduction in relation to your planned giving contributions. This is because there is a designated sum that can be attributed to planned giving receipts and, once this distribution has occurred, no further allocations are possible.

The 'designated sum' provision also means that the claimable amount for each giver decreases when more people request a receipt. We therefore request that if you do not intend to claim a tax deduction, please do not request a receipt.

REFLECTION DAY WITH SRE TEACHERS

Special Religious Education (SRE) offers a safe place for students in state schools to learn about Jesus' love and to discuss matters of faith, spirituality, and beliefs. For teachers, it is a response to a calling of journeying with young people as they come to know Jesus Christ, who loves and teaches love.

You are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Special Religious Education teachers for a day of prayerful contemplation on 29 May 2024 commencing at 9am and finishing at 2.30pm. Starting with Mass, this is an occasion to listen to and engage in stories and experiences involving this ministry. An opportunity exists in the afternoon for us to visit the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to learn about this sacred space where children use sensory-rich materials and Montessori principles to explore their relationship with God.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/iaKTYrJHt7>

This event is also great for anyone who is interested in becoming an SRE teacher or has been one in the past.

FOOD BASKETS 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), 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.

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.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary will be held on the first Saturday of each month @ 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.



WEDNESDAY ROSARY

Pray the Rosary each Wednesday immediately after 8:15am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Meet Thursdays @ 7pm in the Cathedral precinct. On May 30, we begin viewing the series *The Chosen*. Anyone aged between 20 and 40 is cordially invited to join the group.
Email Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au to find out more.

PARISH VOLUNTEER SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Tuesday 18 June 2024

9.30am to 12.30pm (Lunch Provided)

Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2302

All parish workers are required to attend **Safeguarding Training in Parishes** within 6 months of commencing in their role and every 6 years thereafter.

This training forms part of the **Diocese's mandatory training regime** and is specifically designed to support paid and unpaid helpers undertaking a broad range of ministries in church facilities and out in the community. The training targets the safeguarding needs of faith communities. The course will address:

- the Diocese's Safeguarding Framework policy
- indicators of risk and vulnerability
- indicators of abuse and neglect
- boundaries in ministry
- responding to disclosures
- reporting obligations
- contributing to a 'Safe' culture

Please RSVP to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au by June 4

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational and everyone is very welcome. Please come.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 3.30 for 3.45 start

WHERE: Mercy Offices, 20 Union Street (Next door to Mercy Services) Off street parking available

The Meditation session begins with short guided relaxation exercises then we have a reading from Fr. John Main which leads into 20 minutes of silent meditation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CATHOLICARE REFUGEE HUB

The CatholicCare Refugee Hub is looking for volunteers to support its Driving and Tutoring programs.

As part of the Driving Program, you will mentor participants and help them build their skills through both practical and theory lessons. Using CatholicCare's insured fleet cars, you will also assist them in completing their logbook hours to get their license.

In the Tutoring Program, you will support primary and high school students from refugee backgrounds with their schoolwork. The program runs from 2.30pm to 5pm on Tuesdays during the school term.

For more information or to apply, visit www.catholiccare.org.au/community-programs/community-refugee-hub/volunteer/

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

There is no other god than our God

Dt 4:39-40
Ps 33:4-5, 6 & 9, 20 & 22, R. v.12b
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

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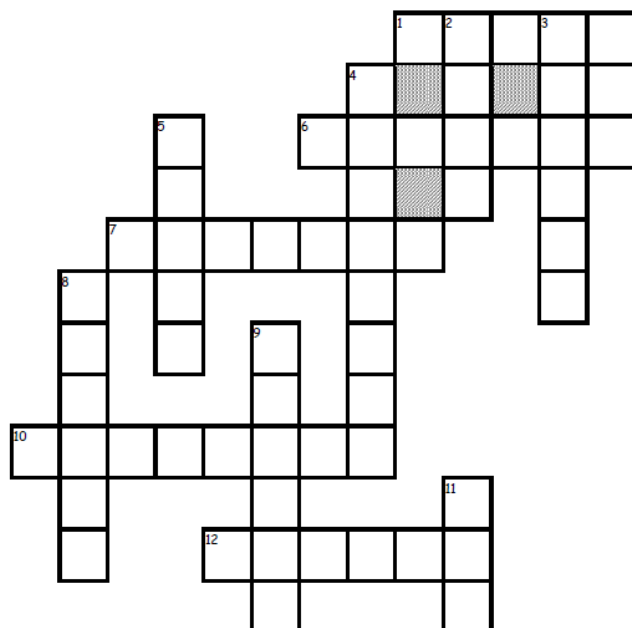
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CROSSWORD

There is no other god than our God

Dt 4:39-40
Ps 33:4-5, 6 & 9, 20 & 22, R. v.12b
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20



Across

- 1: this man told the people that God rules heaven and earth, and there is no other god
- 6: always
- 7: Jesus told his disciples to go to the people of all _____
- 10: those who are led by God's Spirit are his _____
- 12: Jesus said, 'I have been given all authority in _____ and on earth'

Down

- 2: to do as you are told
- 3: this many disciples met Jesus on the mountain
- 4: the disciples met Jesus on a _____ in Galilee
- 5: a teacher's job is to do this
- 8: we call God our _____
- 9: to not remember something is to _____ it
- 11: the opposite of beginning

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on
earth below: there is no other.*

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his
own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and they came to be.
He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

*You have received the Spirit that makes you
God's own children, and in that Spirit we call
God: Father, our Father!*

Gospel Acclamation: See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of
the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Communion Antiphon: Galatians 4:6

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Sign of the Cross

*Jesus' instruction that the disciples
go out to all the nations and baptize
them 'in the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an
instruction that is still being carried on
today. Those precise words are used
by the priest at every baptism. They
are also the words used in the sign of
the cross – whether that is a personal,
private blessing of oneself or a blessing
of a group as in the introductory and
dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic
celebration. When we make the sign of
the cross we use the words of Jesus.*

MAGDALENE AWARD:

Nominations close on June 3

The Magdalene Award recognises a woman living in,
and committed to, the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle.
This is a public affirmation of a life lived in ways that
echo the spirit of Mary Magdalene.

For more information, visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/
church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-
women/magdalene-award-2024](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-women/magdalene-award-2024)

OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

St Joseph's Primary School

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Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291

P:(02) 4961 2827

W:www.merewether.catholic.edu.au

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

Penny Banister (*Principal*)
Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4968 3315

W:www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au

St Peter's Primary School

Michael Punch (*Principal*)
Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

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