

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 30TH JUNE 2024 **13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B**

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our 1st Reading this Sunday from the Book of Wisdom, begins with the words, 'Death was not God's doing'. This, along with Jesus' healing ministry in the Gospels, should assure us that God is never vindictive or destructive, never accusing or condemning, but all loving and merciful. Let's seek to always do the same in our relationships with others.

Fr John

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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)

13th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 1st July 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 2nd July 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 3rd July

Feast of St Thomas
8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Christ the King, Mayfield West
11:00am Funeral for Netta Haining @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

Thursday 4th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral 9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 5th July

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 6th July

- 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 7th July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 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)
3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy @Mayfield West
5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral
5pm Taize Service @ Tighes Hill
5:30pm 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Ez 2:2-5 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6: 1-6



PRAYER REQUESTS



RECENTLY DECEASED: Susan McCarthy, Elizabeth Wilcock, Netta Haining, Wilfredo De Perio

ANNIVERSARIES: Ken Lane, Elizabeth Cagney, Garth Callinan, Eden James Brice, Martha Manickum, Herb Grgas, Marie Crittenden Foreman, Bev Forster, Fr Tony Stace, Terry O'Brien, Katie Geatches

SICK: Tima Otto, Conchita Ponte, Joyce Saranillo, John Woodward, Loreta Habulan, Peter & Bev Woods Leeton, Lisa Woodland, Maria Therese Perera, Tui Innes, Marko Kefecek, Jolina Joyce Saranillo, Maureen Dwyer, Angela Cottier, Joshua Zalanardo, Rosa Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecek, 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 June: At Sacred Heart

Reginald Bennett Coral Dawn (Diri) Cooke Joy Doran Clifford Ellicott Barry (Appo) Garside Leo Ireland Helen Elizabeth McLachlan Basil O'Brien Moira O'Brien Herbert Presland Michael (Mick) Rabbitt Colleen Ray Clyde Henry Rowley John Ruggero John Shearer Stanley Wenman Noela Margaret Yazbeck

At St Joseph's:

Vaudrey BRUYN Paul BYRON John CAVENAGH Robert CRAIG Yvette DAVIS Christine DOWLING Elaine GROOMBRIDGE Ethna HARVEY Ena HAWKINS Helen Margaret HUMPHRY Ronald John JAMES Kenneth George LANE John Augustus LARKIN Mark Joseph LEWIS Eileen MOORE Dolly O'MALLEY Eric & Coralie PARKINSON Lynette PUNSHON Greg RADECKI Richard Joseph WAKELY

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.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE LTD 1994 - 2024

In July there will be 60 celebration events in NSW, Qld and Vic. The events are being planned and coordinated by Catholic Healthcare Ltd head office at Macquarie Park, Sydney NSW.

In Newcastle we will celebrate on 30 July at:

1. Charles O'Neill Hostel, Mayfield West

2. St John's Villa, New Lambton

3. Catholic Healthcare Community and Homecare Service, New Lambton

Would you like to share your memories of the early days of Catholic Healthcare Ltd in Newcastle? The story begins in 1985 when the parishioners of St. Therese's New Lambton and the St Vincent de Paul society founded an aged care home on donated land at the end of King's Rd New Lambton which became St John's Villa Catholic Healthcare Ltd in 2007.

The St Vincent de Paul aged care hostel built on the site of the old St John's school and hall joined Catholic Healthcare Ltd as Charles O'Neill Hostel in 2008. After an extensive rebuild in 2015 the Hostel today stands beside Christ the King parish church at Mayfield. If you have memories, we would love you to put pen to paper or email and share them. If you have photos and documents from the old days, we would love to copy them and return them to you safely. If you have memorabilia, we would love to borrow them and return them to you safely.

Please contact,

Dennis Carroll

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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

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

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

 \cdot become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith

 \cdot grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey

 \cdot realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community

 \cdot 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/churchmission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christianformation-course/

THE CHUCKLE



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

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 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.

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. Join us June 27, to view episode 2 of 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.

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets July 3 for Lectio. To participate, please email the parish office.

PRAYER GROUP

Junction Prayer/Discussion Group Monthly meetings occur on the last Thursday of each month at 9:30am in Parish meeting room.

TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 7th July 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



BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 7th July @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *What Happened to Nina?* by

Dervla McTiernan. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email



newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

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:

 \cdot 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

 \cdot Toronto: Every Thursday, 5pm to 6.30pm at 97 The Boulevarde, Toronto

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS

The Diocesan Resource Centre and Library were officially opened and blessed by Bishop Michael Kennedy at the end of May. The library is open three days a week and offers several events each month. Find out what is on offer by regularly checking the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/library

The opening hours are as follows:

Mondays and Fridays – 10am to 6pm Saturday – 10am to 2pm

NAIDOC WEEK COMMUNITY EVENT Monday 8 July, 9am to 3pm

During NAIDOC Week (7 – 14 July) the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning will be participating in a community event in Newcastle.

Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, the event starts at Civic Park, with a flag raising at 9 am before a united procession to Foreshore Park.

The Diocese and CatholicCare are sponsors of this event and will provide information and activities in a marquee, along with other community groups, to engage with and share the wealth of programs and offerings of the diocese with the local community.

NAIDOC WEEK Ecumenical Prayer Service

Coinciding with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, all are welcome to attend this year's NAIDOC Week 2024 Ecumenical Prayer Service.

The theme this year is "Keep the Fire Burning. Blak, Loud and Proud!"

Celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations people:

Venue: Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Church Street, Newcastle

Time: 1:45pm for 2pm Date: Sunday 7 July 2024 All Welcome

A REFLECTION DAY WITH FR KEVIN DANCE CP TUESDAY 9 JULY 2024

All are invited to a day of reflection and Mass in Jesus, the Good Shepherd Parish, at Belmont Church Hall -40 Ernest Street Belmont. On-site parking is available. Arrive from 8.30am to sign in and enjoy a cuppa. Starts at 9am and finishes at 4.30pm.

Cost is by donation. Enquiries and registrations to Jan on 0438 252 657

or Email <u>elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au</u> RSVP 2/7/2024. BYO lunch. Morning tea provided.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM



The next meeting is Thursday, 4th July at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre (25 Farquhar St, The Junction). Anyone interested in being part of this

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

STOCKTON HEARING LOOP

The hearing loop is now available @ Stockton

Notice to Planned Givers Using Envelopes Please Collect Your Sets for the New Financial Year

Planned Giving Envelopes will be available in all Churches from the weekend 15/16 June 2024.

We've placed your envelopes at the Mass Centre you usually attend. If you find they're not available, please contact the Parish Office on 4979 1101, or email <u>new-cparish@mn.catholic.org.au</u>, and we will locate them for you.

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.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL Envelopes available in the Churches now





offers the cup



The hand of Christ blesses the cup

The hand of suffering receives the cup

SUBVERTING THE SOCIAL ORDER

by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of subversion, subversion of the social order turned upside down by the healing presence of Jesus.

Jesus is approached by one of the local elite: a male, with a name [Jairus], prestige, an advocate for his twelve year old daughter, and he knows the correct procedure, adopting a deferential posture.

Jesus hears his request to heal his daughter and sets off.

Jesus' progress is stopped in its tracks by a contrary figure: a woman, with no name, voiceless, because of her haemorrhaging blood ostracised from social and religious contacts, and she adopted the utterly wrong approach. She touched Jesus, or at least his clothing, which risked contaminating him with her 'uncleanness'.

But she was immediately healed. This voiceless, marginalised woman was healed at every level of her person: physical, social and religious. She could now mix with people and attend the synagogue.

All the woman needed to do was get close and have faith that Jesus would restore her to a life worthy of a human being.

By the way, that is the best way to approach confession.

You or I should come into the confessional conscious of whatever is making one ill-at-ease with God because of something one has done or failed to do. Bring that dis-ease into close proximity to Jesus as the Divine Physician. The confessional is 'the hem of his cloak'.

But to return to the Gospel. Jesus stops and looks around: 'Who touched me?' The disciples are unreconstructed supporters of the social status quo. They regard stopping to find out who touched Jesus as an unfortunate and rather misguided interruption to the important task of continuing on to the house of the local leader, the male at the top of the social scale who had so properly pleaded on behalf of his daughter.

But, Jesus does stop and one of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel ensues.

The woman gets her voice back, tells Jesus it was she who had broken all the taboos and touched him. He turns to her and says:

'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease.' He, Our Lord Jesus Christ, calls the outcast who had endured social isolation for twelve years, 'Daughter'. This woman heard this term of relationship, this term of affection and care, 'Daughter', from the lips of Jesus. Can you imagine the liberating and joyful effect of hearing that title of honour and love from Our Lord?

Yes, Jesus went on to heal the little girl. But unlike the disciples he did not regard stopping as an interruption. It was a priority which totally subverted the expectations and the power structures of that society.

We are not Hindus. A caste system within the church is utterly at odds with this gospel. The Church is distorted if power, prestige, pedigree or wealth give one special status. The saving and healing presence of Jesus must always be allowed to be radically egalitarian.

This is good for you and for me when we need the presence of Jesus, the Divine Physician. You and I are a priority when we need that healing presence.

I want you to close your eyes for a moment. Bring to mind whatever it is that is making you ill-at-ease with God. Something you have done or failed to do you now experience as a dis-ease in part of your personality.

Then say with the woman of today's gospel: 'I will touch the outer garment of my Lord and Saviour. I believe he will forgive me and heal me.' Say it with her profound confidence in divine power.

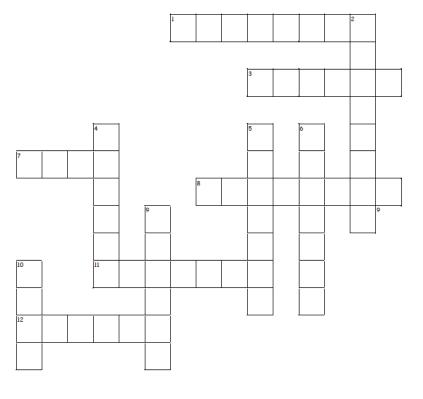
Keep your eyes closed and hear Him say to you:

'*My* son [or] *my* daughter, my *son* [or] my *daughter* your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your dis-ease.'

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CROSSWORD Have faith in the Lord



Across

- 1: collected
- 3: this man went to Jesus because his daughter was sick and dying
- 7: to have little or no money, food or possessions
- 8: to have more strength than another
- 11: Jesus crossed this lake in a boat
- 12: to make something

Down

- 2: father is to son, as mother is to ...
- 4: shedding tears
- 5: for all time, eternity
- 6: all the lands that are ruled by a king
- 9: the opposite of awake
- 10: wealthy

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

SENIOR WORDSEARCH Have faith in the Lord

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Wis 1:13-15. 2:23-24a Ps 30:4 and 5def. 10-11ab and 12bcd R.v.2a 2Cor 8:7. 9. 13-14 Mk 5:21. 35-43

Try to find these words:

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TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

- I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
 O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
- Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
 His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.
 The Lord came to my help.
 For me you have changed my mourning into danc-

ing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

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St Peter's Primary School

Michael Punch (Principal) Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

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perspective of Jairus

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

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.