

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 2ND JUNE 2024 CORPUS CHRISTI, YEAR B

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Every time we come to Mass, we celebrate the mystery and miracle of the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ. But this Sunday each year we *specially* dedicate to the celebration of this great sacrament, which is literally the 'life-blood' of our faith. Fr John

Other Contacts

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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)

9th Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 3rd June

Memorial of Sts Charles Lwanga & companions

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 4th June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Stockton (School Mass)

Wednesday 5th June

Memorial of St Boniface

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

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

Thursday 6th June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 7th June

Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's (Anointing Mass)

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @

The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 8th June

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 9th June

10th 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)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (Vietnamese) **

* 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:

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Gen 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED:Sr. Denise Edmunds rsj, Patricia Fraser, Sr Patricia Adams RSM, Raymond Lawrence Powell

Anniversaries: Ian McGuinness, Doris Parker, Eileen Russell, Ellie and Joe Catulay, Milagros Diwa, Leonardo Diwa, Saramma Varghese, Vera Karanges, Ian McGuinness, James Kennedy. Christine Dowling



SICK: 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 Herbert Presland
Coral Dawn (Diri) Cooke Michael (Mick) Rabbitt

Joy Doran Colleen Ray

Clifford Ellicott Clyde Henry Rowley

Noela Margaret Yazbeck

Barry (Appo) Garside John Ruggero
Leo Ireland John Shearer

Helen Elizabeth McLachlan Stanley Wenman

Basil O'Brien Moira O'Brien

At St Joseph's:

Vaudrey BRUYN
Paul BYRON
John CAVENAGH
Robert CRAIG
Yvette DAVIS
Christine DOWLING
Ronald John JAMES
Kenneth George LANE
John Augustus LARKIN
Mark Joseph LEWIS
Eileen MOORE
Dolly O'MALLEY

Elaine GROOMBRIDGE Eric & Coralie PARKINSON

Ethna HARVEY Lynette PUNSHON

Ena HAWKINS Greg RADECKI

Helen Margaret HUMPHRY Richard Joseph WAKELY

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

PRAYER GROUP

Junction Prayer/Discussion Group Monthly meetings occur on the last Thursday of each month 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

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE Expressions of Interest for 2024/2025 Christian

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
- \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/christian-formation-course/

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

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.

TIGHES HILL NATIVE BEE HIVE

The Parish's Community Garden next to the Tighes Hill church is keen to get a hive of stingless native bees. The wild hive of European bees that lived there was killed due to the varroa mite. The native bees are mite resistant and will be great pollinators. They don't produce enough honey for humans - just enough to

get the hive thru the hard times. The cost is about \$700 for bees, hive and stand. Please consider making a donation at the GoFundMe appeal:



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.

BIBLICAL EXPLORATIONS: Moses and the Exodus

The exodus was one of the fundamental events that came to define God's people. It's not much of an exaggeration to say that the rest of the Bible was written as a reaction to God's decision to rescue Israel from Egypt in the exodus. Understanding the exodus helps unlock the whole Bible. Even the gospels draw on the exodus. In this subject, we'll raise some of the key questions about the exodus and think about the different ways that people have interpreted the book of Exodus. We'll also think about what the book of Exodus means in a Christian context and how the gospel writers used Exodus ideas to make sense of Jesus' life.

RSVP by 8 June to attend at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or in your parish.

Dates: Thursdays 20 & 27 June

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm Registration: https://

forms.office.com/r/6WZSV8CTnT

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE EVENTS

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

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 Boulevarde, Toronto

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE CATHOLICCARE 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/







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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCHES NOW

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

Some years ago, Pope John Paul II went to Lima, Peru. There he was met by a massive crowd of two million people. Instead of the usual greetings from the President and the Cardinal, two people from a shantytown stepped forward to the microphone. Their names were Irene and Viktor Charo. As the huge crowd went quiet, they begin to speak to the Pope.

'Holy Father, we are hungry, we are sick, we lack work, our children die before their time. Yet we believe, Holy Father, we believe in the God of life. And we hunger for bread.' Before a hushed crowd, the Pope replied in his best Spanish. 'You tell me you hunger for bread.' 'Yes, yes', the millions yelled in reply. 'You tell me you hunger for God', said the Pope and again the crowd swelled with an emphatic 'Yes! Yes!' 'I want this hunger for God to remain; I want your hunger for bread to be satisfied.'

The Pope then turned to the generals and the wealthy politicians gathered there — many of them devout Catholics — and said very starkly, 'I won't simply say share what you have. I will say give it back. Give it back — it belongs to the poor.'

As extraordinary as the Pope's words were that day, Jesus' words about the Eucharist in today's Gospel are even more so. In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel many people were so horrified by the claims Jesus makes for the reality of his presence in the Eucharist, they stopped following him. John clearly links Jesus giving himself for the sake of God's kingdom and our redemption, with the communion we share with Him in every Mass.

When we receive the Risen Christ in communion it's not a symbol of his presence or a sign of his life to which we say 'Amen'. It is Christ who hosts us, who gives us himself so that we might be transformed into His image and likeness. In modern language Christ says to us at every Mass, 'Here I am, broken and poured out in love for you. Take me. I'm here for you.'

The danger with all gifts, and most especially with this gift, is that we can think it's just for us, an intimate moment between each of us and Christ. It is that, but it's also much more. St Augustine in a sermon on the Eucharist on 9th August 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people, working for unity and loving each other away from the Eucharist, it fails to achieve its purpose.

Hence, like the Pope in Peru, many people have linked the reception of the Bread of Life here with the giving of bread which sustains life away from here. On average in our world 26,000 die every day of starvation. John F Kennedy observed in 1961, 'The only thing standing between us and the elimination of hunger is our desire to see it.' We could feed all the world's poor. We choose not to.

In a talk on the Eucharist, the then Jesuit General, Fr Pedro Arrupe said, 'while there is hunger in the world then our Eucharists are incomplete'. By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong. Rather he meant that when we gather around this holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking. There's an emptiness.

Yet it's an emptiness that invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food is the same God that asks, 'When I was hungry, did you feed me?' This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ give us the strength of our convictions. May the real food and drink we provide away from this sacred table prove to the world the power of the Eucharist to change us into a people that are good, unifying and loving. And may we not just share with the poor from our excesses, but give them back the food that is rightly theirs.

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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

THE CHUCKLE

Why did the skeleton decide not to go to the party? Because he had no body to go with.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In 1856, Pope Pius IX established the Feast of the Sacred Heart as obligatory for the whole Church, to be celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is much older. The beginnings of a devotion of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus are found in the fathers of the Church, including Origen, Saint Ambrose, Saint Jerome, Saint Augustine of Hippo, Saint Hippolytus of Rome, Saint Irenaeus, Saint Justin Martyr, and Saint Cyprian. In the 11th century this devotion found a renewal in the writings of

Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries. This expression was given form by Saint Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century in his famous poem/prayer "O Sacred Head Surrounded."



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. Join us June 13, 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.

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

Historical Context

Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context. covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam - each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

The Lord keeps all of his promises

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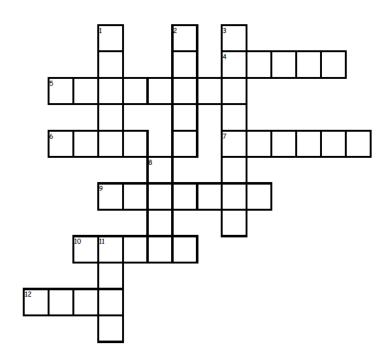
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Ex 24:3-8

CROSSWORD

The Lord keeps all of his promises



Ps 116:12-13. 17-19ab. R. v.13 Mk 14:12-16. 22-26

Across

- 4: Moses built one of these at the foot of a mountain
- Moses said, 'This blood shows that the Lord will keep all of his _____ to you.'
- 6: Jesus broke some bread, gave it to his disciples and said, 'Take this. It is my ____.'
- 7: after their meal, Jesus and his disciples went to the Mount of _____
- 9: someone who teaches
- 10: a type of building people live in
- 12: Jesus gave a cup of this to his disciples and said, 'Drink it. This is my blood.'

Down

- Moses sprinkled this on the altar and put it into some bowls
- 2: this man told the people about the Lord's commands and laws
- 3: Jesus and his disciples shared the special P____ meal
- 8: Moses told the people about the ____ and commands of the Lord
- 11: the people shouted, 'We will ____ the Lord!'

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TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading:Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
 Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.
 My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Sequence

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel:Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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