



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 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To cope or to hope ... today's Gospel reminds us of our intimations with our very own limitations. Everyone progresses towards an end. Even the heaven and the earth will wither.

Like most apocalyptic literature, references to the end can easily lead to overwhelming anxiety. Yet, Christ encourages us, not to simply cope with life's fragility, but to place our hope in God's promise that God will show us the path to life.

Fr Anthony



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)

33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 18th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 19th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Stockton (School Mass)

1:00pm Funeral Mass at Stockton for Mary Scott

Wednesday 20th November *Red Wednesday*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday 21st November

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

10:00am Funeral Liturgy at The Cathedral for Jane Rowe

Friday 22nd November

Memorial of St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

10:15am Mass @ The Junction (Remembrance Mass)

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 23rd November

10:00am Mass @ The Cathedral - Ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Solomon

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 24th November

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West
(No Mass 24th November; next Mass 1st December)

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Guy,
Mary Scott, Jane Rowe, Sr Evelyn
Woodward rsj

ANNIVERSARIES: Theresa

McCormack, Gerald Crockett, Rose
Berwick, Sandra Berwick, Anthony Lowes, Norrie
Connors, Jean Harman, Ross Maurer, Richard Taper,
Darryl Jennings, Ella Stace, Peter Davis, Margaret
Spencer, Terence Webber, Betty Holley

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Carlo Rossi, John Woodward,
Ken Crittenden, Neil Thomas, Louise Hall

*Names may be placed in "Prayer Requests" by contacting
the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the
Parish website*

—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.



REMEMBRANCE MASS

On Friday 22nd November we celebrate
the Annual Remembrance Mass for the
families of those who have the mortal
remains of their loved ones resting in the
Columbarium of St Joseph's Church.
Mass will be celebrated at 10.15am, candle lighting
ritual and morning tea in the parish centre.



"In November We Remember"

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose
anniversaries occur in November.

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

David Bound	Desmond (Des) Ledlin
Monica Bound	Paul Alexander Mather
Bonnie Cook Moore	Elva Letitia Murphy
Mary Ferry	Helen Murray
Gwen Fuge	Peter Murray
Frank Holmes	Antonietta Rossetti
Gwydir (Gwen) Holmes	Mary Synott
	Pauline Wenman

At St Joseph's:

Gloria Brown	John Maher
Frederick Bruyn	Michael McGlynn
Maureen Callen	Lionel Skinner
Betty Grant	Nancy Struck
Mary Henderson	Marie Tynan
Pat Koch	Byron Vial

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

RED NOVEMBER



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia and New Zealand: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Red Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom; to gather and pray for those who suffer and are persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red, a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs, and so will our Cathedral.

In our Cathedral, the Red November event is being held on Nov 17th and Nov 20th (8:15am mass). On Nov 17th (Sunday masses 9:30am and 5pm), an ACN speaker will share information about the mission of ACN, and also have an info-table which will contain Olivewood items from Bethlehem. By purchasing Olivewood religious items from Bethlehem, you can support the livelihood of the Christians who are affected because of the crisis.

You may also wish to watch this short video that highlights the plight of Christians in the Holy Land: <https://vimeo.com/878491098>.

You can also visit rednovember.org to learn more.

PARISH BULLETIN

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

PARISH LUNCHEON



Parish Luncheon at **Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether @ 12.30pm on Monday 18th November**. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen (Tighes Hill) on 0412 673151.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

This iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information, is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Columban Calendars are for sale at \$10 each, available at the Parish Office. Or phone Terry on 0421 758 825.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU, SOON.



The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-
Newcastle cordially invite

Parishioners of the Diocese

to the **priesthood ordination** of

Dcn Omeiza Solomon Okovido

by Most Reverend Michael Kennedy

on Saturday 23 November 2024 at 10am

in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St,
Newcastle West

(Refreshments will be served in the Southern Cross Hall
afterwards)

&

Mass of Thanksgiving

on Sunday 24 November 2024 at 11am

in St Francis Xavier Church,
40 Ernest St, Belmont

CATHOLICCARE



CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning have started collecting donations for their 2024 Christmas Hamper Drive. The team is hoping to spread Christmas cheer by gifting hampers to people who access their Community Kitchens and often go without over the festive period. If you would like to contribute, please drop off any of the following items to the CatholicCare office – 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield:

- Christmas puddings/cakes & custard
- Chocolates, lollies or candy canes
- Sweet or savoury biscuits
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar
- Chips or popcorn
- Christmas treats

Financial donations are also welcome! Every dollar counts and helps us keep our kitchens going. Please visit catholiccare.org.au to donate.



ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT

Advent is a time when we as Catholics are encouraged to focus more on our spiritual life to prepare for Christmas, the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

This Advent, we are inviting people around the world to join us for a weekend Advent Mission Event online Retreat on 7-9th December and accessible online for all of Advent.

To find out more, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED YOUTH WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS



The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, is organizing a fundraiser to help the marginalised youth in the slums by selling Christmas Cards.

At \$15 for a set of 10 different cards with envelopes, the Christmas scenes created by MPC art students display Kenya's rich heritage, culture and breathtaking landscapes.

Each card includes a verse, for example: *May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the Peace of God's love this Christmas and for the New Year.*

For more information email kkettle@mercy.org.au or phone 0418 926 590

MULTICULTURAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

Venue: Sacred Heart Cathedral

Date: Sunday 1st December 2024, 7pm—10pm

Admission: Free. A collection will be taken during the service to help cover the cost of the concert.

Participants:

- ✱ Community Singing
- ✱ Combined Choir
- ✱ Callaghan Singers
- ✱ Easy Voices Chorus
- ✱ Filipino Choir of Newcastle
- ✱ Novatones Harmony Chorus
- ✱ Sing Australia Belmont Choir
- ✱ Tongan Community Choir



For further information, contact the Public Relations Officer and Compere, Joop de Wit:

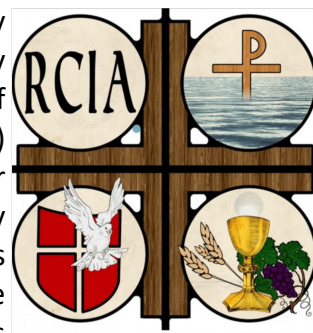
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02 4954 5227 or 0412 671 848

RCIA TEAM—CITY PASTORAL REGION

Dear friends,

As many of you may already be aware, we are currently forming an RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team for the parishes of our City Pastoral Region. I'm very grateful to those generous parishioners who have volunteered to be part of this



team, and also Sr Louise Gannon rsj and the Worship & Prayer Team, in assisting us with formation of this wonderful ministry.

Saying this, it's important to recognize that all of us, as an intrinsic part of our Christian calling, have a role in the work of evangelisation (including welcoming & accompanying) of anyone interested in joining our Catholic faith. It can be very inspiring to hear the stories of those who are seeking to build a relationship with the Lord and His people through this process.

So, I invite you to let me know if you'd like to volunteer to be a companion (ie. welcome and sit with one of these people at Sunday Mass) to accompany them on their journey. Instruction will be provided for you if you are able to help in this way. In doing this, you will be making a very valuable and practical contribution to building-up the Kingdom of God in our region. To register your interest, please forward your name and a contact number/email to our Parish Office at: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au or telephone on (02) 49791101.

Love, Fr John



INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS OF OUR DIOCESE

You are invited to celebrate Christmas and International Volunteers' Week.

Join us for a festive Christmas Morning Tea. Your invaluable time and support throughout the year has made a world of difference to our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, and we would like to celebrate you!

Date: Tuesday 3 December 2024

Time: 10:30am to 12noon

Location: Victor Peters Suite, Catholic Diocese, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West.

Morning tea will be provided.

RSVP: to Michelle Robinson by 19 November 2024
michelle.robinson@mn.catholic.org.au

ADVENT 2024: AWAITING HOPE

We are called during this holy time to wait with hope, knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. *Awaiting Hope* is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect on the Advent Gospels.

It's 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:

<https://tinyurl.com/AwaitingHope>



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: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 16 Tighes Tce, Tighes Hill.

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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

You're invited to join the WCCM Meditation Community for their next event on Saturday 30 November. It starts at 9.30am at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Morning tea is provided. Donations of \$10 are appreciated. Contact Anne for more info by emailing annecuskelly@hotmail.com or phoning 0407 436 808.



MEDITATION GROUPS

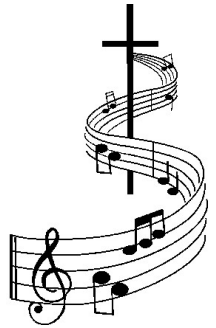
LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am. After

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 0412 122 297, or just come.



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

We are looking for volunteers to join our choir at the Cathedral for the celebration of Christmas. If you would like to help, please contact Anne Millard on 4979 1252 or via newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets Wednesday 20 November @ 7pm. We are currently focussing on Advent. To participate, please email the parish office: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is in recess until 7 February. We will be discussing *At the Foot of the Cherry Tree* by Alli Parker. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

WEDNESDAY ROSARY

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



MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary will be held next at Sacred Heart Cathedral Saturday 7th December at 10.30am. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.



PRAYER / DISCUSSION GROUP

The Junction Prayer/Discussion Group will commence their Advent Program at 9.30am Thursday 28th November in the meeting room at the parish office, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction. It will run each Thursday until 19th December.

EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP



Come and join us! In EPIC we connect with our spirituality in a fun social context. We establish a strong foundation for our lifelong faith journey. We foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month @ 6pm in the Cathedral precinct. Anyone aged between 20 and 40 is cordially invited to join the group.

Email Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au to find out more.



LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL

Lebanon is facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help.

Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

Donate today: www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



GLOBAL GIFTS

Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose! Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for people experiencing hardship and poverty. By shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

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. We request that you do not donate peanut butter.

Sacred Heart Cathedral and St Mary's Newcastle:

Any of the following non-perishable items are welcome: UHT milk, cereal, spreads, tinned goods (veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat), pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.

BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region continue its mission of proclaiming the Good News, you might consider including us in your Will. You just need to specify which parish(es) you would like to help.

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

Opening Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm. Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm. cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.



Formation Film – December



You are invited to the Diocesan Resource Centre for the December Formation Film event – *The Man Who Invented Christmas*.

In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble and desperate for a hit. Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and others to life in *A Christmas Carol*. Featuring acclaimed actors; Christopher Plummer, Miriam Margolyes, and Simon Callow.

When: Saturday 7 December 2024

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West

Time: 11am

Christmas Inspired Lunch Provided

Bookings via: <https://forms.office.com/r/HqdyiVSN8H> or call 02 4923 0682



MERCY SISTERS ECOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This program is for emerging leaders in integral ecology awareness and animation, who desire to be part of the ongoing enhancement and development of reflective action for Gospel justice in response to the cries of Earth. There are five components of the program committed emerging leaders will complete. This will better enable them and their communities to respond to ecological challenges.

Applications for the fully funded 2025-2026 Mercy Sisters Ecology Fellowship Program close on Monday 18 November. Find out more about the program and how to apply: <https://tinyurl.com/EcologyProgram>

SEEN ON A CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

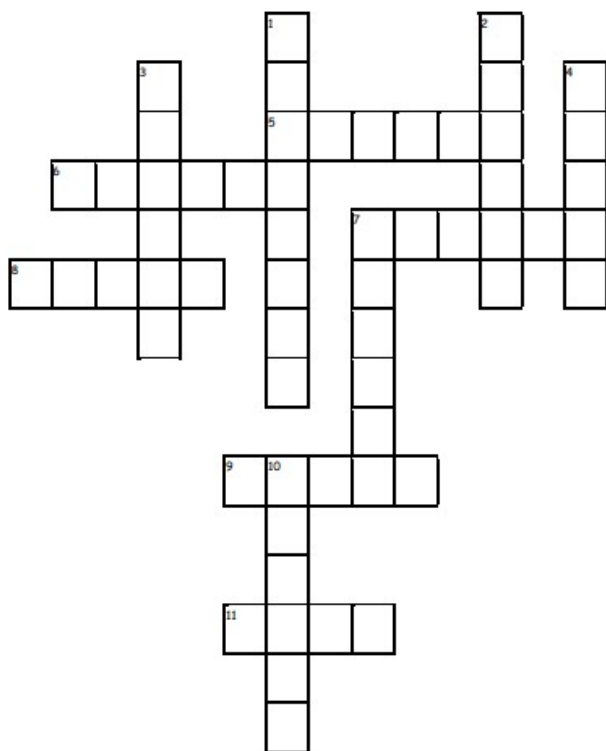
It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him. If you would like to see Him, send Him a text while driving.



CROSSWORD

God will send his angels to gather his chosen ones

Mk 13:24-32



Across

- 5: God's special messengers
- 6: to be selected
- 7: to grow
- 8: things we can speak,
read and write down
- 9: _____ alleluia
- 11: "you will know that the _____
has almost come"

Down

- 1: parts of a tree
- 2: something you learn
- 3: where rain comes from
- 4: one of the planets
- 7: one of the four seasons
- 10: the opposite of dead

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Those who please God will shine like the stars

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5 & 8, 9-10, 11, R.v.1
Mk 13:24-32

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

Try to find these words:

angels
book
clouds
eternal
history
lesson
names
protector
sprout
stars
summer
words

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.



Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.



Communion Antiphon Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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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, or email childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au