



# 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 8TH DECEMBER 2024

### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our psalm today cries out: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy! This is a cry from the heart, a cry of unfettered thanksgiving. Are we a people who show this joy to the world, to our families, to our friends and community? Let us remember the great things the Lord has done for us, especially in our time together in the Eucharist, for not only are we called to repentance, but also welcomed to the table of the Lord. This Advent let us not forget that we are a people waiting for the coming of the Lord, and at the same time be ready to recognize His presence already among us, sometimes in the most humble of places.

Deacon Kevin



*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)

2nd Week of Advent, Year C

Monday 9 December

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 10 December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Stockton (School Mass)

Wednesday 11 December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West cancelled

9:15am Holy Family School Mass

9:45am St Francis Xavier School Mass @ The Cathedral

Thursday 12 December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton cancelled

9:15am St Joseph's School Mass @ The Junction

11.30am St Dominic's School Mass

Friday 13 December

*Memorial of St Lucy, virgin, martyr*

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral (Anointing Mass)

Saturday 14 December

*Memorial of St John of the Cross, priest, doctor*

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 15 December

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C

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 (Mass 15 December; next Mass 29 December, no Christmas Mass)

\* Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—  
[www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton](http://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton)  
and on the Diocesan website

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Terry Bowman msc, Kevin Hayes

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Christopher Mangold, Nicola Rossi, Diane Stavros, Manuel Zaunders, Jack Zaunders, Tony O'Beirne, Eric O'Beirne, Bronwyn Delaney, Delores Hamilton, Noel Stace, Dawn Steven, Evie Papworth

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Carlo Rossi, John Woodward, Neil Thomas, Louise Hall, Tui Innes, Felicity Dawson

*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](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).



## 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 the office on 4979 1101 or [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

### At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Mario Cannavale

Aileen Joyce Carey

Kathleen Mary Cashman

Joan Cunningham

Bertha Docherty

Paul Ferry

Maria Franceschi

Kevin Fuge

Louis William Harris

Margaret Ireland

Anthony (Tony) Losurdo

Helen O'Sullivan

James Savage

Patrick Scott

Margaret Tuxworth

### At St Joseph's:

Frank Hawkins Jr

Ernst Koch

Cecily Clare Leslie

Margaret McGlynn

Athol Moore

Kevin Smith

Robert Wakely

Stan Walters

Dorothy Wilson

Franz Schmuck

Noreen Heaney

Rodger Ryan

Mick McBride

Joan Payne

Byeena Winifred Saxby

Pat Skehan

Patricia Margaret Smith

Joseph Timbs

Grace Hickey

Harold Casey

Kelvin Davis

Mary Doyle

Bill Edser

Alan Fogarty

Maree Green

Dorothy Wilson

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

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Christmas Appeal in our churches is on this weekend 7th/8th December. Let's continue our great tradition of generosity.



## STOCKTON ADVENT DONATIONS

Christmas is a time of giving, receiving and thinking of others. As in past years, please dig deep and give generously to those less fortunate. Baskets in the foyer each Sunday of Advent need to be filled with non-perishable goods, gifts and toiletries. These will be distributed between Catholic Care, Refugee Hub and Seafarers' Mission. Thank you, in anticipation.

## CHRISTMAS CLEANING AT STOCKTON

A working bee in Stockton church will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. All welcome to assist with ensuring St Peter's is in tip top shape for the Feast of the Nativity.



## MORNING TEA AT THE CATHEDRAL

Our last Cathedral morning tea for 2024 is today (Sunday) December 8. It's a celebration of our many different cultural Christmas traditions.

*The Newcastle Tudor Singers*  
present

***The Mood of Christmas***

Directed by  
*Anne Millard*  
with  
*Marcia Wall, piano*  
and  
*The Hunter Handbells*

December 15th  
Sacred Heart  
Cathedral  
@ 2pm  
Tickets  
\$15 &  
\$10

Artwork by Roy Wall

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for all our Christmas Masses at Sacred Heart. If you can help, we'd be very grateful! Please complete the form available in the foyer, or scan the QR code, or use this link..



<https://tinyurl.com/SHCathedral>

## NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC THANKSGIVING MASS 2024

Everyone is invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 13 December at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Michael has kindly accepted our invitation and will be joining our other priests while presiding at the Mass. We will be gathering for Praise and Worship at 6:30pm before the Mass and all are welcome.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please contact Mary-Anne on 0402 918 375 or Wayne on 0466 631 394 for more information.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE DIOCESE

Are you enthusiastic, passionate and looking for a career change? You should join our new Mission & Evangelisation team. Formally known as Pastoral Ministries, the team's new permanent, full-time roles offer the chance to shape and have a meaningful impact across our parishes and faith communities.



**Mission and Evangelisation Partner - Youth Ministry:** Bring a creative and strategic focus to a new and bespoke strategy for the engagement of young people in the life and mission of the local Church. This is a chance for a passionate leader to animate an inspired vision in fertile ground with significant support from a broader team.

**Mission and Evangelisation Partner - Worship:** Be part of an outward-looking, inter-connected and collaborative group who will provide significant leadership to all who seek advice and formation in this space.

To apply, find these vacancies advertised on the Diocese website under Careers, Diocese positions vacant:

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions)

We encourage anyone across the Diocese who is interested and meets the criteria to apply.

For further information, please contact Director of Mission & Evangelisation James Camden:

[james.camden@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:james.camden@mn.catholic.org.au)



## 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](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au) or telephone on (02) 49791101.

Love, Fr John

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOUR OF GRACE

12 noon to 1pm, 9th December

Devotions to Our Lady of Grace, Rosa Mystica  
@ The Cathedral



During the period 24th November 1946 to 8th December 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, eleven times. On the first appearance, the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina that She wanted to be known as the Mystical

Rose and that an Hour of Grace should be kept at noon, 8th December, in all the Catholic Churches of the world.

Come to the Hour of Grace, open your heart and be guided by the Holy Spirit, place your requests from your heart to the Mother of God, Our Blessed Mother, Immaculate, Rosa Mystica.

## REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. The Israelites longed to see the day when the Messiah would come. Each generation hoped and prayed that they would be the one to witness the appearance of God's anointed. The Jewish people still hope and pray for this event in every generation.

But Jesus did not come as many expected. Some thought he would arrive in a dramatic event and the end of the world would occur. Others expected a regal entrance or a political overthrow of the Romans. Luke's Gospel repeatedly points out that the very people who longed for the day to see the Messiah missed out because they were looking for the wrong signs.

John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is not a season where we have to pretend that we do not know Jesus is coming and then put on mock surprise at Christmas. Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. We remember the faith of those who longed to see what we see and to know what we know. And we cultivate our patience for life's valleys, mountains and crooked paths where sometimes we can feel Jesus' absence more than his presence, where only when we look back we can see he was with us all the way.

So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

Scottish poet John Bell expresses it this way:

*'Light looked down and saw the darkness.*

*"I will go there", said light.*

*Peace looked down and saw war.*

*"I will go there", said peace.*

*Love looked down and saw hatred.*

*"I will go there", said love.*

*So he,*

*the Lord of Light,*

*the Prince of Peace,*

*the King of Love,*

*came down and crept in beside us.'*

## PARISH BULLETIN

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

### CATHOLICARE



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 Christmas treats to the CatholicCare office – 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield:

Financial donations are also welcome! Every dollar counts and helps us keep our kitchens going. Please visit [catholiccare.org.au/donate](https://catholiccare.org.au/donate).

### 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>

### THE CHUCKLE

A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you". Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said "Jesus is watching you". He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot said, "Yes." He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses." The burglar asked, "What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?" The parrot said, "the same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus".



## EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP

**Come and join us!** 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](mailto:Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au) to find out more.

We are going carolling on Sunday 8th December. To find out more, please call Jenifer on 0431 455 122.



### 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.

### LIVING WATERS MEDITATION CENTRE

A Christian Meditation Centre at 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, which 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. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj 0412122297 or just come.

### PRAYER / DISCUSSION GROUP

The Junction Prayer/Discussion Group have commenced their Advent Program, meeting each Thursday until 19th December, at 9.30am in the meeting room at the parish office, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction.



### VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets Wednesday 11th December @ 7pm. We are using the Diocesan resource *Awaiting Hope*. To participate, please email the parish office: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto: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.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Zep 3:14-18

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

## LITURGY MATTERS BY FIONA DUQUE

It's beginning to look a lot like Advent!

This time last year I wrote an article that focussed on 'The Holy Family: Refugees and Immigrants'. This year, we continue to see a broken world in desperate need of healing. This Advent I again encourage everyone to try to recognise Jesus in all the faces of those that you meet and see on media screens, including the stranger, the refugee, the immigrant. As Pope Francis affirmed in 2023, "every human being, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, of any people or religion, every human being is sacred, is precious in the eyes of God, and has the right to live in peace." [CNA Nov 23].

The daily news is a barrage of hate, destruction, unforgiveness, retribution, misuse and abuse of power, awash with the impact that those actions have on the powerless, the least of God's people. For many of us who live with relative peace in our lives, it can be hard to appreciate the suffering that others in the world experience. There is much that we can do from our place of privilege. Christmas is a time to show our love for our family, friends and to those who are thirsting to hear about the ultimate gift and birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ. However, before we celebrate Christmas Time (the liturgical season *after* Advent) we need to ground ourselves in the season of Advent.

As we read in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, we find the heart of what this Advent time should be:

*Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight (n. 39)*

So, as we journey through this Advent season, and we begin to gather gifts for our families and friends, let us start making purchases that bring a difference in more than one person's life. Give a gift that gives twice so that at this time of hope, peace, joy and love we can give others the gift of expectant delight.

In your time of preparation please consider shopping ethically and charitably. The following 10 websites offer a different way of shopping or donating that will make a difference.

**That Catholic Shop** - The proceeds of every purchase help Christians who are suffering, oppressed or persecuted. [That Catholic Shop - Home](#)

**For Dignity** - Provide hope, dignity and freedom to women affected by exploitation. [Ethical & Sustainable Gifts in Australia | Women Gifts Online – For Dignity](#)

**Catholic Mission** - By purchasing a Life-Giving Gift this Christmas, you are making a lasting impact for children, families and communities in most need. [All \(catholicmission.org.au\)](http://catholicmission.org.au)

**St Columban's Missionary Society** - Provides comfort to the lonely, hope to the despairing, and assistance to those facing challenging circumstances. [Shop Catholic Products & Gifts Online | St Columbans](#)

**UNHCR The UN Refugee for Australia** - Advocate and fundraise for refugee protection, emergency aid, and long-term support and solutions, helping the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) reach millions of vulnerable people each year. [Refugee Charity Christmas Gifts | Australia for UNHCR - UNHCR \(unrefugees.org.au\)](#)

**Caritas Australia Mission** - The Catholic Church's international aid and development agency in Australia. They are committed to working alongside the most vulnerable and addressing the imbalance of power by including the people affected in the decisions impacting their lives. [Creating a Resilient Future | Caritas Australia](#)

**The Fair Trader** - The Fair Trade Association of Australia endorses businesses in Australia that follow the 10 Principles of Fair Trade. They stock products made by organisations with transparent and deeply held ethical values with goals of poverty alleviation and empowerment. [Best Seller Fair Trade Gift Guide 2024 | Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand.](#)

**Uplift Fair Trade** - Uplifting disadvantaged artisans through trade, creating dignity and hope. Focusing on giving sustainable livelihoods to people with a disability, women's empowerment groups, women living in slums, people who have come out of trafficking. [Fair Trade Ethical Christmas Gifts and Products | Uplift Fair Trade](#)

**The Leprosy Mission Shop Australia** - strives to eliminate the stigma and discrimination that is associated with leprosy. [Shop - The Leprosy Mission Australia – The Leprosy Mission Shop](#)

**Refugee Hub: CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle** - Support people from refugee, asylum-seeker, and vulnerable migrant backgrounds to settle into life in Australia. They welcome people from all social, ethnic and religious backgrounds. [Refugee Hub - CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning](#)

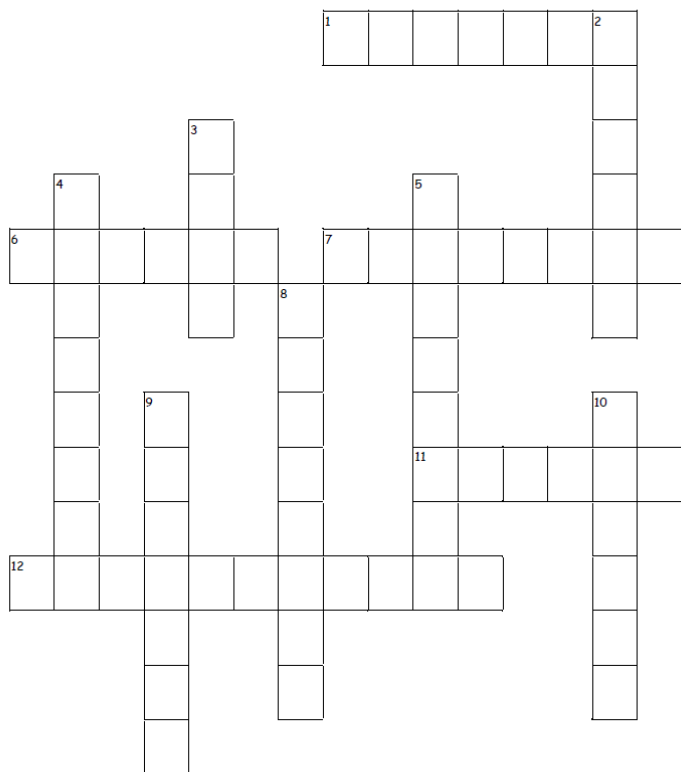
**CatholicCare Hunter-Manning's Christmas Hamper appeal** - Donate to this year's [hamper appeal](#) and help CatholicCare spread some Christmas cheer within our communities.

Fiona is the Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Officer - Worship and Prayer.

## CROSSWORD

### Prepare the way of the Lord

Bar 5:1-5,7  
Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cde-3 R.v.3  
Phil 1:4-6  
Lk 3:1a, 2-6



#### Across

- 1: special messages for God
- 6: the feeling of sadness
- 7: speaking in a loud voice
- 11: the low land between hills
- 12: to be having a party or a special event

#### Down

- 2: rescuing
- 3: the opposite of bad
- 4: to finish a task
- 5: Jesus lets our sins be \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8: a very high land mass
- 9: the ruler of an empire
- 10: a barren land

## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Bar 5:1-5,7  
Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cde-3 R.v.3  
Phil 1:4-6  
Lk 3:1a, 2-6

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

Try to find these words:

celebrating  
complete  
desert

emperor  
forgiven  
good  
mountain  
prayers  
saving  
shouting  
sorrow  
valley



## TODAY'S LITURGY

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD



**First Reading:** Bar 5:1-9

*Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

*Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6

*All people shall see the salvation of God.*

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.



**Communion Antiphon** Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Primary School

Karen McGinlay (*Principal*)

Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291

P:(02) 4961 2827

W:[www.merewether.catholic.edu.au](http://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](http://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](http://www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au)

### St Peter's Primary School

Michael Punch (*Principal*)

Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

P:(02) 4928 1861

W:[www.stockton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stockton.catholic.edu.au)

### St Francis Xavier's College

Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)

Parkway Avenue, Hamilton NSW 2303

P:(02) 4961 2863

W:[www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au)

### San Clemente High School

Bernard Burgess (*Principal*)

78 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4014 7300

W:[www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au)

### St Dominic's Catholic College

Rachel Jones (*Principal*)

76 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4968 1295

W:[www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au)

## SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390, or email [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)