



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. **Mayfield Parish**: Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish**: St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION, YEAR C

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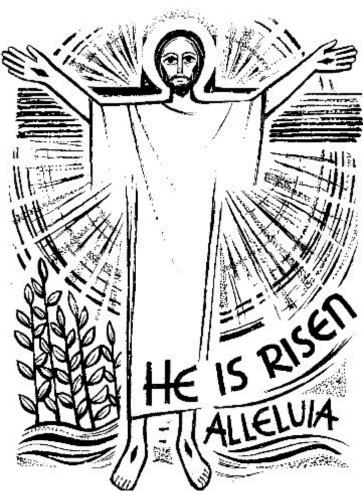
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BISHOP MICHAEL'S EASTER MESSAGE



Use the QR code to the right to access Bishop Michael's Easter message.

PARISH BULLETIN

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

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)

The Octave of Easter

Monday 21 April 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 22 April (Cathedral closed for maintenance)9:00am Mass @ Stockton10:30am Mass @ Badcoe Aged Care

Wednesday 23 April (Cathedral closed for maintenance) 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West 11:00am Funeral Mass for Dennis Harvey at Stockton

Thursday 24 April

- 8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 9:00am Mass @ Stockton
- 5:30pm Mass @ Seafarers Mission, Wickham
- Friday 25 April Anzac Day 8:00am Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 26 April

9.15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Reconciliation

2nd Sunday of Easter

Saturday 26 April

- 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 27 April

7:30am	Mass @ St Mary's
8:00am	Mass @ Tighes Hill
9:00am	Mass @ Stockton
9:30am	Mass @ The Cathedral
11:00am	Italian Mass @ The Junction
11:30am	Polish Mass @ The Cathedral
5:00pm	Mass @ The Cathedral
5:30pm	Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield W
	(No Mass 27 Apr, next Mass 4 M

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

CATHEDRAL CLOSURE - 22 & 23 APRIL

Due to a switchboard upgrade, the Sacred Heart Cathedral will be closed all day on Tuesday, 22 April and Wednesday, 23 April. Please note there will be <u>no</u> <u>8.15am Mass</u> on either of those days.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Easter Sunday, Year C Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20:19-31

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Smith, Dennis Harvey, Clare Martin, Leone Clifton



ANNIVERSARIES: Tom Towers, Nino D'Andrea, Claudio D'Andrea, Darcy Keogh, Ray Keogh, Monica Gebbie, Eric Schmitzer, Patrick O'Neill, Clem Casey, Ted Hanson, Jim Rabbitt, Doug Delaney, Tony Tamplin (Jnr), Sr Anne Murray rsm

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Patricia Gillett, Carlo Rossi, Tui Innes, Felicity Dawson, Sr Ann Daley rsj, Patrick Theodore, Jean Luc, Angela Cottier, Raymond Morley, Louise Hall, Phil Riordan, Twon Nguyen

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Let's pray for those among us who are washed in the waters of baptism at Easter: Blaize, Emma, Ethan, Samuel, Shamila and Simone.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Leo Burke Beryl Cofteros Lorraine Driscoll Mary Duggan Kathleen Gibson Monica Hayes Joy Patricia Jarrett Mary Noreen Long Alice Martin Patricia Mather Krystyna Mazalo Ian Edward McDonald Cary McNabb Laurel May Murray Nola Margaret Phillips Frank Keith Pilgrim Sandra Rufo Henrietta Vujeva Elaine Iris Wilson

At St Joseph's:

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Michael Johns John Joseph Willcock John Barber Bruce Buckland Joseph Callen Mark John Chappell Elsie Craig Norma Patricia De Lore Harry Fleming Peter Groombridge Kathleen Hiscox Warren Kelly Milheim Lettoof Joan Nelson Jeremiah O'Doherty Frank O'Sullivan Ellen Palmer Mossie Smith Edna Sowerby Lorna Wakely Leo Wallace Jim Heaney

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

FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parish Family,

He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Congratulations to all our Elect and Candidates who are being baptised or received and who are completing their sacraments of



initiation. Over the next few weeks, you will get a wonderful opportunity to experience the welcome, celebration, and generosity of this parish community. I know they join with me in joy in saying to you, congratulations, welcome home.

Every part of the Easter Ceremonies has that sense of coming and being home. In medieval times, through to the 18th and 19th Centuries in many countries as sailors set out to sea their families would light a lantern each night and place it in the front window of the house. A light to guide their loved one home. Christ is our light, sitting in the front window of our 'house,' guiding the traveller, the explorer, the lost, the family member to the safety and sanctuary of home! Just like the sailor's family we pray as we keep that light protected that those that are lost or at 'sea' will find their way home.

And we sing at the Vigil, as the Paschal candle lit from the Easter fire is carried into the darkened church, to remind ourselves and to declare our lantern alight 'Christ Our Light, Thanks be to God!'

In our community we have many who are a long way from their ancestral home. Some of course by the choice of migration, some forced as refugees, some due to work. Some of us are estranged from loved ones, some by some fault or failure, some through the actions of another, some by circumstance. Some of us may not celebrate Easter with our family as we work in essential and sometimes non-essential services but all making sure food and shelter are there for the family. For families estranged or away from children and grandchildren it can be a tough time. if you are not with your own family, it can be a sad time even amid Easter joy. Tread softly today and be gentle on yourself and others.

Easter looks different in different countries and cultures. I look forward to sharing some of the variety of difference we have over the years we journey together through the various seasons. Our own culture and way of doing things can give great comfort in the seasons such as Easter especially when away from family. Sharing with friends and neighbours a wonderful way of bringing joy to the Easter season.

I pray that regardless of how you celebrate, in joy or

sadness, with or without family, with friends or work mates or on your own, that you know we are your family too, here and for each other. The 'Light' is always in the front room of this house, and you are always welcome.

He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Greq, Parish Priest.



Easter Liturgy at St Joseph's Primary School... Friday, 11 April 2025

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA (CRA)

CRA, the peak body representing Leaders of 150 Religious Institutes in Australia, have released a resource to assist Australians to consider critical issues that have bearing on Australia's forthcoming Federal Election. It contains 4 focus justice issues:

- 1. Climate change: go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>CRAclimatechange</u>
- 2. Cost of living: go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>CRAcostofliving</u>
- 3. Refugees and Asylum seekers: go to <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/CRArefugees</u>
- First Australians: go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/</u> <u>CRAfirstaustralians</u>



PARISH LUNCHEON



Parish Luncheon at Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether @ 12.30pm on Monday 21st April. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen (Tighes Hill) on 0412 673 151.

ANZAC DAY

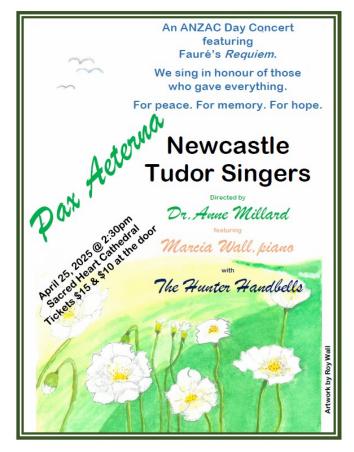
One Mass will be celebrated in the region: 8am in The Cathedral. The Cadet group will enact

the catafalque ritual at this Mass.



This means there will be no 10.15am Mass in St Joseph's, and no exposition, reconciliation or 12noon Mass in The Cathedral.





FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY



Items of dry goods or tin food can be placed in the blue bins located at our churches. 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. We request that you do not donate peanut butter. 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. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998.

GENESIS TO JESUS: BIBLE STUDY



Genesis to Jesus surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and

David. This study also shows how each of these covenants points forward to—and is fulfilled by—Jesus Christ and his Church through salvation history. In this series, we will see a panoramic vision of salvation history and our place in this story.

Join Sr Jeannine French rsj and Anne Millard each Wednesday @ 10am in the CRCC Meeting Room, at the Junction.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

View, Chew, and Chat meets next on 30 April for Lectio Divina. To participate, please email the parish office.

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER/DISCUSSION GROUP

Recommences Thursday 29 May, and will continue on the last Thursday of each month, in the parish centre at The Junction.

BAPTISM TEAM MEETING



Our new baptism team has its first meeting on Thursday 1 May at 7pm, getting ready for our first baptism preparation meeting for parents on Tuesday 6 May at 7pm. We welcome volunteers who would like to help with this ministry.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed from Good Friday 18 April until Easter Monday 21 April, inclusive. The Team here wish you all a happy, holy, and safe celebration of Easter.

The Office will be closed Fri 25th April for Anzac Day.

PARISH CENSUS & PLANNED GIVING FORMS

You can use the link or QR code to complete and submit the form online. https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus

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DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Fr Greg would like to communicate news, views and events with parishioners. Simply send an email to newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au, including the church you usually attend, indicating your permission for us to record your email address.



DIOCESAN LOCAL CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE



Our Jubilee Year is now well underway, and our eight Local sites of Pilgrimage are open and ready for you.

Pick up a passport at any church along the way. Visit one or visit them all.

Collect your stamp, and on each page, re-affirm the spiritual journey you've committed to this Jubilee Year. An indulgence is on offer with prayer, Eucharist and acts of mercy.

We have a very special long weekend planned for you. If the idea of visiting all eight Local sites of Pilgrimage in the Diocese is a little daunting. Mission & Evangelisation has done all the hard work for you. In just a few weeks on Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May, we will journey with you over three days as each Church hosts us for mass, prayer, confession and good old-fashioned hospitality. This will be a chance to get your entire passport complete and meet countless new people along the way.

Check out our Itinerary below and go to <u>https://tinyurl.com/8churchspilgrimage</u> or use the QR code to register.



Friday 16 May

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Taree

- 9.00am Sacrament of Penance
- 10.00am Mass, and morning tea hosted by parish

Saturday 17 May

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

- 8.30am Sacrament of Penance
- 9.15am Mass and morning tea hosted by parish

St Mary's Star of Sea, Newcastle

• 11.00am Formation/Prayer

St Brigid's and St Patrick's, Cooranbong

• 1.00pm Formation/Prayer, and BYO picnic lunch in the grounds. Tea and Coffee provided by the parish

St John's the Baptist Shrine, Maitland

• 3.15pm Formation/Prayer

St Joseph's, East Maitland

• 5.00pm Mass, and sausage sizzle with tea and coffee hosted by parish

Sunday 18 May

Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of Peace Church, Scone

- 8.30am Sacrament of Penance
- 9.00am Mass, and morning tea hosted by parish

St Joseph's, Murrurundi

• 12:00pm Mass, and BYO lunch



SAFEGUARDING—EVERYBODY'S Responsibility

Promoting Safeguarding: Due to the 'retirement' of both Anne Millard and Gail Lovell as Promoters of Safeguarding in our Parish Community—after guiding us



through our Safeguarding audit magnificently—an opportunity has arisen for a new team to form. Whilst the 'shoes' of the previous promoters are huge, this is a great opportunity for those with a passion for keeping our community safe, informed and heading in the right direction to be formally involved in this wonderful ministry. There is formation and training available, support from both the Office of Safeguarding and our Parish Office, and the knowledge that we are making a difference.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and business! Knowing what to do sometimes is challenging. Our Promoters of Safeguarding help each one of us know what to do when we see, feel, believe something is not right with our children and more vulnerable community members, our brothers and sisters and our neighbours. You'll be part of a wonderful and friendly team of people working together for the betterment of our Parish and community. For more information about this great ministry contact Fr Greg on 0417321209. Remember Safeguarding is everybody's business!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational - everyone welcome.

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.



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 is held the first Saturday of every month following Mass and Novena at Sacred Heart Cathedral. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.

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.



Еріс

EPIC (Everything Possible in Christ) Youth Group meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6pm in the

Cathedral precinct. Anyone aged between 20 and 40 is cordially invited to join the group.

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.

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

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets Sunday, 4 May to discuss *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email:



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DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

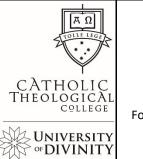
Opening Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm. Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm. cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

All resources are available to borrow; and are searchable on the library catalogue, which can be accessed through this link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/DOMNLibrary</u> OR use the QR code to the right.



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



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For more information and to register: <u>ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</u>

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

This week, your attention is drawn to the **role of Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL).** ACSL has been created to promote and oversee a nationally consistent, comprehensive and sustainable framework for the protection of children and at-risk adults within the Church in Australia. The ACSL has zero tolerance of abuse and works to ensure a safe Church for all.

The findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse place responsibility on the Catholic Church to demonstrate greater respect, care and protection for everyone who places their trust in the Church and to comply with legislative obligations in safeguarding and professional standards.

ACSL develops integrated safeguarding services to promote safe environments for children and vulnerable adults, including:

- providing advice to Church Authorities about their safeguarding responsibilities
- providing tailored education and professional development programs
- training of Professional Standards and Safeguarding Officers
- monitoring the implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- managing databases related to Church safeguarding
- overseeing the management of complaints against Church Authorities
- providing independent audit and review certification of safeguarding programs

FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Dear brothers and sisters, let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we think that we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up: there are no situations which God cannot change,

there is no sin which he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him".



From the Pope's homily during the first Easter Vigil of his pontificate.

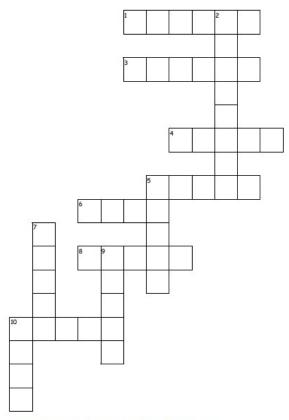
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CROSSWORD All who have faith in Jesus will have their sins forgiven

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 15c-16ab & 17, 22-23 Jn 20:1-9



Across

- 1: selected
- 3: lifted up
- 4: Jesus was nailed to one of these
- 5: a type of cotton fabric
- 6: she was the first to notice that Jesus' body was missing
- 8: this covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 10: Jesus rose from the dead after this many days

Down

- 2: all people
- 5: reclining, resting down
- 7: belief
- 9: removed
- 10: burial chamber

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138:18,5-6 I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43 We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

- (R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Sequence:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ. the undefiled. hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9 The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

Communion Antiphon : 1 Cor 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.



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