



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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 10 APRIL 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

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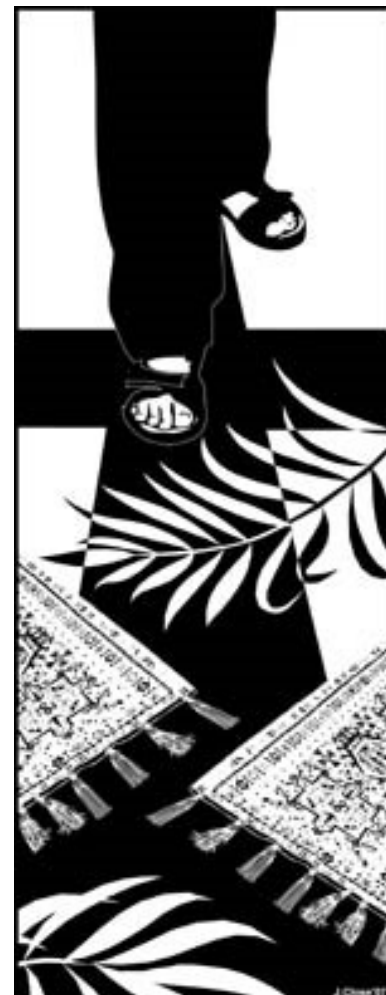
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Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

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)

Holy Week, Year C

Monday—11th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—12th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—13th April

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Followed by Stations of the Cross

Thursday—14th April: *Holy Thursday*

4.30pm Polish Mass of the Lords Supper @ The Cathedral

6.30pm Christ the King, Mayfield West Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

6.30pm St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper @ The Cathedral

Friday—15th April: *Good Friday*

9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer @ The Cathedral

3:00pm Celebration of the Lords Passion @ The Cathedral

3:00pm Celebration of the Lords Passion @ St Peter-in-Chains', Stockton

3:00pm Celebration of the Lords Passion @ Christ the King, Mayfield West

6.00pm Celebration of the Lords Passion (Polish Community) @ The Cathedral

Saturday 16th April: *Holy Saturday*

9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer @ The Cathedral

6.30pm Easter Vigil @ Stockton

6.30pm Easter Vigil @ Mayfield West

7.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night @ The Cathedral

Sunday 17th April: *Easter Sunday, Year C*

7.30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ The Junction

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 Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

E-PETITION

An online petition to abolish Alex Greenwich's Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (VAD) in the NSW Parliament is available at:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (nsw.gov.au)

An excellent article regarding the legislation that appeared in the Catholic Weekly may be viewed at <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/nsw-dying-bill-danger/>

The 'ePetition' is open until 25 April 2022.

IGNATIAN ECOSPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

You are invited to join the Newcastle hub of the International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference, 26 - 30 April 2022. <https://iiec.org.au/>

A group of up to eight people will gather each day 9.15 -11.30am in inner Newcastle to hear the conference speakers and discuss our responses. During the day, we will spend time with God in different settings (either individually or with the group). Later in the day, we will gather to share our experiences (either in person or online). Registration is up to \$200. For more information contact Lawrie 0419 447 217 or lah.yallourn@gmail.com.

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for April is:

April 13: Lectio

April 20: Lectio

April 27: No Meeting

All meetings are online via Zoom. All welcome to participate regularly or occasionally.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lorraine Lochrin, Paul Daniel, Barbara Bailey, Fr. Reg Callinan

ANNIVERSARIES: Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, Tom Towers, Eileen Bleakley, Maurice Kerr, June Brotherson, Michael Tobin, Vince Dalton

SICK: Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddie, Tiani Bishop, Jason Yu, Joel Samy, Tom Parker, Max Williamson, Sam and Margaret Broad

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.



THANK YOU!

A profound thank you to those who contributed to the collections at Sacred Heart last weekend for the farewell gift for Fr Andrew. He is most grateful and humbled by your generosity.

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CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will take place in Holy Week on Tuesday 12 April at 7.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. There are currently no capacity limits so everyone who is feeling well and symptom free is welcome.

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, on Wednesday at 7.30am and Friday at 11.00am. All are welcome, including new meditators, but you will need to be at least double-vaccinated and you must wear a mask. Hand sanitizing is still required. Wednesday is usually a small group and would suit those who do not wish to go into crowds.

The Monday evening group is not resuming, but a meditation group is available on Tuesdays at 6.00pm at St Philip's Church, Vista Parade, Kotara.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message. Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

For more information contact:

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FLOOD APPEAL

St Vincent De Paul have launched their 2022 Flood Appeal to assist people affected by the catastrophic flooding in the Northern Rivers and Lismore areas. Money raised will be distributed by the SVDP Coordinator in coordination with the local community.

Donations can be made:

Online at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-flood-appeal> (use the QR code at St Joseph's The Junction or Sacred Heart)

St Vincent De Paul envelopes marked with Flood Appeal

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 1st May @ 6:15pm to discuss *The Happiest Man on Earth* by Eddie Jaku. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



NEWCASTLE TUDOR SINGERS CONCERT

FOR PEACE

For Peace: A concert on Anzac Day, Monday April 25 at 2:30pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The concert features the *Mass for the Armed Man* by Kurt Jenkins and Prayer for Ukraine—the spiritual anthem of the Ukraine.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Office is closed Good Friday 15 April, Easter Monday 18th April and Anzac Day 25th April. All other days the hours are as usual. Please call ahead before visiting the office.

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

The Regional Pastoral Council would appreciate you completing the Questionnaire and leaving it in the box at the front of the church. Or you can complete the survey online using this QR code. This week is the last opportunity to complete the survey. Many thanks!



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

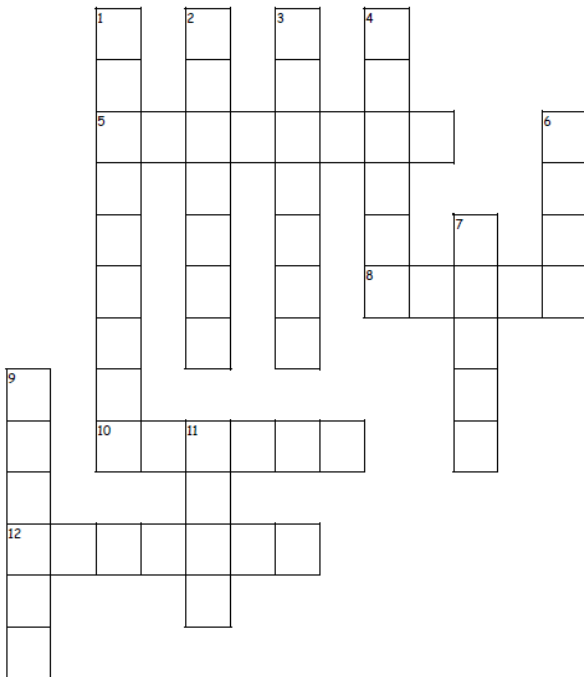
Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

CROSSWORD

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lk 19: 28-40



Across

- 5: talking loudly
- 8: the opposite of old
- 10: to stretch out and cover
- 12: a small town

Down

- 1: followers of Jesus
- 2: these were placed on the ground before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem
- 3: loosening a rope or string binding
- 4: the animal that carried Jesus on its back
- 6: a male monarch
- 7: when there is little or no noise
- 9: where we go when we die
- 11: a passage for travelling

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

Lk 23: 1-49

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

Try to find these words:

- Barabbas
- criminals
- cross
- forgive
- gambled
- insulted
- paradise
- Pilate
- punishment
- save
- soldiers
- wine



LOUD SKY COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOPS 22ND APRIL – 9TH JUNE, 2022

During 2022 a series of art workshops will be offered to link the experience and stories of survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, their families, and friends, with the creative possibility of the arts in the lead up to the Loud Sky Exhibition at the Lock Up in 2023.

WORKSHOPS:

Mixed Media Expression

An opportunity to explore different materials and a playful sense of expression. Grab some paper and art material and began with a few moments of silence, take a few deep breaths and relax into your breath. An invitation for participants to be present and focus on this time as selfcare.

This workshop will be presented by Dr Helena Bezzina, an artist and art-educator, who has also worked in galleries and museums in the area of health and wellbeing.

TIME: 3 – 4.30PM

DATES: Every Thursday beginning 5th May to 9th June 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: Museum of Art and Culture Lake Macquarie (MAC) 1A First St Booragul

Beyond Borders – Working with Textiles

Forget the perfect stitches of the school room, this workshop is about moving outside those boundaries to push the limits of what can be achieved with thread, fabric, paper, paints and found materials. It is as much about the process as the product. Exploring beyond borders and playing with a variety of materials.

This workshop will be presented by Ann-Maree Kelly, a visual artist who works with watercolours and textiles.

TIME: 10 – 11.30AM

DATES: Every Friday beginning 22nd April to 27th May 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: The Creator Incubator, 15A/50 Clyde St, Hamilton North 2292

Gratitude through Narrative Photography

This workshop invites participants to explore everyday gratitude through the medium of photography. It will also be an opportunity to learn new skills with photography. Participants will be offered instruction on the technical aspects of photography working with any form of camera they have (i.e.: smart phone, digital camera, DSLR, film camera) as well as post production edits such as cropping, colour, black and whites, and minor retouching. We will work towards choosing a selection of images that best reflect participants ideas on everyday gratitude which will be printed for presentation..

This workshop will be presented by photographer and art therapist, Danielle Minett.

TIME: 10 – 11.30AM

DATES: Every Monday from 2nd May to 6th June 2022 (6 workshops in total)

WHERE: The Lock-Up, 90 Hunter Newcastle 2300

gospel focus

Changing expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

THE CHUCKLE

For Palm Sunday, I wanted to bring a lovely bouquet of anemones. However, the sanctuary was already decorated with palm branches. Fr Andrew said, "With fronds like these, who needs anemones?"

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

Lowly Prince of Peace

Today is the only Sunday we hear two Gospels proclaimed.

One is of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The other is of the expulsion of Jesus from Jerusalem.

The entry is accompanied by shouts of praise: 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

The expulsion is accompanied by the baying for blood: 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

We are all familiar with the story. Many in Jerusalem had been hoping for a Messianic Liberator in the great warrior tradition of King David. Surely he would enter Jerusalem on a magnificent warhorse, signalling the start of the overthrow of Roman rule?

But, what did they get? A lowly figure riding on a donkey.

Nevertheless, the disciples and the crowd applauded him, laying palms on the road before him, singing out 'Hosanna in the highest'.

'Hosanna' means 'Save us'. Our Lord wanted to save them, of course: to save them from their impulse to destroy others which would eventually end up destroying themselves.

However, this Jesus on a donkey wanted to bring peace on earth, as the angels had sung at his birth. For him, this had to be achieved by non-violent means.

But the supporters and opponents of Roman rule preferred that a convicted terrorist – Barabbas – be set free. They knew his *modus operandi*. They knew what box to put him in. They had plenty of experience of his type.

But they could not deal with the practitioner of active, revolutionary non-violence. So the inevitable unfolded.

As we know, the disciples harboured an informer – Judas. The disciples themselves found that their courage and bravado crumbled in the face of the temple guards and Roman soldiers.

Jesus was arrested and subjected to various show trials. The crowd proved fickle. Jesus was left exposed to Pontius Pilate who had Jesus expelled from the city and apparently from life.

The charismatic Jesus could have organised armed resistance but he demanded that Peter put his sword back in its scabbard. Why?

I think largely because he knew how the innocent suffer terribly in these conflicts, particularly women. What does he say to the women of Jerusalem as he laboured up the hill of Calvary? Jesus says:

'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

Jesus saw that it is women who suffer grievously in warfare:

the loss of fathers, husbands, sons and lovers killed on the battlefield;

the sexual abuse of women as an instrument to terrorise the civilian population, or enforced prostitution, sexual slavery.

Jesus knew all this and his heart broke: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me. Weep rather for yourselves and for your children...'

As they certainly did forty years later when the Romans ruthlessly put down armed rebellion. Jerusalem was laid waste and the Temple destroyed.

No doubt we can admire Jesus for going to martyrdom in this way. But deep in our hearts do we not fear following him in his non-violent resistance to evil. We could be killed, or those we love or should protect could be killed.

This creates a humanly impossible tension for us – the tension between imitating Christ in this regard and following our natural human instinct to deal with an aggressor threatening lethal violence.

A good starting point for reflection is that the Church was profoundly pacifist for its first three hundred years.

Perhaps it is for the Church of the 21st century to rise to the challenge.

Perhaps it is for a Pope who has chosen the name of Francis (of Assisi) to rise to the challenge issued by the One who entered Jerusalem borne on a donkey the One expelled from Jerusalem bearing a cross, Jesus of Nazareth

revolutionary non-violent activist

Divine Prince of Peace.

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Historical Context

Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

ART EXHIBITION: SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres.

Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

Exhibition date: Saturday May 14

Location: TBA || Time: 2pm– 5pm

Categories Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult.

\$150 prize for the winning entry in each Category

THE CHOSEN SEASON TWO DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to The Chosen Season Two Discussion group. During the session we will recap the highlights of the episode and be guided on a journey both personal and communal. We will explore as a group the human nature of Jesus as he builds his community and the threats that exist to tear it down.

Date: Thursday 28 April – 16 June

Time: 6.30pm-8pm

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-2-discussion-group-2022-tickets-301246655857>

MYSTAGOGY MONDAY

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation.

Join us each Monday morning as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel.

Commencing 9 May at 10am

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What's new?

All your parish essentials are in the palm of your hand. As part of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's new app, you are able to:

1. Check Mass times for any day of the week for your local church or any Parish within the Diocese.
2. Find the closest Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle church to you based on your location.
3. Read the latest news from parishes and/or the Diocese
4. Find out more about upcoming parish and Diocese events.
5. View daily prayers.
6. View homilies prepared by your Priest.
7. Setup regular electronic parish giving.

Contribute to one-off, specific local parish fundraising events electronically.

As part of the new app, you are also able to select your Church and receive customised alerts. To view your latest Parish updates, simply scroll down the home page and click on the notices that interest you for more details.

Mass times in your area

Whether you're at home or travelling, the Diocese's mobile app shows you Churches and Mass times near you.

If you're looking to attend a special Mass in your Parish, or you're just not sure about upcoming Mass times near you, simply searching in the app by your location allows you to find service times in your area.

How to download the app

You can download the app for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!

If you already have the original app installed, this will automatically update to the new version.

Please click on the link for more information

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app/>

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover,
when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem,
the children ran to meet him;
in their hands they carried palm branches
and with a loud voice cried out:

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have
come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

* Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have
come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I
know I will not be ashamed.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God
raised him on high.*

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

Gospel: Lk 22:14 – 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Communion Antiphon : Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking
it, your will be done.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sea and Teeth: an adventurous airman encounters a
prominent local

Terry Collins will relate an interesting story with a
local connection.

When? Monday 11th April Commencing at: 7.15am.

Where? Rear Entrance – St Benedict's Centre, 25
Farquhar St, The Junction

Why? Fellowship and information

Who? All welcome

We continue to be Covid-safe, so please BYO coffee
and eats!!

Enquiries? Neil Jones 0410 572 579

OUR NUNCIO

The Nuncio is a Vatican representative accredited as
an ambassador to a civil government that maintains
official diplomatic relations with the Holy See. He
promotes good relations between the government
and the Holy See and observes and reports to the
Pope on the conditions of the Roman Catholic Church
in the region.

Archbishop Charles
Balvo is our new
Apostolic Nuncio to
Australia. Archbishop
Balvo was born in
New York City and
ordained a priest of
the Archdiocese of
New York in 1976.



He served in apostolic nunciatures in South America,
Africa, Europe and the Middle East. He was also
Apostolic Nuncio to New Zealand and several Pacific
Island nations for eight years from 2005.

Archbishop Balvo will celebrate the Triduum with us in
Sacred Heart Cathedral. Fr Andrew will concelebrate.
We are very excited to welcome the Nuncio to our
Diocese. Plan to attend the Triduum! It will be a
wonderful opportunity to meet the Nuncio.