



**City Pastoral** REGION  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

*The Parish Vine*

**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 24th May 2026*

*Pentecost Sunday*



Dear Parish Family,

This week the clergy of the diocese, priests and deacons, met for two days of formation, conversation and prayer. It is wonderful to be able to gather. The diversity of the diocese and its sparseness in some regions means that we don't often get genuine moments to gather with the bishop and as a presbyterate. Over the last couple of years, we have made a concerted effort for professional development days, retreat and prayerful reflection days together.

These last two days we have had wonderful input from experts in their fields such as Fr Chris Ryan, MGL on Divine Renovation (parish renewal and the programs that can support that renewal) and the various other opportunities for building vibrant faith communities. We also heard from the chair of our Parish Pastoral Council, Rose McAlister who also works in the Diocesan Mission and Evangelisation team on how we can work more synodally and in keeping with the outcomes from the Synod on Synodality. James Camden, the Director of the Mission and Evangelisation team, shared plans for the diocese and parishes as we implement the Synod on Synodality and prepare for the Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028. You might be interested to know that the foundation stone for our own Cathedral was laid nearly 100 years ago during the last Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, 1928. There are exciting events on offer.

We also heard Fr (Dr) Jack Mudge, a lecturer at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, on the legislation and pastoral implications of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation that has legalised assisted suicide for the terminally ill now right across Australia. The Church is against assisted suicide in the same way that we are against other areas that do not support life and our Church's teachings. The sanctity of life is paramount to us, however we recognise that we are called to minister pastorally in this very difficult, fragile and vulnerable space for not only the individuals involved, but their families, friends and community. No one finds this area easy.

Pope Leo XIV has recently reminded us that whilst we sometimes focus our pro-life energy in a couple of places, like our stand against abortion that is absolutely important, the pro-life ministry and teacher is much broader. He talks in terms of refugees and asylum seekers, the homeless, those living with domestic violence, the hungry, mental health, support for disabilities, those isolated and abandoned, the 'need' for war, just or otherwise, addictions, drug abuse. The face of the pro-life 'movement' has many facets. Focusing on one can mean we lose sight of the root causes that may lead a person to make what we would identify as a morally and ethically corrupt decision. We live in a world where there are challenges to our moral teachers and they are now legal. We are working and ministering, teaching and aiding people with problems, challenges, families.

The world has enough resources not to need war, for no-one to be homeless, for every disease to have a cure, for no-one to fear they will die in pain, for every child to reach full term and to have the potential for a long life, for every hungry person to have food to eat, for no-one to be lonely or uncared for, no matter their age or stage of life.

**Parish Priest**

Fr Greg Barker

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Fr Niel Olano  
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**Note:** Our *NEW* website is looking great. Check it out. Feedback welcome!

Anne Warren (*Business Manager*)  
Jenny Pascua (*Parish Secretary*)  
Peter Davies (*Administration*)  
Mary-Anne de Luca (*Sacraments*)  
Dr Anne Millard (*Music & Liturgy*)

**Greg, Parish Priest**

*We acknowledge the Awabakal and Worimi peoples - the traditional custodians of these lands.*

## The Parish Diary...(for the week ahead)

9th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Mon 25 May *Our Lady, Help of Christians*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Tues 26 May *St Philip Neri, priest*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am No Mass @ Stockton

10.30am No Mass at Badcoe House

Wed 27 May

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am No Mass @ Mayfield West

Thurs 28 May

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Stockton - School buddy Mass

5:30pm Mass at Seafarers' Mission, Wickham

Fri 29 May

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11:00am Exposition, Adoration and Reconciliation @The Cathedral

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Sat 30 May

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Reconciliation

*The Most Holy Trinity*

Sat 30 May

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sun 31 May

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

12noon Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

\*\* Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel - search

Please note: The priests are involved in conferences from Monday to Wednesday. This has meant the cancellation of some Masses as seen on these dates in the above timetable.



### Next Week's Readings

Trinity Sunday, Year A

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

## Prayer Requests



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Tess Connolly rsj, Tom Kellie

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Giustina Oddi, Doris Power, John Tierney, Mary and Edward Drane, Richard Long, Evelyn Curran, Doris Zimmerman, Sr Beverly Zimmerman rsj, Jim Ryan, Laurel Murray, Bob Haggarty, Ralph Sweeney, Annie Crittenden, Sr Paula Crittenden rsj, Mary Royan

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Garrie Bridges, Rachael McLellan, Wally McLellan, John Hayes, Gary Valaire, Jeremy Eden, Braxton Rayner, Patricia Gillett, Tui Innes, Raymond Morley, Louise Hall, Phil Riordan, Twon Nguyen, Eileen Jennings, Gwen Haggerty, Nick Fazzini, Rose Gathercole, Alexander Klein, Leonetta Papichio, John Woods, Hoagy VanEwyk, Pat Fitzpatrick, Martyn Docherty

Please send prayer requests and items for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Vino and Irosh Fernando, who are celebrating 25 years of marriage this weekend. Best wishes for the next 25!

### Our Columbaria

Those in our Columbaria with May anniversaries:

#### At The Cathedral:

Margaret Winsome

Azzopardi

Joyce Callaghan

Michael Clement Daley

Marjorie Hardy

Ian King

Mario Malaspina

Gerard McCosker

Cyril O'Neill

Barry Pritchard

Lorna Pearl Roberts

Barbara Smith

Beryl Smith

#### At St Joseph's:

Edith Isabel Fahey

Violet Ernst

Mollie Buckland

Anne Marie Gilroy

John Hogg

Margaret Kelly

Maureen Maher

Paul-Elizabeth McNamara

John Joseph Skehan

Francis Smith

Eunice Smyth

Meryl Ryan

Jack Robinson

Charles Tynan

Frederick Wilson

Geoff Young

Zilda Burgess

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

## Balloons

Balloons typically indicate celebrations. The balloons in the sanctuary today are red—the colour of Pentecost and we think of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. You can have a lot of fun with a balloon. But before a balloon can fulfill its purpose, someone must breathe some life into it.

I think balloons help us understand the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the day that God sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life into the church so it would be all that God intended for it to be.

At the Last Supper, Jesus told his disciples that he would not be with them much longer and promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them. We hear about the arrival of the Holy Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles:

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

Before God sent His Holy Spirit, the church was lifeless - like an uninflated balloon. After the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, people began telling everyone they saw about Jesus. The church as we know it was born! The story of Jesus spread from that day throughout the whole world.

Once we breathe life into a balloon it becomes what it was intended to be, just as you and I need the Holy Spirit to fill us so we can be all that God wants us to be.

Some years back, to emphasize the metaphor of the balloon, a marvellous team of ten parish volunteers created an impressive swag of 150 red balloons across the nave of the Cathedral for Confirmation. It looked amazing!

The confirmation liturgy began on Tuesday evening with much excitement. The Bishop was just beginning his homily and a balloon popped. The acoustics in the Cathedral are impressive (as a musician I know they are the best in Newcastle). That popping balloon in the Cathedral was mighty loud. After the laughter and reactions died down, the Bishop tied the moment right back to the violent wind that came from heaven on Pentecost.

There are just so many messages to take from this experience. I thought a balloon pop would be a catastrophe. I imagined people saying, “Remember that woman who worked here until the balloon incident?” But it wasn’t a disaster. It was another beautiful piece in the metaphor. We like to have things perfect in our lives, don’t we? But one popped balloon doesn’t spoil the whole effect.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit is buoyant and makes our balloons fly high. Sometimes they pop. You never know with a balloon, just as we can’t know what the Holy Spirit will do for our lives!

Anne Millard

# ALPHA

## Come and See

A place to explore life, faith and meaning

Alpha

### 10 Consecutive Thursdays & Saturday Retreat Day

**Start Date:** Thursday, May 28

**End Date:** Thursday, August 6

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Location:** Toohey Room

**Duration:** 10 Weeks

**Alpha Retreat**

**Date:** Saturday July 18

**Time:** 10:30am- 4:30pm

### What is Alpha?

A series of sessions in a relaxed environment where we share a meal, watch a short talk, and discuss our ideas in a friendly and open space.

### Who Is it for?

- Anyone curious about faith
- Those returning to the Church
- Those seeking community
- Anyone interested in faith leadership

### Want to Get Involved?

We are looking for Alpha leaders, helpers and hospitality stars to be part of this amazing initiative. For more information please speak with Fr Greg or contact Mary-Anne de Luca on **0409 077 373**.

**Please register via the QR CODE**

All sessions will take place in the Toohey Room, next door to the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.



## Alpha Prayer Partners

Alpha supports participants to deepen their relationship with Christ through Food, Fellowship, Conversation and Community. You are invited to sign up as a prayer partner to support those who are participating - either through the QR code at the door of the churches or through the QR code here. For more information on how you can help, contact either Jason Connor or Mary-Anne De Luca through the parish office.



## Parish Teams

**Promoters of Safeguarding:** Louise Outram, Cynthia Tamonan, Alex Tamonan, Sr Kath Williams rsm, Annie Evans.

**Bereavement Team:** Margaret Cox, Gail Lovell, Christopher Gregory, Margaret Beard, Margaret Newton, Anne Millard.

**St Joseph’s Pastoral Team:** Contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** Contact Mary-Anne at the parish office.

**Sacramental Program:** Contact Mary-Anne at the Parish Office.

**Baptism team:** Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, with parents who are preparing for their children’s baptism.

## Rosary During the Month of May

During the month of May, we are praying the rosary after each weekday Mass in the Cathedral.

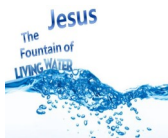


## Regular Opportunities for Prayer

- **Tighes Hill Christian Meditation** (non-denominational) - each Monday 3.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Tighes Hill



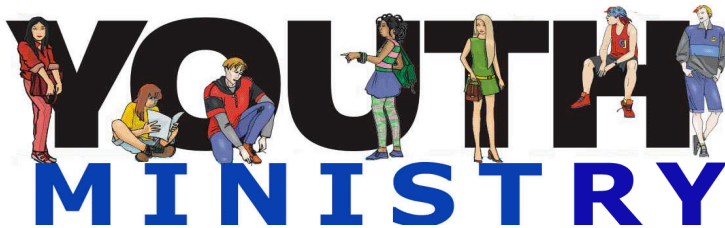
- **Living Waters Meditation Centre** - each Wednesday 7.30am and Friday 11.00am at 34 Kenrick St The Junction



- **The Rosary** - each Wednesday after 7.30am Mass at The Cathedral, First Saturday of the month after Mass and Novena at The Cathedral.



- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West.
- **Taize Service** - first Sunday of the month 5.00 - 6.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill, followed by a shared supper.



## EPIC Young Adults

EPIC is a space for 18-35 year olds in our pastoral region, wherever you are on your faith journey.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – ADORE** – Join us for Eucharistic Adoration at 6pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral on the first Tuesday evening of each month! Come rest in His presence.

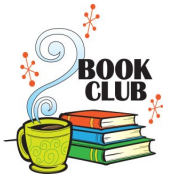
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Sharing the Sacred Heart** – A special talk from one of our clergy on how young adults can share the heart of Jesus with others, followed by Mass for this solemnity! 6pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Stay in touch by joining our WhatsApp with this QR code or following us on Insta at @epicnewcastle.



## Parish Group Meetings

**Book Club** next meeting is Sunday, June 7th, to discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



**View, Chew, and Chat:** You are very welcome to join us on Wednesdays! No meeting on May 27th. Next meeting is on June 3rd. To participate, please email the parish office: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



**St Joseph's Prayer/Discussion Group** meets on the last Thursday of each month: Next meeting: Thursday 28 May at 9.30am, in the Junction Meeting Room.



## For the Love of Creation

In the year of Saint Francis we have all been asked to contribute to the wellbeing of our environment. To that end Fr Niel and a group of parishioners have been discussing a bottle and can recycling effort that will not only ensure more bottles and cans are recycled but will also raise funds for Catholic charities.



This is both a call for volunteers and a request for clean drink cans and bottles that have had a 10c deposit paid and can be cashed in.

We need you to separate the cans and bottles and bring them to the Cathedral when you come for Mass. There will be 2 bins at the front of the cathedral and we ask you to put bottles in one and cans in the other, according to the signs on the bins.

The can or bottle label must be readable by the machine that counts them, so we ask you to only donate items that are intact, labels in place and don't squash the cans please.

In order to make this effort work we will need volunteers, especially someone with a ute or trailer to take the bottles and cans to the recycling depot.

We need both volunteers and bottles and cans to make this work so please be generous. See it as one opportunity to make your own contribution to the Year of St Francis.

Scan the QR code in the newsletter to register as a volunteer and we'll get back to you.

And drink up folks, we need your bottles and cans.



## Working Out the Nuts and Bolts

As we continue our synodal journey together through the Assembly process, it is important that we not only reflect on our hopes, aspirations and vision for the future, but also consider the practical realities, the “nuts and bolts” of parish life across our region.

The first Assembly session invited us into deep listening around the hopes, experiences and aspirations of our communities. In the second Assembly session, these themes were prayerfully echoed and discerned through the lens of Communion, Participation and Mission. Across both gatherings, we heard a strong desire for belonging, welcome, outreach, formation, and deeper connection within our communities.

This next stage asks us to listen carefully to the lived experience of our parish communities so that future planning is grounded in both hope and reality. The next survey is intended to gather honest feedback about the strengths, challenges and practical considerations facing our Mass centres and parish communities, as we continue discerning how we move forward together as a synodal Church.

The information gathered will be brought to the Assembly where it will be prayerfully discerned together as we continue to listen to where the Spirit is leading us.

Please use the QR code. If you prefer, printed forms are available at the church entrance.



## Caritas Australia End of Financial Year Appeal



As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian

crisis in the world today. Over 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax-deductible gift this End of Financial Year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.

Make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>



## Safeguarding in Winter

**As winter approaches in Australia, safeguarding vulnerable people becomes an urgent community responsibility.**



Cold weather can seriously affect older adults, people experiencing homelessness, young children, individuals with disabilities, and those living with chronic illness or financial hardship. Rising living costs and housing insecurity may force many to choose between heating, food, and medical needs, increasing the risk of illness and social isolation.

Communities, governments, and support organisations play a critical role in protecting those at risk. Emergency accommodation, warm clothing drives, food relief programs, and accessible healthcare services can provide immediate assistance. Checking regularly on elderly neighbours, ensuring heaters are safe and functional, and helping families access financial support can prevent tragedies during colder months. Schools and local charities can also support children who may not have adequate winter clothing or stable housing.

Mental health support is equally important during winter, as isolation and stress often increase. Encouraging social connection through community centres, outreach programs, and volunteer networks can improve wellbeing and resilience.

**Safeguarding the vulnerable requires compassion, preparedness, and collective action.** By working together and responding early, Australians can help ensure that everyone remains safe, warm, and supported throughout the winter season, regardless of their circumstances or challenges.

## The Chuckle

Priest: “Did you like my homily on ‘The Milk of Human Kindness’?”

Parishioner: “Yes, but I wish it had been condensed!”



## 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: 02 4979 1390, or email [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)*

## Diocesan Events

<https://tinyurl.com/cdmnevents>

## Diocesan Library

The DoMN Library will not be permanently staffed for the period 9 May to 9 June. For access to the library on Mondays or Fridays in this period, call 0409 033449 to make an appointment. One of the team will assist you with basic library services in the appointment time slot. Items currently on loan are extended to a due date of 30 June 2026.

## ALIVE Catholic Youth Launch 24 May, Trinity College Adamstown

Witness how the Holy Spirit is moving in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle as we launch ALIVE - a dynamic and exciting event that will showcase a new diocesan identity for young people that seeks to draw them into a personal relationship with Christ they feel confident to share with others. Music will be led by a nationally acclaimed worship team and a number of exciting plans will be announced alongside some good news stories of where ALIVE is already taking shape in schools and parishes. Visit the Diocesan events page to secure your free seat. All ages are welcome.

<https://tinyurl.com/ALIVECDMN>



## Pentecost – Our ‘Gifting Sunday’

As we celebrate Pentecost, we recall the Holy Spirit filling the Church with courage and gifts for mission. In that same spirit, we invite parishioners to consider sharing their gifts in two key children’s ministries:

- **Special Religious Education (SRE)**
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

These ministries help young people grow in faith. Training and support are provided; only a willing heart is needed. Contact the **Mission & Evangelisation Team**: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au) to learn more.

## Stella Maris / Mission to Seafarers



**ART EXHIBITION:** Nominations still open – Scan the QR Code for all the details.



**MASS:** The next Mass is at 5:30pm on Thursday 28 May. All welcome.

**DONATIONS:** The mission is calling on the following donations for their care packs for vessels entering our port: Beanies, Candy Bags, Card Games/jigsaw puzzles, Combs, Magazines, Razors, Socks, Toothpaste & Brushes. Donations can be delivered to the Centre at 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

## Bishop’s Staff Day - Tighes Hill

Our Parish is included in the Bishop’s Staff Day this year. We are calling on parishioners to take part on Tuesday 2 June, from 10:00am - 2:00pm.



This special gathering is an opportunity for diocesan staff to step out from their offices and into parish life to “come together around our shared mission” and connect more deeply with parish communities.

Over 200 staff will be split into groups of 40 to visit a site in one of seven parishes, with Tighes Hill being one site.

Your presence will help tell the story of our parish; its faith, its people, its quiet acts of service and hope. In meeting one another, we strengthen the bond that holds us together as the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Please consider being part of this important day.

## Diocesan Cursillo 3-day Course

Do you wonder how to be more fully alive? If so, then you may like to consider attending our Cursillo 3-day course. The annual Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle 2026 Cursillo 3 days will be held from 11-14th June at Rathmines with the theme “Joy of the Lord is my strength”. Cursillo is a short course which will enrich your faith for the rest of your life. It is Christ-centred, based on gospel values and will be asking each participant "How can I BE Christian in my many everyday environments?" Learn More: <https://tinyurl.com/cdmncursillo>

## Marian Talks - Mackillop Parish

**Behold Your Mother:**

**Explaining and Defending the 4 Marian Dogmas**

Nationally known speaker Simon Carrington, from Fire Up Ministries, will lead us in looking at:

- Mary, Mother Of God
- Mary’s Immaculate Conception
- Mary’s Perpetual Virginity
- Mary’s Bodily Assumption

Sessions will be on **Fridays** at 7 Milson St Charlestown, commencing with **Holy Rosary at 6:30pm** and the **Talk at 7:00pm:**

8 May, 15 May, 22 May, 29 May

Each session is self-contained, so you can attend any number of sessions.

While not compulsory, a **donation of \$20 per talk** would be appreciated to help cover the donation to the presenter and refreshments.

## Sr Jan Tranter Book Launch

Sister Jan Tranter is well known throughout Australian Catholic, History and Scientific circles for her scholarly writings on Fr Julian Tenison Woods, who has played such a pivotal role in the story of the Australian Josephite Sisters and our wider Australian Story. Recently Jan was invited to publish her many articles in a book entitled, *Julian Tenison Woods, the Human Story: Priest, Founder, Friend*.

The Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar are delighted to announce the book will be launched by Bishop Michael Kennedy, in the Diocesan Resource Centre on Sunday 31 May at 2.00pm. All are welcome. RSVP: [office@ssjl.org.au](mailto:office@ssjl.org.au) or phone 4948-4063

## Understanding synodality

The 2021-2024 Synod on Synodality engaged the church around the world in exploring how we can be more welcoming, respectful, curious, participatory, prayerful and missionary. A discussion group at Tighes Hill church after 8am Sunday Mass will explain the Synod's Final Document using a resource called: A Feast for All Peoples (52 page book).

24 May - Synodality as a spiritual practice

28 June - Synodality for mission

26 July - Synodality as ecclesial discernment

23 Aug - The Church as prophetic in today's world

Each meeting should take 45 minutes and include:

prayer, scripture reflection, a passage from the Synod's Final Document, discernment and discussion. A free copy of the book A Feast for All Peoples will be provided to participants.

## Pilgrimage to Ireland



St Francis of Assisi Parish Dungog Gresford is organising a 'Soul of Ireland' Pilgrimage departing 21 September 2026. The itinerary document can be downloaded from the parish's website

at [www.dungoggresfordcatholic.org.au/resources/](http://www.dungoggresfordcatholic.org.au/resources/).

Any interested parishioners from across the diocese would be most welcome to join this opportunity to explore and experience the 'Soul of Ireland'. Please contact Parish Priest, Fr Andrew Doohan, ([andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:andrew.doohan@mn.catholic.org.au); 0412 405 671) with any enquiries.



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Coming soon - to a church near you!



## Donation Options

For anyone who wishes to make donations to the parish via direct deposit:

Account name: **CDF** BSB: **066739**

Account number: **see below\***

Reference: **Donation [Surname]**

**\*Account numbers:**

Newcastle Parish - Account no: 100008696

Mayfield Parish - Account no: 100007169

Stockton Parish - Account no: 100003308

**OR** Scan a QR Code:



ST. BENEDICT'S INNER NEWCASTLE PARISHES  
Sacred Heart Cathedral | St. Joseph's Junction  
St. Mary's Star of the Sea | Immaculate Heart of Mary Tighes Hill



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH  
MAYFIELD



ST PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH  
STOCKTON

## Our Catholic Schools

**St Joseph's Primary School:** Karen McGinlay (*Principal*)

Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291

(02) 4961 2827

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

**Holy Family Primary School:** Shannon McGregor (*Principal*)

Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291

(02) 4963 3009

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

**St Columban's Primary School:** Penny Banister (*Principal*)

Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304

(02) 4968 3315

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

**St Peter's Primary School:** Dennis Nolan (*Principal*)

Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

(02) 4928 1861

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

**St Francis Xavier's College:** Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)

Parkway Avenue, Hamilton NSW 2303

(02) 4961 2863

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

**San Clemente High School:** Emma South (*Principal*)

78 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304

(02) 4014 7300

[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

(02) 4968 1295

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

# Today's Liturgy of the Word



## First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages*

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

- Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
- You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

## Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised making one body.*

### THE SEQUENCE OF PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,  
From the clear celestial height,  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come thou light of all that live!

Thou of all consolers best,  
Thou the soul's delightful guest  
Dost refreshing peace bestow.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
and our inmost being fill.

If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in us will stay;  
All our good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away.

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,  
With thy sev'n-fold gifts descend.

Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high:  
Give us joys that never end.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

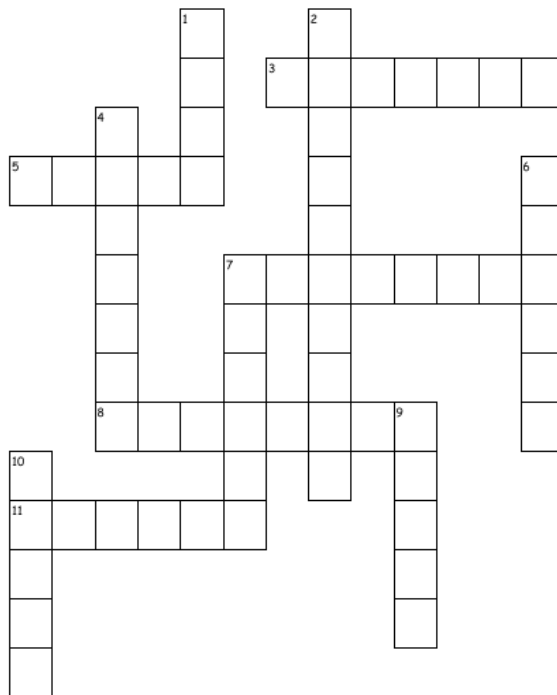
## Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

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## CROSSWORD

The Holy Spirit came upon them



### Across

- Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you \_\_\_\_\_ anyone's sins, they will be forgiven'
- a large group of people
- to have come into sight
- talking
- very surprised

### Down

- it has fingers and a thumb
- the \_\_\_\_\_ came down and took control of everyone
- Jesus' followers saw what looked like fiery \_\_\_\_\_ moving in all directions
- another word for centre
- frightened or scared
- presents
- glad