

**St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish:**

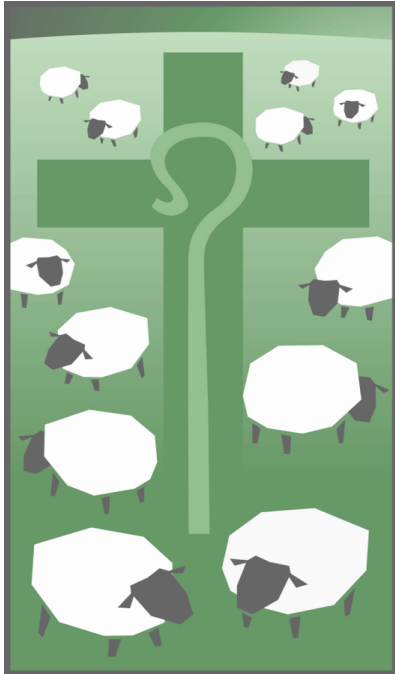
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill.

**Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West.

**Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

*Sunday 14th June 2026*

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*



Dear Parish Family,

This week our parish leaders had an opportunity to reflect on our safeguarding policies and the various ways we keep our most vulnerable safe. Our promoters of safeguarding held their regular meeting looking at the various standards that help us to remain a safe community. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility of course. If you would like to be part of this team or want to know more, speak to me or a member of the team. Our Safeguarding promoters meet regularly to review our practice, check our risk assessments, and ensure our ongoing formation as part of the parishes' and the Church's commitment to being a child safe community.

The first of our ongoing formation nights was held this week. Everyone with a 'Working With Children Check' number needs semi-regular formation to stay compliant and UpToDate. These nights are open to anyone who would like to know more about what we do to keep kids safe - or who would like to be more aware of how to keep kids safe. Currently they are held at night. There are plans to run day sessions too. Everyone who works or volunteers in child related ministry must meet a high standard, as we together ensure our community is a safe place for everyone. We meet these standards not because of legislation; rather it is a call of the Gospels to look after each other.

I would like us to consider starting Children's Liturgy on Sunday at a couple of our churches and to encourage more of our young people to be able to volunteer as servers, members of a parish youth group or club, and to be formed to lead as young members of our church. A safe community has processes and policies to ensure all those important ministries can happen and that the adults who coordinate, support or lead are aware of their obligations. Interested in supporting children's liturgy on Sunday - please let me know. Want to be an altar server - let me or one of our sacristans know. Formation or training is offered in every area of our ministries.

On Thursday, Mary-Anne, the Parish Sacrament Coordinator, hosted on our behalf a retreat day for our Confirmation candidates. A big thank you to Mary-Anne, the RECs who were able to support us from our schools, the parish members who led activities and the parents who came to help. The day looked great and I know that the young people had an amazing time. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to be part of this valuable work in preparing children, parents and godparents in readiness for the sacraments. It is valuable ministry in the church. As a parish we support our young people and families through the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist), as well as helping couples get ready for marriage, and those families getting ready for a loved one's funeral. We don't have a team yet for Confirmation and First Eucharist and we could really use some more support in our baptism team and on our bereavement team.

To minister in any of the above areas, you do need to complete a 'Working With Children Check' if you are over 18. This is free and we can help you get the paperwork completed. The process is actually simple. We also need to complete training with you around safeguarding. That, too, is not difficult to complete and the conversations that we have in the formation - whilst sometimes challenging - those who attend tell me they learn things that not only support their chosen ministry, but help them in their everyday family life. Children at every stage of life are vulnerable and it is up to us to provide safe and caring places for them to grow up healthy and happy.

Interested in being part of any of the above ministries or want to know more about them? Reach out to me through the parish office; a conversation is free - it costs nothing and has no obligation!

**Parish Priest**

Fr Greg Barker

**Assisting Clergy**

Fr Niel Olano  
Fr Ramille Bigcas  
Fr Stany Mathew  
Deacon Kevin Gadd

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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

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

11th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Mon 15 Jun

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tues 16 Jun

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:10am Mass @ Stockton (with Yr 2 to 4)

11:00am Mass at Moran Aged Care, Stockton

Wed 17 Jun

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thurs 18 Jun

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

10:00am Funeral Liturgy at The Cathedral for Navilia D'Amico

11.00am Mass at Fronditha Aged Care, Mayfield

2:00pm Funeral Mass at The Cathedral for Brian Petherbridge

Fri 19 Jun

10:15am Mass @ The Junction (with Kinder and Yr6)

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

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Sat 20 Jun

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 20 Jun

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sun 21 Jun

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 Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton

## Prayer Requests



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr Margaret Mary 'Margo' Gibson, Susan Leigh Ryan, Brian Petherbridge, Navilia Rachele D'Amico, Sr Tess Connolly rsj

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ian McGuinness, Elizabeth Janne Tonks, Mary Rees, Father Brian Bailey, Berenice Follington, Cherry Zaunders, Brian Nolan, Clare Hazelman, Caitlin Howden, Leo McGovern, Guiseppa Zannoni, Daniel Close, Garth Wallace

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Rachael McLellan, Wally McLellan, John Hayes, Gary Valaire, Jeremy Eden, Braxton Rayner, Patricia Gillett, Tui Innes, Raymond Morley, Louise Hall, Toan 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.

## Our Columbaria

Those in our Columbaria with June anniversaries:

### At The Cathedral:

Nicholas Bogdanovs

Orlando Capotosto

David Collins

Joy Doran

Clifford Ellicott

Barry (Appo) Garside

Leo Ireland

Susan McCarthy

Eileen McCosker

Helen Elizabeth

McLachlan

Basil O'Brien

Moira O'Brien

Franco Odorico

Herbert Presland

Michael John (Mick)

Rabbitt

Colleen Ray

Keith Rooney

Clyde Henry Rowley

John Ruggero

John Shearer

Lynde Stamp

Stanley Wenman

Noela Margaret Yazbeck

### At St Joseph's:

Malcolm 'Mack' Doyle

Lynette Punshon

John Desmond Cavenagh

Yvette Davis

Ethna Harvey

Ena Hawkins

Helen Margaret Humphry

Kenneth George Lane

Eileen Moore

Dolly O'Malley

Richard Joseph Wakely

Vaudrey Bruyn

Paul Byron

Robert Craig

Christine Dowling

Elaine Groombridge

Ronald John James

John Augustus Larkin

Mark Joseph Lewis

Greg Radecki

Eric Parkinson

Coralie Parkinson

Paul O'Callaghan

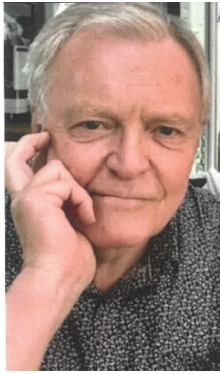


Eternal rest grant unto them and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen.

## Roger Peters OAM

On Monday 8 June, in the King's Birthday Honours List, it was announced that the late Doctor Roger Peters RFD is awarded the Medal of Order of Australia.

Among his many contributions to the community, Roger served as Sacristan in St Mary's Newcastle for over 20 years. While he passed 20 months ago, we remember his service to the Parish and continue to honour and appreciate the legacy he left behind.



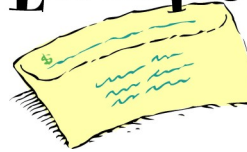
## A special feast day on the horizon:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patron of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday 27 June at 10.00am, followed by a shared brunch: I love it when you bring and I share. Fr Greg



## Notice To Planned Givers

### Offering Envelopes



Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2026-2027 financial year are available at the churches from this weekend, 13/14 June 2026.

We've placed your envelopes at the Mass Centre we believe you usually attend. If you find they're not available, please contact the Parish Office on 4979 1101, or email [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au), and we will locate them for you.

Many thanks for supporting your parish!

A reminder, too, that tax receipts are not available for Planned Giving donations with effect from 1 July 2025. As announced last year, with the introduction of the Diocesan levy system, 2024-2025 was the last financial year for which a Planned Giving tax deduction could be claimed.

## Stockton - Church Cleaning

If you are available WED. 17th JUNE @ 9.00, we would love to have your company *for an hour* to assist with the cleaning of our Church. 'MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK'



## Support Ministries at the Altar

Are you being called to minister as a Reader, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (Special Minister), Altar Server, Sacristan assistant? Formation and training available. Most of our ministries require Confirmation and First Eucharist. Wonderful people to work with. Serving with satisfaction guaranteed. For more information talk to any of the priests, others ministering, contact the parish office or fill in our online form available on the parish website: <https://tinyurl.com/NewcParishVolunteer> or use the QR code.

Positions available at all our Masses, no prior experience needed. **If not now, when?**



## ROGER FRANK PETERS RFD [OFFICIAL]



Dear Mrs Peters,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Award of the MEDAL of ORDER of AUSTRALIA, General Division, to the late Doctor Roger F. Peters RFD, has been approved by the Governor General in their capacity as Chancellor of the Order of Australia.

This award will be announced in  
The King's Birthday Honours List  
on Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 2026.

*Gerard Martin. PSM*

Official Secretary to the Governor General.  
Government House, Canberra ACT 2600.

## 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.

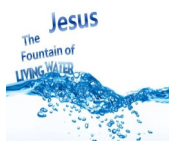
**Baptism team:** Meets on the first Tuesday of the month, with parents who are preparing for their children's baptism.

## 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



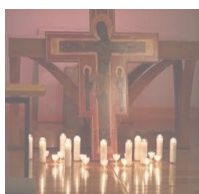
- **The Rosary** - each Wednesday after 7.30am Mass at The Cathedral, First Saturday of the month after Mass and Novena at The Cathedral.



- **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.



## Welcome to Our Newly Baptised!

We joyfully welcome those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

At The Cathedral: Nash and Suzie Weller, Oaklee and Maverick Haddow and Izan Cyaga.



## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



Coming soon - to a church near you!  
Your continued generosity makes a big difference.



### EPIC Young Adults

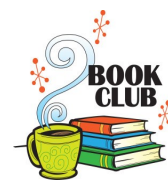
EPIC is a space for 18-35 year olds in our pastoral region, wherever you are on your faith journey.

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, July 5th: Book title to be advised soon. 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! Next meeting is on June 17th. 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 25 June 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.



## Coffee, Cake and chat with Young mums & bubs



25th June, Thursday  
9:30am, \$10 for coffee/tea and cake  
Martha Cafe  
(located next to the Cathedral)

Fr Greg Barker and the clergy would like to invite young mums (with children 4 and under) for a casual conversation to listen and open an avenue of support to mums in our community.

\*Martha cafe has ample space for your baby to play around  
Sign up via

link:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/xUBaa0Eh1M>  
or QR Code



or call/email the parish office



## Safeguarding Training for our Volunteers



Available Training Dates to choose from:

- 8 July (Wed)
- 30 July (Thu)
- 11 Aug (Tues)

\*All sessions start 5.30pm  
Diocese Grounds

### Protecting Everyone, Empowering You.



Community protection is imperative with each volunteer. This training will equip and refresh your knowledge to understand protocol, and deliver safeguarding in community environments. You have the opportunity to share your best practices in group discussions.



Everyone is invited. There are selected volunteers roles that are required to attend this training, while others are optional. Click this poster to sign up and know more.

## Parish Luncheon



Parish Luncheon at Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether @ 12.30pm on Monday **15 June 2026**. All parishioners of St Benedict's Inner Newcastle, Mayfield and Stockton are very welcome. Inquiries to Maureen (Tighes Hill) on 0412 673 151.

## Safeguarding - Dementia #2

Growing evidence suggests that lifestyle and health choices can significantly influence risk of developing dementia. Factors such as smoking, physical inactivity, unhealthy diet, excessive alcohol consumption, obesity, social isolation, untreated hearing loss, diabetes, high blood pressure, and poor mental health can increase the likelihood of developing dementia. However, public understanding of these modifiable risks is often limited.

This lack of awareness can delay preventive action and reduce participation in healthy behaviours that support brain health. Government education campaigns and community health programs play an important role in improving knowledge and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

Dementia Australia serves as the national peak body for individuals living with dementia, providing essential support services and resources, while the Australian Government has implemented the National Dementia Action Plan to enhance care and outcomes for those affected. A simple web search can identify many other agencies.

Early signs of dementia can be subtle and may not be immediately obvious but include a pattern of worsening memory problems that interfere with daily life, such as:

- Frequently forgetting recent conversations or important events.
- Repeatedly asking the same questions or getting to/from familiar places.
- Difficulty following familiar tasks, managing finances, using familiar appliances.
- Trouble finding common words or following conversations.

## 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 Resource Centre

**Location:** Corner Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

**Opening Hours:** Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 4pm. Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm. All resources are available to borrow; and are searchable on the library catalogue, which can be accessed through this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DOMNLibrary>

OR use the QR code.



### July Events in the Resource Centre

Join us this July for two special events at the Diocesan Resource Centre.

*Saturday 4 July at 11am*, gather for a screening and discussion of *Mary Magdalene* (2018), reflecting on the life and witness of one of the Church's most faithful disciples ahead of her feast day and the 2026 Magdalene Awards. Morning tea and lunch provided. Then,

*From Wednesday 8 to Friday 24 July (10am–2pm)*, browse our Pre-Loved Book Sale, featuring religious and general-interest books, with most titles just \$5. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.



Register: <https://tinyurl.com/CDMNFformationFilms>

### Bishop's Staff Day

The Bishop would like to thank the clergy, parish staff and parishioners who hosted Bishop's Staff Day on Tuesday, 2 June. Bishop Michael has received many positive comments from diocesan staff and he is grateful for the time, effort and hospitality that went into making the day a success. Staff have commented that it was encouraging to see the many ways in which the parishes are engaged in the mission of the Church.

### Young Adult Retreat 2026: To Be Human

*Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July, Camp Elim - Forster*

We invite young adults aged 18–35 to explore what it means *to be human and fully alive* in this life and for eternity. This is a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese. Featuring expert speakers from around Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend.

Register: <https://ALIVEYA26.eventbrite.com.au>

## Stella Maris / Mission to Seafarers



**Mass:** Next celebrated on Thursday 25 June at 5:30pm. 96 Hannell Street, Wickham. All are welcome.

**June 25 - The Day of the Seafarer:** This year, the Day of the Seafarer campaign will focus on revealing the realities of life at sea, highlighting the hardship, pressure and risks that seafarers can face.

**Donations** needed for our Seafarers Care Packs or if you have the means, monetary donations can be made to the following:

BSB 062 784  
Account Number: 1000 12583  
Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea

### Called to Know More: Ministry to Seafarers

*Thursday 9 July from 11.15am–1.30pm.*

Join us for the next *Called to Know More* gathering as Port Chaplain Mark Spencer shares stories of the lives of seafarers and the Church's ministry among them ahead of Sea Sunday on 12 July. More than 90% of the goods we rely on arrive by sea, carried by people who often spend months away from home facing isolation and challenging conditions. Enjoy a guided bus tour of Port Waratah, the Port of Newcastle, and the Stella Maris Centre at Wickham. Seats are limited, so bookings are essential: <https://tinyurl.com/CDMNStellaMaris>



### Come & Learn About Parish Renewal

Renewed & Sent is an initiative of the Diocese of Wollongong, in partnership with Divine Renovation, and will take place in Campbelltown from 1-3 October. It is an opportunity to step back, listen to what God is doing in other communities, and reflect on what renewal might look like in your own Parish.

This is a great opportunity for anyone passionate about seeing their Parish come alive in faith and mission. Express your interest in claiming one of the 50 complimentary accommodation rooms being offered by Mission & Evangelisation - <https://tinyurl.com/RenewedandsentCDMN>

Please note, you will still need to register for the event - <https://tinyurl.com/RandSRegistration> - to cover the costs of participation (\$225 for general admission), and to organise transport to and from.

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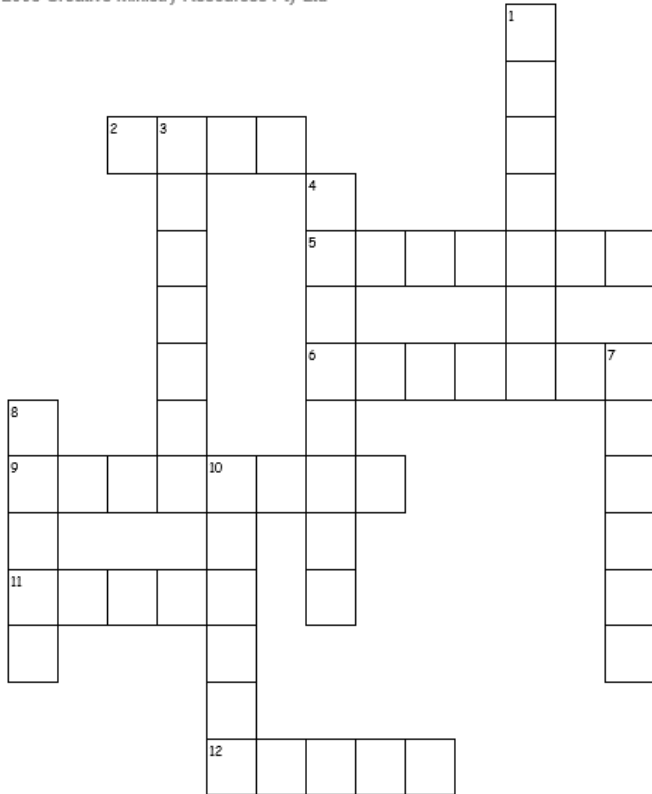
My dog's name is Minton.  
Today he ate my shuttlecock.  
Bad Minton!



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Ex 19:1-6a  
Ps 100:1-2,3,5 R. v.3c  
Rom 5:6-11  
Mt 9:36-10:8

### Across

- 2: to cure a wound or illness  
5: the gathering of crops  
6: holy men  
9: these men were sent out by Jesus to help others  
11: a large bird of prey  
12: Moses led the Israelites out of this country

### Down

- 1: people who work  
3: people who are against you  
4: someone who looks after sheep  
7: full of sin  
8: rescued  
10: the number of disciples who became the first apostles

## Tell Us About You

You can use the link or QR code to provide your contact details. With your permission we will email the weekly bulletin, as well as other current news. You can also let us know if you wish to join our Planned Giving program.

<https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus>



## Did You Know? One in Seven Christians Worldwide Experiences Persecution

An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith. Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ.

Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when this places their freedom or lives at risk.

These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity.

Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith.

Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit [aidtochurch.org/bulletin](http://aidtochurch.org/bulletin)



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

**St Francis Xavier's College:** Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)  
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(02) 4961 2863  
[www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au)

**San Clemente High School:** Emma South (*Principal*)  
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(02) 4014 7300  
[www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au)

**St Dominic's Catholic College:** Rachel Jones (*Principal*)  
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(02) 4968 1295  
[www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au)

# Today's Liturgy of the Word



## First Reading: Ex 19:2-6

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people:

the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

## Second Reading: Rom 5:6-11

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

## Gospel Acclamation: Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

## Gospel: Mt 9:36 – 10:8

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*



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## Next Week's Readings

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33



# Community Kitchens



The Community Kitchens run by CatholicCare can be accessed by anyone who needs a warm meal or support. Local locations are:

Adamstown: Every Wednesday, 11am to 1pm at 486 Glebe Road, Adamstown

Newcastle: Every Saturday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm (6.30pm to 7.30pm during Daylight Savings) at Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle.

Phone: 4979 1120

Email: [foodprograms@catholiccare.org.au](mailto:foodprograms@catholiccare.org.au)

## Food Baskets for the Needy

Blue bins located in our churches are available for your donations:

Items of dry goods or tin food can be placed in the blue bins located at our churches.

When donating please check expiry dates. We ask that you do not donate peanut butter. Any of the following non-perishable items are welcome: UHT milk, cereal, spreads, tinned goods, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant.



## Bequests

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

## Donation Options

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