



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 28th June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parish Family,

Pope Leo was asked a question recently on the moral and social justice teaching of the church. His response was interesting: he said sexual morality should be given less priority than "...greater and more important issues. We often think that when the church speaks of morality, the only moral issue is sexuality. But in reality, I believe there are many greater and more important issues, such as justice, equality, the freedom of men and women, religious freedom, all of which should take precedence over that particular issue." He is not saying sexual morality is not important; just that we give it more weight without giving much weight to other important aspects of our society and the challenges to it.

I think, too, that when talking about pro-life and the anti-abortion movement, it feels like its sole objective is to stop women having abortions and, whilst this is important, the issue is so much bigger. Pro-life includes homelessness including expectant mothers, starvation and famine, the death penalty, domestic violence, sexual, financial, physical and emotional abuse of minors and vulnerable adults, addiction and drug abuse, wrongful imprisonment, unemployment, discrimination, racism and the abuse or neglect of minorities, genocide. So much energy goes into one area to the exclusion of so much more. And we don't see pro-life necessarily in terms of what gives life and allows life to the full. The challenge can be offering alternatives and plotting pathways to life. If we want to find a definition for synodality, it must include an understanding of accompaniment to life for those who are broken, imprisoned or hungry.

As we continue our journey through ordinary time, we are being asked to model faith in all its complexity and fullness. What does it mean for each one of us to be intentional disciples? The gospel this week from Matthew offers a challenge considering not only the witness of Christ, but how to live that out in the heart of the Body of Christ (the church) and her teachings. When you listen to the gospel this week, know that it is intended to be startling. Spend a moment though listening to the gospel as though you were hearing it as one of the twelve. What challenge are they being offered? What challenge are you being offered? The gospel is about prioritising Christ over all else. That takes courage, sacrifice, love. Where and how have we done that as individuals and as a community this week?

And whilst it can feel sometimes complex, hard or overwhelming, remember that last line of the gospel as you will hear it this week; 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' Just note that 'because he is a disciple' has two meanings – the one offering being a disciple, and the one receiving being a disciple. When you are offering a cup of water to the thirsty, you may well be offering it to Christ himself. And it can be in the smallest and simplest of moments where the kingdom of God is realised. One small action at a time.

Greg, Parish Priest

Parish Priest

Fr Greg Barker

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Fr Niel Olano

Fr Ramille Bigcas

Fr Stany Mathew

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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*)

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

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

13th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

- Mon 29 Jun *Sts Peter and Paul, apostles*
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9.15am Mass at St Peter in Chains, Stockton
- Tues 30 Jun
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
6:30pm Confirmation at The Cathedral
- Wed 1 Jul
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
9:30am Mass at Holy Family, Merewether
- Thurs 2 Jul
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
11:00am Mass at Irwin Hall, Mayfield
- Fri 3 Jul *St Thomas, apostle*
10:15am Mass @ The Junction (anointing)
11:00am Exposition, Adoration and Reconciliation @The Cathedral
12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- Sat 4 Jul
9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Reconciliation
- 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Sat 4 Jul
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West
- Sun 5 Jul
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



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

Prayer Requests



RECENTLY DECEASED: Elaine Prest, Brian Petherbridge, Navilia D'Amico

ANNIVERSARIES: Maurice McEvoy, Elizabeth Cagney, Garth Callinan, John Belcher, Fr Paul O'Neill, Marie Crittenden Forman, Bev Forster, Father Tony Stace, Terry O'Brien, Katie Geatches

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

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal



Our Winter Appeal is now in progress. Your continued generosity makes a big difference.

Our Columbaria

Those in our Columbaria with June anniversaries:

At The Cathedral:	
Nicholas Bogdanovs	Moira O'Brien
Orlando Capotosto	Franco Odorico
David Collins	Herbert Presland
Joy Doran	Michael John (Mick) Rabbitt
Clifford Ellicott	Colleen Ray
Barry (Appo) Garside	Keith Rooney
Leo Ireland	Clyde Henry Rowley
Susan McCarthy	John Ruggero
Eileen McCosker	John Shearer
Helen Elizabeth McLachlan	Lynde Stamp
Basil O'Brien	Stanley Wenman
	Noela Margaret Yazbeck
At St Joseph's:	
Malcolm 'Mack' Doyle	Vaudrey Bruyn
Lynette Punshon	Paul Byron
John Desmond Cavenagh	Robert Craig
Yvette Davis	Christine Dowling
Ethna Harvey	Elaine Groombridge
Ena Hawkins	Ronald John James
Helen Margaret Humphry	John Augustus Larkin
Kenneth George Lane	Mark Joseph Lewis
Eileen Moore	Greg Radecki
Dolly O'Malley	Eric Parkinson
Richard Joseph Wakely	Coralie Parkinson
	Paul O'Callaghan

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

Congratulations to another local recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia, announced in the King's Birthday 2026 Honours List:



- **Dr Gabor Major OAM**, for service to medicine in the area of rheumatology.

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.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine



Nice to catch up with some of our mums on Thursday!

Share Your Gifts

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation. This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church. The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. Read more here: <https://tinyurl.com/CDMNDiocesanPastoralCouncil>

We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>



In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards. These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.

Coffee, Cake and Chat with Young

Mums & Bubs

16th July, Thursday

9:30am, \$10 for coffee/tea and cake

Martha Cafe (located next to the Cathedral)

The first catch up was wonderful and meaningful for our young mums to connect and get to know other mums in the community. We're doing it again this coming school holidays!

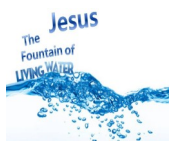
Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/JulyMumsandBubs>



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

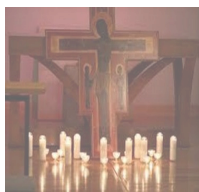
- **The Rosary** - each Wednesday after 7.30am Mass at The Cathedral, First Saturday of the month after Mass and Novena at The Cathedral.



- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West.

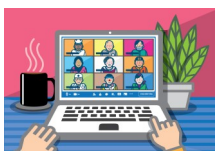


- **Taize Service** - first Sunday of the month 5.00 - 6.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill, followed by a shared supper.



Parish Group Meetings

Book Club next meeting is Sunday, July 5th: We will discuss *July By Any Other Name* by Jody Picoult. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



View, Chew, and Chat: You are very welcome to join us on Wednesdays! To participate, please email the parish office: newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

St Joseph's Prayer/Discussion Group

meets on the last Thursday of each month: Next meeting: Thursday 30 July at 9.30am, in the Junction Meeting Room.

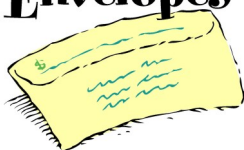


Notice To Planned Givers

Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2026-2027 financial year are available at the churches now.

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, and we will locate them for you.

Offering Envelopes



Many thanks for supporting your parish!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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.



Coming up:

Tuesday 7th July – 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.

Sunday 19th July – Dies Domini Picnic – Celebrating the Lord's Day by sharing food and community in a family-friendly space. 1pm at Gregson Park!

Thursday 20th August – Faith IRL – Drop by the Toohey Room at 6pm to hear from Deacon Gerard, uni chaplain @ UoN, sharing his story and how to live your faith out loud!

For the Love of Creation

Fr Niel and a group of parishioners have set up 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.

Please bring your cans and bottles to the Cathedral when you come for Mass. There will be a bin at the front of the Cathedral. 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 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.



Safeguarding - To Our Kids: Discipline is not Abuse

It is important for you to know that **disciplining of children by carers is NOT abuse.**

Abuse causes physical or emotional harm to any child. It may involve hitting, shaking, humiliating, threatening, insulting, sexual coercion, using excessive punishment or neglect. Abuse is intended to control you through fear of being harmed, excluded or abandoned. Unlike some other forms of abuse, **neglect** is often characterised by what a caregiver **fails** to do in looking after you. Neglect might include:-

- Not providing you with adequate food, clothing, or safe shelter.
- Failing to obtain necessary medical or dental care for you.
- Leaving you without appropriate supervision.
- Not ensuring you attend school when required.
- Ignoring your emotional needs, such as love, support, and security.

Discipline, on the other hand, is NOT abuse. Discipline is a positive process that teaches you appropriate behaviour, self-control, responsibility, and respect for others. Its purpose is to guide and support your learning and development. Effective discipline includes setting clear rules, providing consistent expectations, explaining consequences, such as time-out, and encouraging positive behaviour through praise and guidance. Discipline should not include hitting. Positive discipline helps you understand the impact of your actions and develop healthy decision-making skills.

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 or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

The Chuckle

A police officer just knocked on my door and told me that my dogs are chasing people on bikes.

That's ridiculous, because my dogs don't even own bikes.



The Synodal Way

A journey into what the Global Synod Now Asks of Us

The Synod on Synodality has been one of the most significant events in the life of the Catholic Church since Vatican II. For the first time, lay women and men joined bishops in the Synod Assembly with equal voting rights. Pope Francis adopted the Final Document as part of the ordinary teaching of the Church.



What does this mean for us and for the future of our Diocese? Join us as we explore the key themes of the Final Document, the implementation phase now underway, and opportunities to become involved in local Synodal Teams. Please bring a plate to share and register your attendance.

- **Charlestown:** Wed 15 July 6pm - 8pm
<https://tinyurl.com/SynodalityCharlestown>
- **Warners Bay:** Mon 20 July 6.30pm - 8.30pm
<https://tinyurl.com/SynodalityWarnersBay>



Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God."

Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Learn more on our website:

www.aidtochurch.org



Diocesan Events

<https://tinyurl.com/cdmnevents>

July Events in the Resource Centre

Join us this July for two special events at the Diocesan Resource Centre, cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

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,

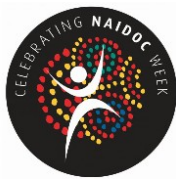
From Wednesday 8 to Friday 24 July (10am–2pm), browse our Pre-Loved Book Sale, featuring religious and general-interest books, with most titles just \$5. All proceeds support the outreach work of CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning.

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



NAIDOC Week 2026 – Civic Flag Raising Ceremony & Community Festival

Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45am, Civic Park, Newcastle



Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly" — marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence,

strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. Show your support! Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Naidoc2026CivicPark>

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

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.

FINAL SEATS AVAILABLE! 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>



SRE GATHERING with Bishop Michael

Friday 17 July 2026, 9:30am – 1pm at St. Stephens Parish Myall Coast

You are invited to a special gathering for all SRE teachers—and those considering joining this ministry. Come spend a day with Bishop Michael Kennedy and fellow volunteers as we celebrate, reflect, and grow in our shared mission. Come listen, learn, and be inspired by the experience and dedication of others who serve with faith and love.

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



2026 Magdalene Awards

Sunday 26 July, 9:30am, Sacred Heart Cathedral

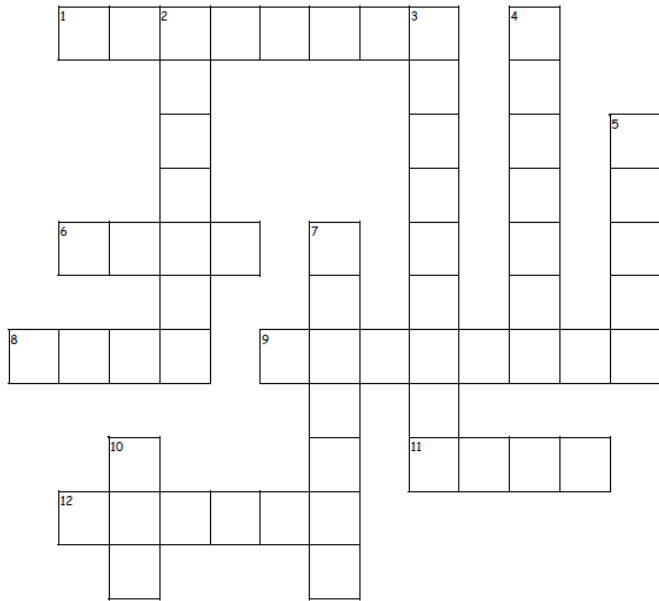
We warmly invite you to join us as we celebrate and recognise these remarkable women and their contribution to our diocesan community.

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



CROSSWORD

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me



Mt 10:40-42

Across

- 1: to be given a reward
- 6: nice, kind
- 8: alike
- 9: a person who follows
- 11: Jesus said, "anyone who welcomes me welcomes the Father who _____ me"
- 12: the opposite of boastful

Down

- 2: a warm greeting
- 3: Jesus' followers
- 4: the first gospel is the Gospel of _____
- 5: you might drink this when you are thirsty
- 7: a holy person and messenger of God
- 10: something you drink from

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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>



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.

Our Catholic Schools

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

St Columban's Primary School: Penny Banister (*Principal*)
Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304
(02) 4968 3315
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

St Francis Xavier's College: Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)
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San Clemente High School: Emma South (*Principal*)
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www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au

Today's Liturgy of the Word



First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3; 16-19. R v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their
strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy
people Praise God who called you out of darkness
and into his marvelous light. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy
of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*



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Next Week's Readings

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Zech 9:9-10

Rom 8:9,11-13

Mt 11:25-30



Save the Date

You are invited on pilgrimage to view our parish Catholic schools. Engage beyond the school gate. See how our schools work and minister in educating our most precious gifts, our children. Did you attend one of the parish schools but haven't been back since graduating? Are you thinking to send your child to one of our schools? Are you just interested in how our education works? You are welcome to attend –
Holy Family, Merewether Beach on 25 August (Tues) at 9.30am
St Columban's, Mayfield on 3 September (Thur) at 9.30am
St Peter in Chains, Stockton on 8 September (Tues) at 9.30am

There will be a talk, a tour and morning tea.
RSVP is essential - Sign up link will be available soon or call Jenny at the Parish office

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

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
Shared Heart Cathedral | St. Anne's | St. Mary's Star of the Sea | Immaculate Heart of Mary Tighes Hill



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MAYFIELD



ST PETER IN CHAINS CHURCH
STOCKTON