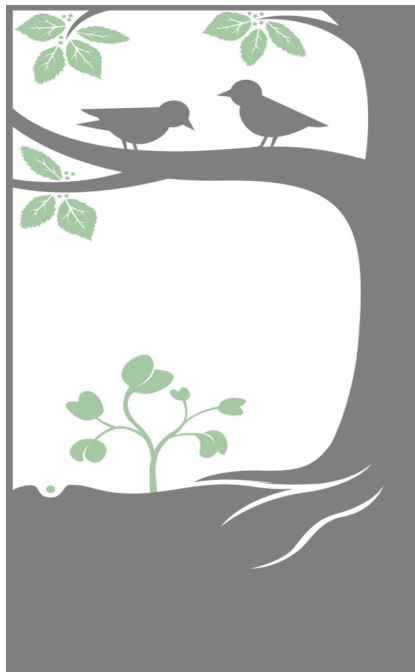


Sunday 19th July 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parish Family,

I get news on all my social media platforms around Gaza, Iran, Ukraine, Venezuela and Palestine. I now realise that once you search one item it sets an algorithm in the back end that looks for those feeds, recognising you have an interest. It is easy to be bombarded. That said, I do like to keep abreast of the happenings and try to the best of my ability to sift the fake news out of what is real. It is hard to imagine, at times, that there is more than just tragedy happening, that there are graces and blessings too. As I've written before, I love the 'Make Jesus Real' program and the Jesuit Examen for helping imbue a little reflective grace on where God has been throughout the day and amongst sometimes the 'not so nice' or the challenging moments.



It is hope filled when small children are pulled from the rubble of their homes in Venezuela or the 'Barefoot Walk – mothers' call for peace' flashes across my screens. Organisations from different groups and agencies joining voices to work together to bring an end to conflict and a movement for peace. The mothers marching for peace started in Israel and Palestine is taking hold, and whilst great work is being done in its homeland, it is rising up in other places. It is a sign! There are good moments and brave people who work for peace and even though the struggle and the prize seem insurmountable or unattainable, they never give up. Peace is worth the fight. I remember meeting Basham and Rami when last on pilgrimage to Israel, two dads who came together after each losing a daughter to the atrocities of the conflict in Israel and Palestine and discovering a deep purpose and friendship through the loss of their children. The Barefoot walk unites mums who have lost children to similar circumstances, with women around the world who have decided their voices unheard for decades (centuries?) now need to be taken notice of.

As Christian men and women, we too can be silenced or silent and it is time our voices are heard too and our calls for peace taken seriously. The organisers of the Barefoot walks met with Pope Leo before 1000s of women (and men) walked barefoot through the streets of Rome. Taken directly from their website; 'At the center is the demand for an immediate and permanent end to violence and the inclusion of women in peace negotiations, in line with Resolution 1325 (known as the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda), adopted 25 years ago by the United Nations Security Council.' It is hard not to notice the large numbers of people gathering from peace and calling for better choices for their children: 'kill or be killed', the mothers say, is not a choice they want for their children.

My news feeds at the moment are full of vision of towns and villages in Palestine on fire, including four of the predominantly Christian (Catholic) villages in the area. Having visited Taybeh, the photos on page 3 of this bulletin are in the main street of the village, one of the largest Catholic towns on the West Bank, it is hard not to feel something personal. I had a wonderful stop there, met wonderful people and visited their churches. It is hard to imagine it under a more targeted threat.

The 'Barefoot Walk Mothers' Call for Peace' is one group's response. I wonder what ours could be, so that peace is not a dream for the next generations (our generations), but a reality? Keep praying.

Greg, Parish Priest

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

16th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

- Mon 20 Jul *St Apollinaris*
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
- Tues 21 Jul *St Lawrence of Brindisi*
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
10:30am Mass @ Badcoe House, Newcastle West
- Wed 22 Jul *St Mary Magdalene*
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
9:00am San Clemente Year 7 Mass
11:00am Funeral Liturgy for Roy Wall @ The Cathedral
- Thurs 23 Jul *St Bridget*
7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
10:30am St Paul's Yr 11 and 12 tour of The Cathedral
11:00am Funeral Mass for Dianne Cazaubon @ Stockton
11:30am Funeral Mass for Anna De Vitis @ Mayfield West
- Fri 24 Jul *St Sharbel Makhluf*
10:15am Mass @ The Junction
11:00am Exposition, Adoration and Reconciliation @The Cathedral
12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- Sat 25 Jul *St James, apostle*
9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Reconciliation
- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sat 25 Jul
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction
5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West
- Sun 26 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
5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Note: There is no Polish Mass until August as Fr Bogdan is away

* 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: Chris Capper, Rosalind Malone, Roy Wall, Anna De Vitis, Dianne Cazaubon, Lina De Vitis

ANNIVERSARIES: Ted McDonald, Elizabeth Crittenden, Alma Nowakewitz (Royan), Helen Amos, Frank Narvo, Margaret & Lloyd Bailey, Gus Unger, Mary Florence Tobin, Marie O'Callaghan, Kate Nicolai

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Clem Mead, Monica Skehan, Maree Sargeant, Tanya Ng, Alex Quirin, 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, Maureen Hall

Our Columbaria

Those in our Columbaria with July anniversaries:

At The Cathedral:

Shirley Atkins	Kevin Thomas Kelly
John Belcher	Teresa Gabriela
Reginald Bennett	Lewandowska
Zygmunt Borkiewicz	Kazimierz Lewandowski
Coral Dawn (Diri) Cooke	Reg Jim McLean
(Diri)	Adelina Monaco
Gerard Daly	Ken Moulston
Patrick Docherty	Frank Narvo
John Doran	Jerzy Nowakowski
Maree Margaret Drennan	Patricia O'Brien
Mary Everleigh	Mildred Roser
Sergio Franceschi	Christine Smith
Fay Franks	Eric Smith
Teresa Grach	Josef Stefanson
Joan Marjorie Harris	Clarence Joseph Withers

At St Joseph's:

Paul Bertoss	Val Colyvas
Peter Doohan	Doreen Dent
Kath Ryan	Peter Doyle
Lillian Wilkin	Peter Goninan
James Campbell	Kevin Johns
Adrian Joseph Alcock	Louise Leahy
Lloyd Bailey	Jack McNamara
Doreen Egan	Allan McVie
Lillian Barber	Joseph O'Callaghan
Kenneth Baxter	Eileen Rae
Don Blair	Maureen Schmuck
Jack Britten	Peter Thompson
Roy Bruce	Elizabeth Wallace
Brian Byrnes	Theresa Watt
Mary Gertrude Chester	Lillian Wilkin

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



Photos taken in the main street of Taybeh, one of the largest Catholic towns on the West Bank. See page 1

Ministers of Communion

Are you taking Communion to someone in their home? Thank you for your ministry of bringing Holy Communion to parishioners wherever they are. We need to hear from you. Forms to update us are available in the Church, or ask our Sacristans, or call the Parish Office. This information helps us support you in your ministry and ensures our records and pastoral requirements are up to date.

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 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 preparing for their children's baptism.

For the Love of Creation

- One bottle at a time



I wonder how many of you wake up to the beauty of the morning sun, enjoy your cuppa while watching a sunset, or find yourself gazing at the stars and marvelling at the wonders of creation. God has indeed blessed us with these beautiful gifts and, like every precious gift, creation is something we are called to treasure and care for. Inspired by this calling, the Love of Creation Group has been formed, to implement meaningful steps in caring for our common home.

You may have heard about our successful pilot project, where The Cathedral Mass centre has so far raised \$180 through recycling of eligible bottles and cans. And we heard you, we are now expanding this initiative to St Joseph's, St Mary's, Tighes Hill, Stockton, and Mayfield, and are looking for volunteers to help us grow this mission. Scan the QR code to volunteer, or simply recycle your eligible bottles and cans and place your Return and Earn vouchers in the offertory collection at Mass.



Also something new to look forward to: Each week, look out for our section in the parish bulletin where we will share stories, reflections and simple ideas from our parish community about caring for God's creation. And who knows—the next story could be yours! Last week, Imelda's story was very powerful. I hope you did not miss it.

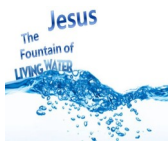
This week's story, is about St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. His deep love for creation reminds us that caring for our common home is an expression of our faith. In the book, 'The Little Flower of St. Francis', it says that Francis preached to the birds, saying, "My sweet little sisters, birds of the sky, you are bound to heaven, to God, your Creator. In every beat of your wings and every note of your songs, praise him. He has given you the greatest of gifts, the freedom of the air. You neither sow, nor reap, yet God provides for you the most delicious food, rivers and lakes to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys for your home, tall trees to build your nests, and the most beautiful clothing: a change of feathers with every season. You and your kind were preserved in Noah's Ark. Clearly, our Creator loves you dearly, since he gives you gifts so abundantly. So please beware, my little sisters, of the sin of ingratitude, and always sing praise to God." While Francis said these words, "all those birds began to open their beaks, and stretch out their necks, and spread their wings, and bend their heads reverently toward the earth, and with acts and songs". [1]

Such an inspiring story, what do you think? Together, let us care for our common home - one recyclable bottle, one act of kindness, and one step at a time.

[1] <https://www.learnreligions.com/saint-francis-assisi-sermon-to-birds-124321>

Regular Opportunities for Prayer

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



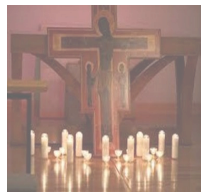
- **Living Waters Meditation Centre** - each Wednesday 7.30am and Friday 11.00am at 34 Kenrick St The Junction

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



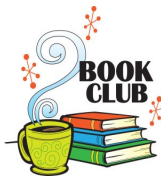
- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West.

- **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, 2 August: We will discuss *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. 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.



Food Baskets for the Needy



Blue bins 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.

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.



Today:

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!

We'd love to make you feel welcome!

Join our mailing list to stay up to date and involved in our parish communities.

Register via [https://](https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus)



tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus or use the QR code.



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
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STOCKTON

Safeguarding

What is Safeguarding? Safeguarding refers to the proactive measures, policies and practices implemented by organisations and individuals to protect people's health, wellbeing and human rights. Primarily focused on children and vulnerable adults, it ensures people live free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

CARE CONCEPTS

Safeguarding goes beyond simply responding to incidents – it is preventative. Key areas include:

- **Child Protection:** Defending minors from maltreatment, physical / emotional harm, and development impairment.
- **Vulnerable Adults:** Protecting those who, due to physical / mental impairment or illness, may be unable to protect themselves from abuse or neglect.
- **Institutional Responsibility:** Ensuring that parishes, schools, charities, healthcare providers, businesses, have robust vetting of staff, training and reporting mechanisms in place.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Organisations operationalise safeguarding through:

- **Reporting Protocols:** Establishing clear lines of communication to flag suspected harm or abuse.
- **Policy enforcement:** Enforcing codes of conduct that prohibit exploitation, harassment and neglect.
- **Background Checks:** Utilising services like Working with Children Check (WWCC) to screen staff. The WWCC is mandatory across Australia for any paid or volunteer worker involved in direct face-to-face contact with children under 18 including, but not limited to, education, recreation (coaching, camping, nannying), justice system, foster care, transport (bus driver), healthcare and welfare.



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 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.

- **Warners Bay:** Mon 20 July 6.30pm - 8.30pm

<https://tinyurl.com/SynodalityWarnersBay>



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Community Market, BBQ & Cultural Event



MIROMAA

YOU ARE INVITED



FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026

2:00pm - 5:00pm Free community event

Miromaa ALTC, 9 Main Road, Boolaraoo NSW 2284

What to expect:

- Cultural performance & dancers
- Live music and entertainers
- BBQ & delicious food
- Local market stalls and handmade goods
- Networking and community connections

REGISTER HERE



The Chuckle

A man sat with his wife while she sipped on her glass of wine. She said, "I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you."

Husband: Is that you or the wine talking?

Wife: It's me talking to the wine.



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.



At the Resource Centre

Cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

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.



Formation Films, Saturday 1 August from 11am.

Screening the movie, *The Public: A David vs Goliath* situation in a United States public library that asks us to examine our ethics and morals in the space of social justice issues. Register here:

[Formation Films: "THE PUBLIC" - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



Book & Craft Group, Saturday 15 August from 11am.

Join in for a relaxed morning of good books, good company and good conversation!

Learn more: [Book & Craft Group - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)



"Called to Know More"

Wednesday 26 August, 12pm – 1pm, Diocesan Resource Centre

Join us for *Morality 101: The Joy of Christian Living in a Morally Crazy World* with Fr Anthony Coloma, exploring moral choices through "encounter" with Jesus via Scripture, Eucharist, and prayer. Discover how hardship shapes faith, and God's welcoming love for those who have drifted. Come listen, share, and enjoy hospitality afterward! All welcome. Learn More:

<https://tinyurl.com/CTKMANthonyColoma>



Nourishment Day 2026:

Refreshing the Hearts of Parish Musicians

Saturday 8 August, 10am-3pm, at The Cathedral

Choir members, cantors, instrumentalists, coordinators, this one's for you. Step away from the weekly routine, renew your spirit, and connect with fellow musicians from across the Diocese as we explore music's vital role in the Church's prayer and mission. "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Psalm 96

<https://tinyurl.com/CDMNNourishmentday>



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>



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

Thank you from Stella Maris



Thank you for your generosity and contribution to Stella Maris, SEA SUNDAY Appeal last Sunday 12th July 2026. Every donation helps Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers be there, on ships, in ports, and in hospitals, offering care, friendship, and hope to people who would otherwise be alone. Join us at our next Mass on Thursday 30 July, 5.30pm, 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

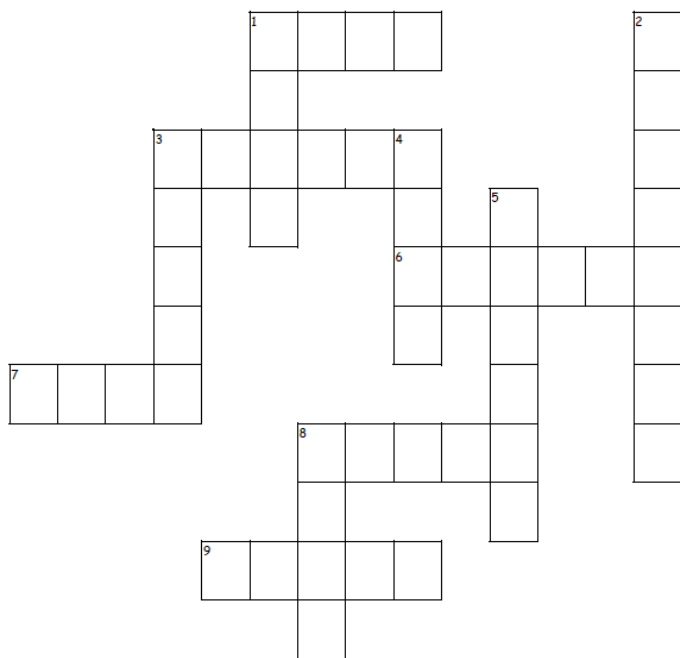
Donations are always welcome towards our Seafarers Care Packs or, if you have the means, monetary donations can be made to the following:

BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 1000 12583

Account Name: The Apostleship of the Sea

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Across

- 1: what you do to wood to make a fire
 3: someone who has a farm
 6: the farmer did not want the servants to
 _ _ _ _ _ _ the weeds (two words)
 7: kind, nice
 8: the good seeds grew into this type of plant
 9: someone who is not your friend

Down

- 1: a farmer stores wheat in one of these
 2: the weed seeds were scattered while everyone
 was doing this
 3: Jesus told the parable about the farmer's enemy
 who scattered weed seeds in the _ _ _ _ _
 4: what we call fruit when it is ready to eat
 5: these grow from seeds
 8: a type of plant that grows wildly and chokes
 other plants

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.

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.

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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
 (02) 4928 1861
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

San Clemente High School: Emma South (*Principal*)
 78 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304
 (02) 4014 7300
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

Today's Liturgy of the Word



First Reading: Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

Gospel Acclamation: See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 13:24-30

Let them grow together until the harvest.



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Next Week's Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8: 28-30

Mt 13: 44-52



Welcome to Our Newly Baptised!



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

At Stockton: Maggie and Bette Redman

At the Cathedral: Willow Paul and Nathaniel McGuinness

At The Junction: Mackenzie Hallams Kumar

Save the Date

You are invited on pilgrimage to **view our parish Catholic schools**. 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

San Clemente College, Mayfield on 16 September (Wed) at 9am

There will be a talk, tour and morning tea.

RSVP is essential - Sign up link:

[https://tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/SchoolVisitNewcastle2026)

[SchoolVisitNewcastle2026](https://tinyurl.com/SchoolVisitNewcastle2026)

Or use the QR code, or call 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.