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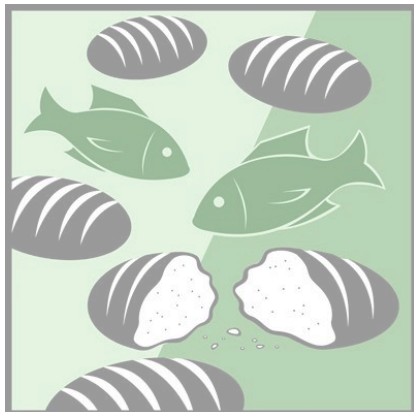
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West; St Joseph's Church, The Junction; St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Newcastle; Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill.

Mayfield Parish: Christ the King, Mayfield West.

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

Sunday 2nd August 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Dear Parish Family,

As a parish it has all been happening. There has been an uplift in weddings and our wonderful journey with large numbers of families in baptism continues. Sadly, and joyfully, we have had a few funerals and with them the opportunity to support families in their time of grief and need. I think as a church we do 'sacrament' incredibly well. What a privilege to be able to celebrate God's grace with so many people. I have asked the Assistant priests very intentionally to be out and about visiting our sick and less mobile members of the congregation, and to celebrate with them the sacraments of healing, anointing them. What a privilege to be able to celebrate God's grace with so many people. We are church.



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New to our Parishes?

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

Register via

<https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus>



These next few weeks will also see the beginning of our First Eucharist celebrations as about 80 young people, supported by their families, complete the sacraments of initiation by coming for the first time to receive the Body of Christ. I remember bits of my first Eucharist and with, I think, the memory of a seven-year-old, and you might remember me sharing my memory of the First Communion breakfast afterwards and the real treat of pink lamingtons. The Sisters of Nazareth were amazing women and helped us kids from poorer families have what was, and remains for me, a special day.

You will have some opportunities shortly to help us make these young peoples' day special through your prayer and presence. Each family is being asked to prepare a take home note for parishioner participation, printed on a paper leaf, that you will be invited to take home and then commit to praying for the young person whose name is on that leaf. You will be invited to remember them in prayer daily. As they progress in their preparations, we are asking them and their parents to prepare a leaf in return, to hang in our churches for us to hold them in prayer. Our trees get new leaves in Spring as a sign of life and renewal.

And then, of your generosity, you are asked to prepare a card offering your thoughts, your hopes and your congratulations to them as they receive for the first time the Body of Christ. You might share in the card your memory of your first reception of the Eucharist, or some aspect of your faith that has supported you throughout your life, which would form a hope or aspiration you could have for them. You may only know their first name; however, what an opportunity to support a young person in their Christian life and to hold them by name before God.

I am still on the lookout for people to help with the God Start program. You will remember the invitation to be an ongoing support, through this program, to the families who celebrated baptisms with us, keeping in touch with them. There is still room for volunteers on the food van, or at least to hear about it. And shortly there will be an information meeting for those interested in the children's liturgy, for now only in the Cathedral on Sunday mornings. See the advert for Seasons for Growth – I cannot recommend this too highly for all of us to participate in. It is all happening here in the parishes!!!

One last note – we do have some maintenance issues to be dealt with, so you may see workmen around and sometimes there will be disruptions to our Mass schedule. I will, with the help of our parish team, give you as much notice as possible, when possible. Have a great week.

Greg, Parish Priest

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

18th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

- Mon 3 Aug *St Dominic, priest*
 7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
 11:00am Funeral Liturgy for Beryl Nikas @ The Cathedral
- Tues 4 Aug *St John Vianney, priest*
 7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
 9:00am Mass @ Stockton (anointing)
 6:15pm EPIC Adoration @ The Cathedral
- Wed 5 Aug *Dedication of St Mary Major*
 7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
 9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
- Thurs 6 Aug *Feast of the Transfiguration*
 7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral
 9:00am Mass @ Stockton
 10:15am St Columban's: St Dominic's Day
 2:00pm Mass @ Irwin Hall
- Fri 7 Aug
 9:30am Funeral Liturgy for Rosemary Gathercole @ The Cathedral
 10:15am Mass @ The Junction (anointing)
 11:00am Exposition, Adoration and Reconciliation @The Cathedral
 12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral
- Sat 8 Aug *St Mary of the Cross, virgin*
 9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Reconciliation

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 8 Aug
 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral
 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction
 5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West
- Sun 9 Aug
 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 Request

Fr Stany has his test for a NSW Driver's Licence this coming week and would appreciate prayers - for the test as well as for the safety of others on the road that day...

Prayer Requests



RECENTLY DECEASED: Noel Millard, Rosemary Gathercole, Beryl Nikas, Karen Jones, Filomena Veronesi, Tony O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES: Angela Cottier, Lyle Russell, Raymond Russell, John & Sarah Mennie, Robert, Richard & Jack Mennie, Moira Bailey, Rhonda Sullivan, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Margaret Dobrowolski, Margaret Casey

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, Alexander Klein, Leonetta Papichio, John Woods, Hoagy VanEwyk, Pat Fitzpatrick, Martyn Docherty, Maureen Hall

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

Our Columbaria

Those with August anniversaries of death:

At The Cathedral:

Bernadette Bartholomew	Teresa Losurdo
Betty Caelli	Anthony Mangioni
Lynda Corrigan	Maree Ann Martin
Joan Adele Daly	Mark Murphy
William (Jack) Everleigh	Henry Petherbridge
Aileen Gilbert	Ashleigh Powter
Nesta Haggerty	Sheelagh Ruggero
Kathleen Hart	Madeleine Savage
Margaret Hogg	Veronica (Rhona) Seath
Harry Kilner	Robert (Bob) Smythe
Leon Lakomy	Kathleen Trenaman
Thi Kim Loan Le	Marjorie Wakely
Mary Loscocco	Julie Wylie

At St Joseph's:

Betty Smith	Kevin Doyle
Clare McDonnell	Cyril Fernando
Margaret Bailey	Anne Elizabeth Meighan
Eileen Baxter	Marie O'Callaghan
Helena Esther Caskey	Francis Page
Mary Corlis	Thomas Rae
Patricia Ethel Davis	Mary McAdoo
Laurence Bede Dowling	Norma Walters
Noel Dowzer	Fay Larkin

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

GodStart Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy writing cards or personal notes? We need you!

Our parish is launching our local **GodStart** program and is looking for volunteers to help write birthday cards to our newly baptised children. Through these simple messages, we can remind families of God's love and strengthen their connection with our parish community. If you have a caring heart and neat handwriting, join us! Sign up via <https://tinyurl.com/eoivolunteerform>. We will have our first meeting on Thursday 6th August at 4pm in the Murray Room.

Children's Liturgy - Can you help?

We would be glad to have more volunteers to assist with Children's Liturgy at The Cathedral. Join our meeting on 19 Aug 5.30pm. Please call the parish office or sign up via <https://tinyurl.com/eoivolunteerform>

Hunter Peace Group 2026 Hiroshima Day Commemoration

Saturday 8 August, 11am - 1pm, Tighes Hill Peace Park (opp Tighes Hill TAFE College, Maitland Rd, Tighes Hill)

Speakers: Bevan Ramsden, Doug Hewitt and Alison Harwood. **Entertainment:** Newcastle Peoples' Chorus, and Matthew and Cathy. **Food** will be available

Hunter Peace Group:

hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to newly-weds Kelly Abrahams and Patrick Lovell-Davis who were married at St Joseph's, The Junction, on Friday afternoon.



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.

Vinnies Food Van and Parish Partnership

You are invited to an information evening hosted by the Coordinator of the St Vincent De Paul Food Van. Those who might be interested in volunteering and those interested in learning more are invited to come and listen to the works of this important ministry. The food van will be on site for you to see how it works. Hear how you can get involved. Members of the St Vincent de Paul parish conferences will also be in attendance to answer any questions you might have around the mission and ministry of the conferences here in the parish. **When:** Wednesday 5th August, At: 6.00pm. **Where:** Toohey Room 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. **Cost:** your time. **RSVP** for catering purposes to the parish office would be helpful. Light supper provided. Or click on this link or the QR code: <https://tinyurl.com/vinniesfoodvan>



Seasons for Growth – A Journey of Hope

Life brings many seasons of change. The death of a loved one, illness, retirement, family changes, or other significant transitions can leave us feeling uncertain and grieving what has been lost. As people of faith, we believe that God walks with us through every season, offering hope, healing and new life.

Seasons for Growth is a gentle, faith-friendly program that provides a safe and welcoming space to reflect, share, and grow alongside others who are also navigating life's changes. Through conversation and guided reflection, participants discover practical ways to understand their experiences, build resilience, and find renewed hope for the future.

If you or someone you know is living through a season of change or loss, we warmly invite you to consider joining us.

Two Fridays: 14 and 21 August 9:00am-3:30pm

Or

Four Wednesdays: 6:30pm-9:00pm starting 19 August

Or

Four Saturdays: 10:00am-12:30pm starting 29 August

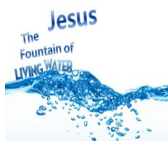
Use this link or the QR code to join:

<https://tinyurl.com/NewcParishSeasons>



Regular Opportunities for Prayer

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



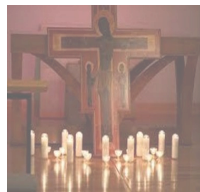
- **Living Waters Meditation Centre** - each Wednesday 7.30am and Friday 11.00am at 34 Kenrick St The Junction

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



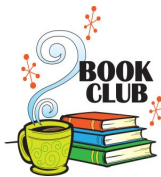
- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West.

- **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 27 August 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.



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!

Morning Tea at The Cathedral

All welcome to morning tea after 9.30am Mass next Sunday at The Cathedral. You are invited to bring some food to share.



The Chuckle

Two men are touring through a game park when they eventually come across a lion that has not eaten for many days. The lion starts hunting the two men. One of them starts to tire and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He sees the lion on its knees and hears it saying a prayer: "Thank you Lord for the food I am about to receive."



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:



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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

Safeguarding - AI Threats to the Vulnerable

Artificial intelligence (AI) can provide many benefits, but AI can compromise vulnerable people. AI vulnerable groups needing enhanced safeguarding include children, older adults, people with disabilities, people with low digital literacy, and those experiencing financial hardship.

A major concern is **online scams**. AI can create realistic fake emails, phone calls, and videos that trick people into sharing personal information or sending money. Older Australians are often targeted because they may be less familiar with recognising AI-generated scams.

AI can also **increase unfair bias**. Some organisations use AI systems to help make decisions about employment, loans, or housing. If these systems contain biased selection data, they may discriminate against certain groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disabilities, or people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Privacy is another issue. AI systems collect and analyse large amounts of personal data. Vulnerable people may not fully understand how their information is being used or may have limited control over it.

Children are also at risk from AI-generated content, including misinformation, cyberbullying, and inappropriate material.

To enhance AI safeguarding, Australia needs strong privacy laws, ethical AI development, digital literacy education, and support services that help vulnerable people use technology safely.



For the Love of Creation

One bottle at a time



Have You Heard of Laudato Si'? Among the many things I love about our Catholic faith, one that makes me especially proud, is its deep respect for God's creation.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'* ("Praise Be to You"), an encyclical inspired by St Francis of Assisi. More than a letter about the environment, it was an invitation to care for our **common home**. Pope Francis reminds us that everything is connected—a concept he calls **integral ecology**. Caring for creation is also caring for people, especially future generations and those most affected by environmental damage.

Reading *Laudato Si'* resonated deeply with me because I had already begun my own journey. I discovered that while a plastic bottle can remain in the environment for hundreds of years, recycling it gives it a new life, reduces the need for new materials, saves energy, and keeps our oceans cleaner. Glass and metal cans have value and must be recycled. Moreover, the plastic and waste debris enters the oceans, either breaks up into microplastics that enter our food chain, or harm our marine organisms, choking and killing them.

So when our parish launched the **Love of Creation Group**, I was genuinely excited. It was an opportunity to combine my passion for sustainability with my faith and be part of something meaningful within our parish community.

I invite you to join me, all you need to do is to Scan the QR code. Perhaps your first step is as simple as recycling one bottle instead of throwing it away. Small acts, done with great love, can make a lasting difference. Together, let's care for our common home—one bottle at a time.

Jenifer Fernandes



First Holy Communion

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our next info session for the Sacrament of Holy Communion is **August 18th, Tuesday 6:30pm**,

If you haven't attended, please RSVP through this link -- <https://tinyurl.com/2026holychommunionshc>

This invitation is open to all families within our parish community and beyond; however, **children must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation before enrolling in the First Holy Communion program.**



Pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates

We invite you to pray for the children preparing for the sacrament of Holy Communion this term.

Starting this weekend, Prayer leaf cards, each bearing the name of a child, are available at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Please take one to pray for the child, and return the leaf with a card of inspiration for the child.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers!



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.

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>



2026 Magdalene Awards

Congratulations to Meryl McCokser for winning the Bi-annual 2026 Diocesan Magdalene Award. A worthy recipient, Meryl is a parishioner at St. Paul's Gateshead and regularly volunteers at the Stella Maris Seafarer Centre in Wickham each week.



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

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>



Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

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.

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.

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

<https://tinyurl.com/CDMNgovernanceadvisorygroup>



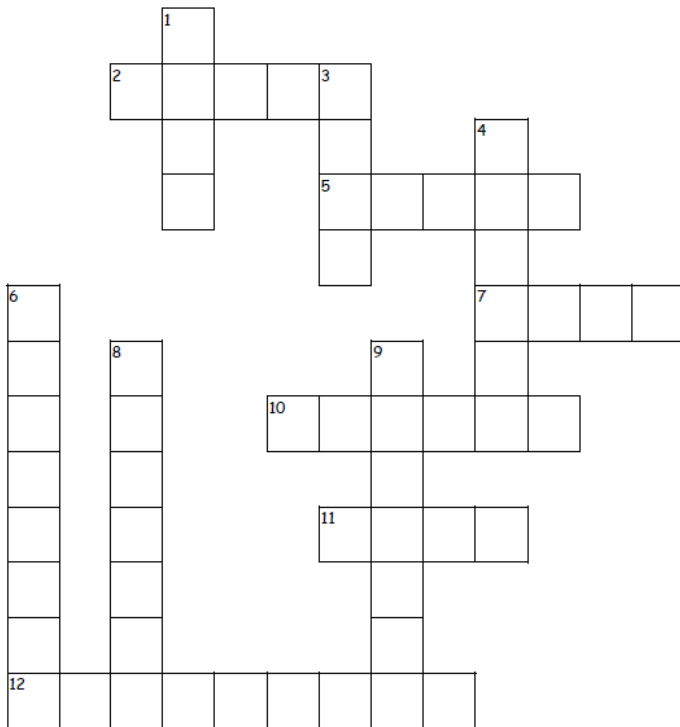
In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards.

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.

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They ate all they wanted



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Across

- 2: large villages
 5: a large group of people
 7: running behind time
 10: Jesus fed the people with just five _____ of bread
 11: Jesus fed the people with two of these
 12: Jesus' _____ gave out the food to the crowd

Down

- 1: a vessel that floats on water
 3: in need of healing
 4: there were this many baskets of leftovers
 6: there were more than five _____ people in the crowd
 8: the remaining food was put into these
 9: Jesus crossed this lake in a boat

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.

Our Catholic Schools

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

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(02) 4961 2827

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: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39

*No creature can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word
that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.



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Next Week's Readings

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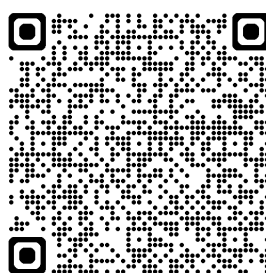
1 Kings 19:9,11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

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
St Joseph's, The Junction on 11 September (Fri) at 10.50am
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/SchoolVisitNewcastle2026>
Or use the QR code, or call the Parish office.

Safeguarding Training for our Volunteers



Last schedule 11 Aug (Tues)

***Session starts at 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.
Scan QR to sign up or call/email the office

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