

Sunday 9th August 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



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Dear Parish Family,

On the 8th of September the Diocese will welcome a first-class relic of St Carlo Acutis in a Mass to be hosted by the parish in the Cathedral. Our own Bishop, Bishop Michael, will preside at the concelebrated Mass and it will be an amazing opportunity to be part of something that few of us will experience in a lifetime. From my understanding, the relic is a small piece from either Carlo's heart or near his heart. It is a remarkable journey this young saint has had, not only in his short life but also on his way to sainthood. The Mass will begin at 5.30pm and there will be a supper in the Cathedral precinct after. There will also be a small opportunity to venerate the relic and the saint it is from. Carlo is one of the first of the millennial saints and probably the first that we can, in real time, access via the internet (which he used to promote participation in the Eucharist through) his life, his ministry and his story.



Pope Leo has invited us to join his prayer intention for the month of August and to support him as he prays for a focus on evangelizing in the cities of the world. We do sometimes forget that cities are bustling places where people can feel estranged, disconnected, lost, or searching for meaning in a sea of noise. As Pope Leo says, 'while cities are meant to be places of "freedom and opportunity", they can also become "spaces of anonymity and isolation". Faith gives a real sense of belonging and connectedness, underpinning value for life in a world where life is sometimes not valued, it connects to God and to one another. Will you join with Pope Leo in prayer? Many of us pray the rosary and add bits as we go: I invite you to add the Pope's Prayer for Evangelisation in the City and to pray it each day through August. The Prayer is here in the bulletin this week and we will keep it here till the end of August.

One of our strengths and sign of Communion is that we join in our prayers and the Mass together worldwide. I feel a great strength from knowing that each time I celebrate a Mass someone else is celebrating one too, that someone is just beginning to celebrate one, someone is halfway through, someone is just finishing; as a result, the world is flooded with Catholics joined in prayer and receiving the Eucharist. It is unbroken in the Spirit – every minute, every hour, every day. Same with the Divine Office that priests and religious promise to pray each day, same when someone prays the rosary, or starts a novena, or lights a candle for someone. We take seriously our being in Communion as we receive Communion. A light continually alight for the world.

Please keep praying for peace in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine and Russia. Too many innocent people are losing everything.

Thank you to all those who came out on Wednesday night to hear about the Vinnies food van. It was a good night, and we received lots of great information. Whilst there are conversations to be had around partnership with the van, there are real opportunities here to help people 'up'. It's not about handouts, but dignity for those who may not have experienced that for a while. The van won't be a happy place for everyone, so I would invite you, if you thought the van is not a good fit, to think about joining the parish supported St Vincent de Paul conference. Great people doing great work to help those in need.

Greg, Parish Priest

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

19th week in Ordinary Time, Year 2

Mon 10 Aug *St Lawrence, deacon, martyr*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

10:30am Funeral Mass for Sr Coral Hedley @ The Junction

Tues 11 Aug *St Clare, virgin*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:15am Mass @ Stockton (School Mass yr 2-4)

10:00am Funeral Mass for Filomena Veronesi @ The Cathedral

Wed 12 Aug *St Jane Frances de Chantal*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

10:30am Mass @ Baptist Care, Warabrook

11:00am Funeral Liturgy for Robert Woolston @ The Cathedral

Thur 13 Aug *Sts Pontian and Hippolytus*

7:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

10:30am Mass @ Charles O'Neill, Mayfield West

Fri 14 Aug *St Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr*

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

2:00pm Funeral Mass for Marie Bouton @ The Cathedral

Sat 15 Aug *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00am Mass at Mayfield West

9:00am Mass at Stockton

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 15 Aug

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sun 16 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 Requests



RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Coral Hedley rsm, Filomena Veronesi, Robert Woolston, Karen Jones, Marie Bouton

ANNIVERSARIES: Moira Thomas, Zofia and Czeslav (Jack) Ciszek, Ron Brazier, Colin Crittenden, Karen Rabbitt, Joan Dawson, Peter Kozickys, Josie Bird, Helen Lochrin, John Lawler, Janet Bryant, Irena Ivanovic, Maree Martin

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
Betty Caelli
Lynda Corrigan
Joan Adele Daly
William (Jack) Everleigh
Aileen Gilbert
Nesta Haggerty
Kathleen Hart
Margaret Hogg
Harry Kilner
Leon Lakomy
Thi Kim Loan Le
Mary Loscocco

Teresa Losurdo
Anthony Mangioni
Maree Ann Martin
Mark Murphy
Henry Petherbridge
Ashleigh Powter
Sheelagh Ruggero
Madeleine Savage
Veronica (Rhona) Seath
Robert (Bob) Smythe
Kathleen Trenaman
Marjorie Wakely
Julie Wylie

At St Joseph's:

Betty Smith
Clare McDonnell
Margaret Bailey
Eileen Baxter
Helena Esther Caskey
Mary Corlis
Patricia Ethel Davis
Laurence Bede Dowling
Noel Dowzer

Kevin Doyle
Cyril Fernando
Anne Elizabeth Meighan
Marie O'Callaghan
Francis Page
Thomas Rae
Mary McAdoo
Norma Walters
Fay Larkin

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

Prayer For Evangelisation in the City

- Pope Leo's intention for August

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,
You walk through our streets and squares,
enter tall buildings and humble neighborhoods,
and silently accompany millions
who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

You know, Lord, the heart of the city:
its lights and shadows, its noise and loneliness.
We know that cities are called to be places of freedom
and opportunity,
but they can also become spaces of anonymity and
isolation.

That's why today we ask You for a renewed gaze,
able to discover in urban life
fertile ground for proclaiming your Gospel.

Give us a creative and deep faith,
that doesn't remain in words,
but becomes flesh through simple and loving gestures.
Make us a Church that goes forth,
able to reach out to the peripheries,
to console those who are lonely,
and to sow fraternity and connection instead of giving
in to indifference.

Lord, may our urban communities
be open and welcoming homes,
places where hope is shared,
where no one feels invisible,
and where the joy of your Gospel shines
in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters.
Make us your witnesses in the city,
bold and creative missionaries,
who proclaim your Love with their lives—
a Love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and
anonymity.

Amen.

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.

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>



Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**, 10am-4.30pm (AEST).

Registration: \$20 per person / \$100 per parish

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

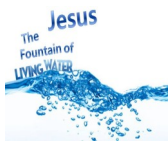
For more information:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



Regular Opportunities for Prayer

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



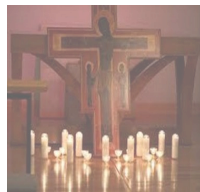
- **Living Waters Meditation Centre** - each Wednesday 7.30am and Friday 11.00am at 34 Kenrick St The Junction

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



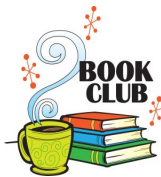
- **Divine Mercy Devotion** - first Sunday of the month 3.00-4.00pm at Christ the King, Mayfield West.

- **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, 6 September: We will discuss *James* by Jean Percival Everett. 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.



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!

Thursday 3rd September - Annual General Meeting - With some members of the EPIC organising committee stepping back from their roles, all young adults in our parish are invited to come and see how the group works and to step up to the plate to assist with this critical ministry! We are looking for young adults (18-35) who may be interested in engaging other young people in their faith, encouraging them to go deeper with Jesus, and empowering them to live this faith in the world. No experience necessary, just a willing heart and availability to help out! If you want to keep seeing awesome events for young people, we need you! The meeting will be in the Diocesan Resource Centre from 6pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jono on 0432504217.

While EPIC finalises its committee structure and reviews upcoming events, ADORE (our monthly Eucharistic Adoration) event will be paused.

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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Safeguarding - "Deepfake"

Deepfake is a digital photo, video or sound file of a real person that has been edited by artificial intelligence to create an extremely realistic but false depiction of them doing or saying something that they did not actually do or say. Deepfakes pose real risks for children and families because they blur the line between truth and fabrication. The most serious threat is identity misuse, where a child's face or voice is copied into harmful or inappropriate content. Deepfakes can be criminal with penalties of up to seven years imprisonment in Australia.

Safeguarding children starts with digital awareness. Teach them to question unusual videos, unexpected messages, or anything that feels "off." Explain that seeing a face or hearing a voice online doesn't guarantee it's real. Parents should secure children's social accounts, limit public posting of photos, and use strong privacy settings to reduce the amount of material that can be copied. Families can also establish a simple rule: if a video or message seems alarming, confirm it through a secondary channel like a phone call.

Most importantly, keep communication open. Children who feel comfortable reporting strange online encounters are far safer than those who try to handle them alone. See <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> for more information.

The Chuckle

A woman rushes into a hardware store and says, "Can I have a mouse trap, please? And will you be quick, I've got a bus to catch!"
"Sorry, ma'am," said the store clerk, "but we don't sell 'em that big!"



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

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>

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.

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>



Why Ticking "Catholic" on the Census Matters for our Diocese

On 11 August, Australians will complete the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing, a snapshot the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses to track how the nation is changing, socially, culturally, and economically. For the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the results will help shape how we plan and support Catholic life across the region for years to come.

Among the questions asked is one about religion. The question asks nothing about whether someone believes in God, attends Mass, or is formally engaged with a faith community. That's not its purpose. For many Catholics across our Diocese, faith remains part of their identity even if they're not regularly at Mass, and we are encouraging Catholics to tick the box that reflects that, a simple act that helps ensure our parishes, schools and social services are properly recognised and resourced.

St Carlo Acutis Major Relic Mission

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV, we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (September 8-14). During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. See the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and we are looking forward to host.

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>



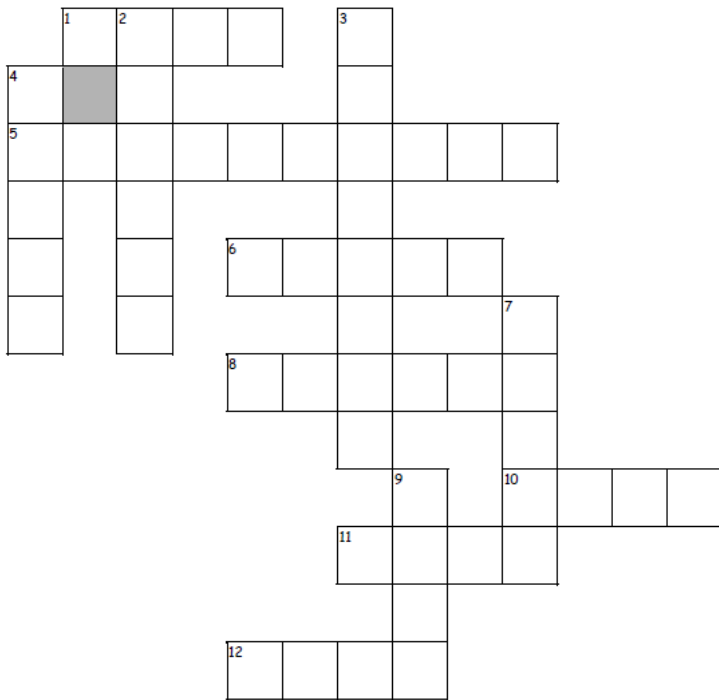
In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards.

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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Lord, show us your mercy and love



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Across

- 1: Elijah spent the night in one of these
- 5: a violent shaking of the ground
- 6: the sea is made of this
- 8: this man was told to go and stand on the mountain
- 10: to become submerged in water
- 11: a vessel for traveling on water
- 12: the element that can burn things

Down

- 2: scared
- 3: a very tall, large land mass
- 4: this man walked on the water but began to sink
- 7: an apparition of a dead person
- 9: Elijah covered his face with this

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A moment to believe

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

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

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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 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his Word. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.



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Next Week's Readings

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Isaiah 56:1,6-7

Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

Prayer for Vocations

Presider: At the sight of the crowd, Jesus' heart was moved.

All: For they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Presider: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready."

All: But the labourers are few.

Presider: Lord, send out labourers for the harvest.
We pray for more young people to answer the call
to ministerial priesthood...

All: and shepherd your people.

Presider: to the permanent diaconate...

All: and proclaim your Gospel.

Presider: to religious life...

All: and witness poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Presider: to marriage...

All: and embody your love for the Church.

Presider: to single life...

All: and serve you more completely.

Presider: We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

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