



City Pastoral REGION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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; St Laurence O'Toole Church, Broadmeadow. **Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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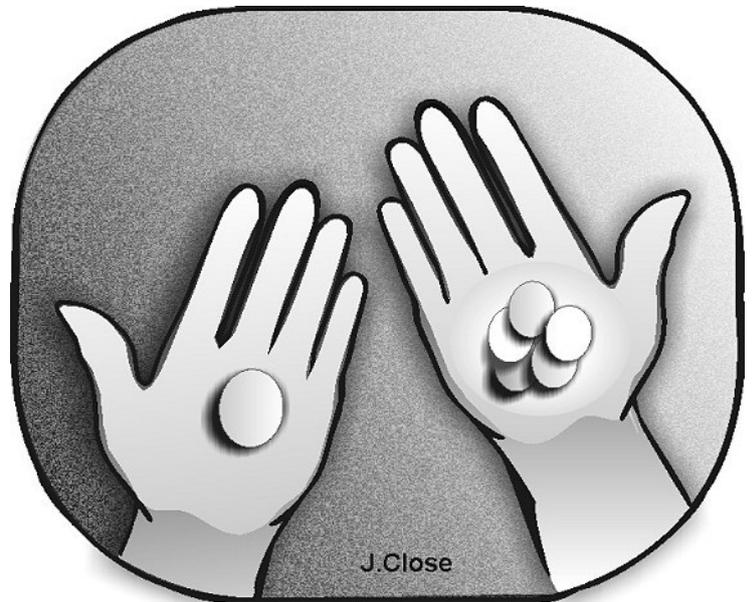
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We can't all be super-successful wealth generators like Elon Musk, Bill Gates or Warren Buffett. And the Lord understands this. But we can't be like the servant in this Sunday's parable either, who did nothing with his talent. By our prayers and small acts of love for others, we can earn a good rate of interest for the Lord as we prepare for His coming. *Fr John*

Parish Bulletin: Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.

Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

33rd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Monday—20th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—21st November

Memorial of The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—22nd November

Memorial of St Cecilia

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral—Aid to the Church in Need.

Thursday—23rd November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

6pm Choir Practice @ The Cathedral

Friday—24th November

Memorial of Sts Andrew Dũng-Lạc and companions

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition, Adoration, and Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—25th November

9.15am Mass @ The Cathedral followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (followed by Reconciliation)

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—26th November

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8.00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

*Live streamed via the Diocesan website:
www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/*

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5.00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr. Margaret Mary OLN, Glenda Heard

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Spencer, Terence Webber, Betty Holly, Philomena Walker, Antoinetta Carrara, Jack Dunn, Bishop Bill Wright, Neil, Beryl & Jimmy Straiton



SICK: Cooper James, Jim Eves, Rosa Silivinec, Neil McGoldrick, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj, Gerard Pearce, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Christine Timbrell, Stewart McKinnon, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecek, Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis

Names may be placed here by contacting the Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

BOOK CLUB

On November 22, the parish book club celebrates eight amazing years of fellowship through reading!

Sunday, 3rd December @ 6:15pm:

Bookclub meets to discuss *That Bligh Girl* by Sue Williams. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email

newcp parish@mn.catholic.org.au



VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. On two Wednesdays each month, we employ the practice of *Lectio Divina* to prayerfully reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. At the end of this month we will begin the Diocesan Advent program.

The program for November is as follows:

22nd November: No meeting

29th November: First Meeting of the Advent Program

To participate, please email the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being 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: P 4979 1390,

Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in November.

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

David Bound	Desmond (Des) Ledlin
Monica Bound	Elva Letitia Murphy
Anne Veronica (Bonnie)	Helen Murray
Cook Moore	Peter Murray
Mary Ferry	Antionietta Rossetti
Gwen Fuge	Mary Synott
Frank Holmes	Pauline Wenman
Gwydir (Gwen) Holmes	

At St Joseph's

Gloria BROWN	Michael McGLYNN
Frederick BRUYN	Nancy STRUCK
Betty GRANT	Lionel SKINNER
Mary HENDERSON	Byron VIAL
Pat KOCH	Maureen CALLEN
John MAHER	Marie TYNAN
Paul Alexander MATHER	

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

VINTAGE DOLL SALE

The Calvary Mater Auxiliary Cancer Carers are running a Vintage Doll Sale from Monday 20 November to Friday 24 November from 9am to 2pm on the third floor of the Calvary Mater Hospital. This is a great opportunity to support a good cause – you might even find a Christmas gift.

“TILLING THE CHURCH: THEOLOGY FOR AN UNFINISHED PROJECT.” ZOOM DISCUSSION.

While Father Richard's visit was short, he last left our Diocese with riches that we can continue to explore together, as our church is an unfinished project and in need of tilling.

So, let's continue the discussion!

You are invited to discuss Father Richard's latest publication, "Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project" chapter by chapter over the next several months online.

Wednesday 22 November: Chapter 2. Symbolizing Grace

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087

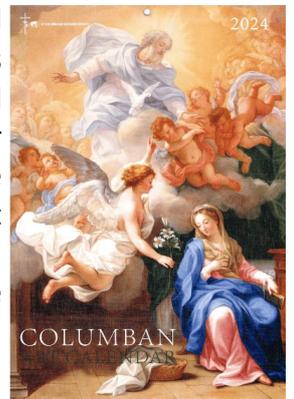
RED WEDNESDAY

On 22 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: www.redwednesday.org



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

This iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. The calendars are available through St Vincent de Paul for \$10 each. They can be purchased from the office



ACU PUBLIC LECTURES ON LITURGY

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present an exciting public lecture:

Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver a FREE public lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday December 3, 2023, 5pm-6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Further information and registration details for this unique and valuable event can be found above and at the following link: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

We look forward to welcoming you to this very special event marking this important milestone anniversary.

For more information please contact: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

COMMENTARY BY DIANNE BERGANT

The first reading praises a woman who traditionally has been described as virtuous or worthy. However, the much stronger Hebrew adjective denotes might or strength, the kind of valour found in armies.

The woman is an example of industry, versatility, trustworthiness, constancy and general goodness.

It is in the last verse that we discover the basis of her virtue and the real reason for the praise given her. She is one who fears the Lord, a characteristic that is the basis of wisdom (see Prov 1:7). She is the model, not primarily of the good wife, but of the wise person generally. She is virtuous and successful because she possesses the wisdom that flows from fear of the Lord.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS @ SACRED HEART

It will soon sound like Christmas at Sacred Heart Cathedral with the following concerts scheduled in December:

Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles performing highlights from the 2023 repertoire, with some Christmas cheer!

Sunday 3 December @ 2:00 PM

Newcastle and Hunter Multicultural Choral Society presents their special annual Multicultural Christmas Concert. This year marks the group's 45th year!

Sunday December 3 commencing at 7pm

The Newcastle Tudor Singers, directed by Dr Anne Millard, present "My Favourite Things: A Concert for Christmas"

Sunday December 17 commencing at 2pm.



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HAMPER DRIVE

CatholicCare's annual Christmas Hamper Drive is well under way, and they invite our parish to help support vulnerable families in the Newcastle region.

They hope to distribute Christmas Hampers from the following outreach locations, the week prior to Christmas:

- Hamilton South Community Kitchen
- Civic Park outreach
- Motto Farm outreach
- Toronto Community Kitchen
- Refugee Hub, Mayfield

Donation envelopes are available at Mass this weekend

PARISH LUNCHEON

Parish Luncheon (Tighes Hill group) at *Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether* @ 12.30pm on Monday, 20th November. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen on 0412 673151.



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The day of the Lord is coming

1 Thes 5:1-5
Ps 27:1, 13-14, R. v.1a
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

G L I J U C F N D F Y J L E
X U H C C Q R W O M A N I Z
Y T F I V E N Z M J O Y F C
A A E F T Z M O N E Y D O C
Y C T A W A Y S H A R E P Q
M V H W S L U Y T D W B I D
K L O P C F A I T H F U L Z
B L U Q T A O U B B V F X P
K Q S R S F N K S F L L D L
T X A J X W R I T E Y T A Q
O F N N J F R I E N D S W N
M Z D N B Y S S R M M L A V
X R Q B T E S C A P E C K Q
S H I O Y F Z Z S I U T E Y
H J Z L G S Z N B T H I E F

Try to find these words:

awake
away
escape
faithful
five
friends
money
share
thief
thousand
woman
write

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The day of the Lord is coming

1 Thes 5:1-5
Ps 27:1, 13-14, R. v.1a
Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

V Y Z N O R B M Y E Z N I L A L
O L P H U T D D T A A V U L Y B
X J M N Z A O I K C W F T Q E F
M U G A F E R L P J H A X F N V
Q W Q X U W S H X T N F V J O E
R B U K H G F Y I H U Z T P M P
L N Y O L R Y A A H G A H U A A
F M V W I C F G G R D D O Q M C
O H N E D F J Y T T R X U N M S
R G N E E P Y Z J O N M S U Z E
B D F J K Y D F G A E I A I Q V
S W A E D A V C M Q V Y N I F C
O J T J I X W O M G I P D H D I
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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

HOOR OF GRACE

12 noon to 1pm, 8th December

Devotions to Our Lady of Grace, Rosa Mystica

@ St Joseph's, The Junction

During the period 24th November 1946 to 8th December 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, eleven times. On the first appearance, the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina that She wanted to be known as the Mystical Rose and that an Hour of Grace should be kept at noon, 8th December, in all the Catholic Churches of the world.



Come to the Hour of Grace, open your heart and be guided by the Holy Spirit, place your requests from your heart to the Mother of God, Our Blessed Mother, Immaculate, Rosa Mystica.

MASS FOR DECEASED

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS

The 12.05pm Mass at the Cathedral on Friday, 1st December, will be offered in memory of deceased St Vincent de Paul members.



SACRED@SEVEN—EMMANUEL WORSHIP

Experience the divine at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday 27 November from 7.30pm as Emmanuel Worship hosts Sacred@Seven, join us for a FREE BBQ dinner at 6.30 PM. All are welcome for an evening of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

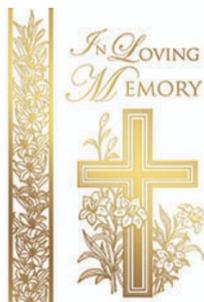
CHILDREN'S MISSION PARTNERS:

\$425 was raised during September/October. Now 20+yrs has brought \$48,000 into the program due to the faithful support of many. Please consider this worthwhile program which makes a difference in the lives of children.

ST JOSEPH'S MEN NEWCASTLE

Join the St Joseph's Men's Group on Saturday 16 December, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Mackillop Parish (17 Milson Street, Charlestown) for a fun evening of free pizza, drinks, and games! Connect with fellow men in the community and enjoy a great time together. Contact Curtis on 0477 106 108.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES



In the church community, November is a time when we take the opportunity to pray in a special way for those who have died.

The City Pastoral Region invites you and members of your family to attend the Special Masses to be held throughout November

Friday 24 November @ 10:15am

St Joseph's, The Junction (for those at rest in the Columbarium)

Saturday 25 November @ 5:30pm

St Joseph's, The Junction (for those whose funeral were celebrated in the past year)

Sunday 26 November @ 8:00am

Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill

We look forward to sharing this commemoration with you and your family.

Should you wish to have your loved one remembered during this time of commemoration envelopes are available in your church for you to note your request.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Coming soon to a church near you!



POSITION VACANT – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is looking to appoint a Catholic Hospital Chaplain to John Hunter Hospital. The purpose of this position is to provide Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care services to the patients, their families and staff at the John Hunter Hospital and other health facilities that exist on that site. The Catholic Chaplain provides spiritual and pastoral care and emotional support on behalf of the faith community.

For more information about this position please go to the Careers section on the diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/pastoral-ministries/ or contact Teresa Brierley on 4979 1157.

THE CHUCKLES

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

Worrying works! Case in point: 90% of the things I worry about never happen.





PRAYERS PLEASE

The Sisters of St Joseph ask your prayers as they gather this week to elect a new Leadership Team and plan for the next few years.

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour 75 Years of the Novena in Newcastle



All Welcome Saturday 2nd December
Rosary & Procession 8:50am
Holy Mass 9:15am
Novena 9:45am
Benediction 10:15am
Followed by reconciliation

EXUBERANT CATHOLIC PRAISE & WORSHIP GROUP

If you have a passion, talent, or simply a strong desire to be part of something meaningful, we want you to lead or join our teams!

Music (musicians and singers), Research., Marketing, Hospitality, Presenters, Logistics, & more...

The time is ripe to make your mark by shaping an exciting new Praise and Worship event for our vibrant faith community. All are welcome to attend our final planning meeting for the year. We are looking to commence this event mid-2024.

Wednesday 22nd November: 5:30 to 7:00pm.
Refreshments are provided from 5:30pm. Meeting commences at 6pm.

Function Room, MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre
7 Milson Street, Charlestown.
Phone 0466 140 066 for any inquiries.

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDIATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am – and has done so for the last 25 years, in which time many hundreds of people have taken up this prayer form. After meditation on Fridays Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. Through both practices we open ourselves to the fullness of life; we come to know ourselves by knowing that we are known and loved by God. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj -0412122297 - or just come.

ADVENT 2023:

WITH ANTICIPATION AND JOY

We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. With Anticipation and Joy is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels and associated artworks. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now, and to be changed by it.

To access the resource, go to:

[https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/
media/6563/0003487-dio-advent-reflection-
book_2023.pdf](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6563/0003487-dio-advent-reflection-book_2023.pdf)

INNER NEWCASTLE REGION (BROADMEADOW) CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday 27 November 12 pm at Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether.

Please phone Gwen Haggerty 49 675010 so appropriate seating can be arranged. Bookings in by Saturday, 18 November.



BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region of Parishes continue its important mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, you might consider including us in your Will. You would just need to specify which parish or parishes you would like to help with your bequest.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you.

We glorify You.

We give You thanks for Your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only-begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one. You alone are the
Lord. You alone, are the most high Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6

The Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father Almighty,

Creator of Heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell;

on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into Heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Acclamation

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Items of dry goods or tin food e.g. (Vegemite, cornflakes or breakfast foods, sugar, packet or tin soup, sardines, tea, coffee, tin fruit etc), can be placed in the basket at the back of **St Joseph's Church**, The Junction and in the foyer of **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, Tighes Hill. St Vincent de Paul members will pick up for distribution to the needy who are very grateful to receive the items. When donating please check expiry dates. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998. The St Joseph's community kindly requests that you do not donate peanut butter.

ST MARY'S, NEWCASTLE:

If you would like to donate, any of the following types of non-perishable items would be most gratefully received: UHT milk, cereal, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat, dried pasta, rice, pasta sauces, teabags, coffee, biscuits, crackers, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner (even the travel sized ones from hotels), deodorant.