



**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.

**Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

## SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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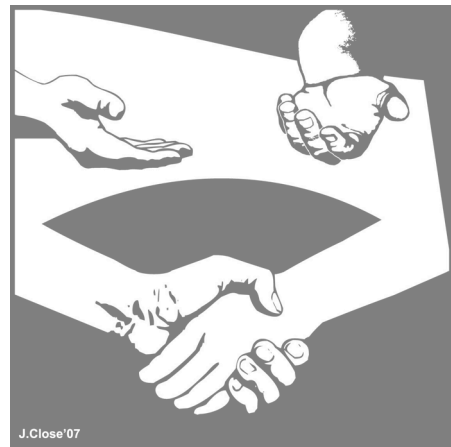
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## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

#### PARISH BULLETIN

Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin need to 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)

7th week in Ordinary Time Year 1

Monday 24 February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 25 February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

10:30am Mass at Badcoe House

Wednesday 26 February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield

Thursday 27 February

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

5:30pm Mass at Seafarers Mission, Wickham

Friday 28 February

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11:00am Exposition, Adoration & Reconciliation @  
The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 1 March

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1 March

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 2 March

*Diocesan Launch of the Jubilee Year*

8:00am Gathering at Nobbys Beach for Pilgrimage  
via Foreshore to The Cathedral

10.00am Mass @ The Cathedral \*

11:00am Festival in Cathedral precinct

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West  
(No Mass 2 Mar; next Mass 9 Mar)

\* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—  
[www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton](http://www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton) and on  
the Diocesan website.*

## POSITION VACANT - HOUSEKEEPING

We are seeking a housekeeper for Hamilton presbytery to work for five hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays – a total of 15 hours per week – with regular tasks to include cooking, washing and ironing. If you are interested, please phone Anne Warren at the parish office on 4979 1254 for more information.

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Luca Bisegna,  
Carmel Kelly (Bartlett), Sr Carmel  
Hanson rsj, Sr Ruth Long rsj

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jean McCann, Emilia Milosavjevic,  
Ailene Sutton, Edith Raymond, Ray & Eileen Howard,  
John Tully, Richard Taper

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Patricia Gillett, Carlo Rossi, Neil  
Thomas, Louise Hall, Tui Innes, Felicity Dawson, Sr Ann  
Daley rsj, Patrick Theodore, Jean Luc, Angela  
Cottier, Raymond Morley

*Names may be placed in "Prayer Requests" by contacting the  
Parish Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Parish  
website - visit [www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).*

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

### At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Robert Bartholomew	Xuyen An Le
Jean Rosario Belcher	Patricia (Trish) Leishman
Gwenneth Bennett	Alan James Long
Anthony Bookallil	Fiore (Frank) Monaco
Beryl Jean Clarke	Stan O'Brien
Marie Forrest	Kathleen O'Neill
Joanne Franks	Roger Saunders
Giuseppe Grach	Robert Smith
Edna Jean Hancock	Gregory Smith
Peter William Heggart	Toni Van Schyndel
Michael Henessy	William (Bill) Warren
Ronald Joseph Jarrett	Clare Alice Withers
Czeslaw (Cec) Kizeweter	Joan Woodcock

### At St Joseph's:

Nicholas Evans	Gerald Meighan
Robyn Field	Bob Smyth
Marie James	Kath Walsh
Marie Maddrell	Alan Watt
William McNeil	Johanna Schmuck
Margaret McVie	Rodney Wright

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

### 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45



## FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parish Family,

What a wonderful week with our parish families with so many events centring around our young people. I've attended all but one school now and either celebrated a beginning the year Mass, a liturgy for the start of the school year or an awards ceremony. A couple of times I even managed a second visit. I've loved the beautiful way our liturgies have been prepared which has helped our young people participate. I've also been heartened by the numbers of parents, particularly those of student leaders, who have attended, to support the values and ministry of our school communities. It has been heart-warming. Sometimes we don't see it as clearly in them, but our young people are very spiritual and often (even as they fight it) have a faith that runs deep. Our kids sang and prayed with extraordinary joy it seemed to me. It gives me hope.

And Epic, the parish young person's group, celebrated its one-year anniversary! I attended a lovely celebration on the 19<sup>th</sup> to mark the occasion.

I don't think we need to be afraid to have faith conversations with our young people. I am always prepared for the push back or the challenge. It excites me. It means that there are questions permeating in their hearts as well as their minds. Questions are good! And doubts, looking for proofs, challenging the status quo can lead us to a deeper understanding of our own relationship with Christ. Never be afraid to say, 'I don't know the answer to that.' There is more I don't know than I do know. That is the immensity and reality of our God and our faith. Remember faith is heart even when we try to explain it from our head.

It is also time for us to begin another part of the journey with our young people through the sacrament process. I've stopped using the word 'programme': 'process' isn't exactly right either as both have a bit of a finite sense to them which sometimes reflects 'getting them done' and once they 'are done' they are finished. I never want them to think they are ever 'finished.' Process at least suggests that they and we with them are on a bit of a journey and importantly a life-long journey. For those of us a bit older we can reflect on those moments we faced difficulty or challenge and got through due to the support of our faith. It is what we should want our kids to know and hear, often. **Nothing** is too big they can't face, with God's help and ours.

The church moved away years ago from two things about the sacrament preparation journey. Firstly, we took the preparation out of our schools. Some of you may think we've stopped teaching religion. In reality, we've been stepping it up. You will hear us talk about 'School Supported, Parish Based and Family Centred' not necessarily in that order. The other thing we did was make it more accessible and less age based. *We are going now*



*with readiness rather than age specific although kids should be over seven, the general age of reason, to begin Reconciliation. They must be able to understand that they are sorry for the action not just because they 'got caught.'* Boys are slower to come to that than girls. The sacrament process is now open for enrolment.

*Greg,* Parish Priest.

## PARISH CENSUS & PLANNED GIVING FORMS

Last week's bulletin included a form insert, giving you the opportunity to provide the parish with your current details (effectively a census form), along with options to participate in the parish planned giving program. Completed forms can be returned via email to [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au), or by post to PO Box 6, The Junction 2291, or in person to the parish office at 25 Farquhar St, The Junction.

Alternatively, you can use the link or QR code to complete and submit the form online.

<https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus>



## DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?



Fr Greg would like to communicate news, views and events with parishioners. Simply send an email to [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au), including the church you usually attend, indicating your permission for us to record your email address. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF THE JUBILEE YEAR SUNDAY 2 MARCH



Bishop Michael invites all to celebrate the Jubilee Year with a Diocesan pilgrimage from Nobby's Beach (8am) to Sacred Heart Cathedral, culminating in Mass (10am) and a Festival (11am) in the Cathedral precinct grounds. Make your community known during the pilgrimage with flags and banners.

For more information, visit [www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/JubileeYear2025)

Our regular morning Masses on that day at The Hill, Tighes Hill and Stockton will be cancelled so you can take part in the festivities at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Everyone is welcome.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

In **Stockton**, World Day of Prayer 2025 "The Cook Islands" is being hosted by Uniting Church on Friday 7th March @ 10.00 am. All are welcome.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational - everyone welcome.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 3.30 for 3.45 start.

WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 16 Tighes Tce, Tighes Hill.

The session begins with guided relaxation exercises; then we have a reading from Fr John Main which leads into 20 minutes of silent meditation.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY – LENT AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Join us for Children's Liturgy this Lent at Immaculate



Heart of Mary, Tighes Hill! A special time for kids to explore the Gospel in a fun and engaging way during Sunday Mass. All children

welcome! Beginning Sunday, March 9th, 8am.

## BISHOPS' CRYPT

An information/consultation program is currently underway regarding the Bishops' Crypt. The existing one at Maitland has reached full capacity and is not in good condition, so an alternative is needed. Briefing and feedback sessions will be held on **11 March** at 10am or 6pm in the Victor Peters Suite, adjacent to the diocesan buildings at 841 Hunter Street.

The link to the information is: <https://tinyurl.com/bishopscrypt>

## HUNTER COMMUNITY ALLIANCE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2025

*'Where the Hunter community gathers to show strength & be heard'*

Next Assembly on 6th March 2025 at the Great Hall at The University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus. We will present a number of Asks to politicians and other decision makers. The Assembly will include a roll call of organisations, testimonies from our communities and negotiations with politicians attending. We will ask decision makers to commit to our asks for specific, concrete post-election action on housing and renting, affordable and renewable energy, climate and transition.

For more details, contact: [ekillion@thehca.org.au](mailto:ekillion@thehca.org.au) or go on-line to register your attendance [www.thehca.org.au](http://www.thehca.org.au)

## PARISH LUNCHEON



Parish Luncheon at **Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether @ 12.30pm on Monday 24th February**. All welcome. Inquiries to Gwen on 4967 5010.

## BOOK CLUB

**Book Club** meets Sunday, 2nd March to discuss *The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



## VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets February 26th for Lectio. To participate, please email the parish office.



## WEDNESDAY ROSARY

Pray the Rosary each Wednesday after 8:15am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

## LIVING WATERS MEDITATION CENTRE

A Christian Meditation Centre at 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, which offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am. After meditation on Fridays, Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj 0412122297.



## ENROLMENTS FOR 2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A child's catholic faith journey began with the Sacrament of Baptism and continues by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The preparations for these sacraments in the Inner Newcastle Parishes run between February and June of every year and are designed for children going into Year, 4, 5 or 6 in 2025. Preparations are completed as a family with online activities and volunteer work within the community.

Enrolments are now open for the 2025 program. If you are interested in being apart of the program this year please visit the parish website and complete the online enrolment form.

<https://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/>

For more information please contact the office on 49791101 or [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

## NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit:  
And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord:  
And there are varieties of activities, but the same God  
who activates all of them in everyone. (1 Cor 12:4)*

We have two exciting new opportunities for volunteers in the region.

1. Baptism Team
2. Sacramental Team

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The role of this team is to assist parents of infants to be baptised to understand their parental responsibilities and the liturgy of baptism. Team members will instruct parents on the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of Baptism and how important it is for parents to pass on the gift of faith to their children.

We anticipate meetings will take place monthly, likely on a Tuesday evening. The meeting will cover the format of the ceremony. The team members will then be encouraged to attend the baptismal ceremony.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** The role of this team is working with children and their parents to prepare for first reconciliation, confirmation and first communion. Over the past years (beginning during COVID), the sacramental program has been fully online. This year we are returning to small group meetings to prepare the children for the sacraments. The program is fully documented and easy to follow.

To express interest in either or both of these teams, please use the following link or QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/k08AfwMC3E>



## ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN GROUP

The Lenten Group, which will use the Wollongong Diocese Metanoia Lenten Program, will start on Thursday 6 March at 9.30am in the Junction meeting room. It will continue each Thursday in Lent. Anyone interested in being part of the group can ring Janet on 0435 518 671.



## PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care Team: Next meeting Thursday 27 February at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.



## EPIC

In EPIC (Everything Possible in Christ) Youth Group we connect with our spirituality in a fun social context. We establish a strong foundation for our lifelong faith journey. We foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each person.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6pm in the Cathedral precinct. Anyone aged between 20 and 40 is cordially invited to join the group.

Email [Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au) to find out more.



## SEASONS FOR GROWTH

*No season lasts forever, not even winter.*



Our lives, like the seasons, are constantly changing. These changes often involve many losses and deep grief. Learning how to recognise and adapt to

the stressful events and changed circumstances we experience, as well as the ongoing challenges these may bring, helps to bring peace and hope into our lives.

The Seasons for Growth small group, peer-based educational program offers the opportunity for individual reflection and group discussion by gently and symbolically using the metaphor of the seasons to support adults to:

- **Learn** about how different people respond to change, loss and grief
- **Understand** that it is normal to experience a range of grief reactions
- **Explore** new approaches to dealing with change, loss and grief in their lives
- **Build** communication, decision making and problem solving skills
- **Participate** in a supportive network of peers and adults
- **Integrate** their new learning into their relationships with family, friends and others.

Please consider joining this supportive space in 2025 if you would like to share conversation and learn together with others who are also navigating the different seasons of life and loss.

Seasons for Growth is a four week program, which we will offer during Lent, 2025. The program will run for four Saturday afternoons from 1pm until 4pm on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th of March. Contact the parish office to sign up.

## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Sunday of the Month @ 3:00pm

2nd March

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Christ the King, Mayfield West

## TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 2nd March Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Tighes Hill 5pm – 6pm  
*followed by a shared supper.*

You can read about it in the Aurora article “A spirit of joy, simplicity and reconciliation” available in the

Diocesan website: <http://mnnews.today>



## DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

**Opening Hours:** Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm.

Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm.

cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.



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 to the right.



**Formation Film – Saturday 1 March at 11am: Edie.**

Lunch, coffee and tea provided. Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FilmEdie> or call Mary O'Connor on 0409 033 449.

**Formation Fridays – Friday 7 March 1pm–2pm:**

**Indulgences.** A chance to reflect and discuss seasons, moments and mysteries of the church and our faith.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FormationFriday> or contact [domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au).

## SUPPORT YOUR PARISH VIA THE APP

Are you using the App? Not only can you get the daily readings on your phone, you can also support the parish with an easy way to donate. You can download the app for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Just search for ‘Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle’ and click install on your mobile or tablet!

## 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.

## LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. To this end, your attention is drawn to the **importance of men’s sheds in supporting mental health.**

Following its 1993 foundation in Goolwa, South Australia, there are now over 1,200 men’s sheds Australia-wide with over 50,000 members. These sheds play a crucial role in supporting mental health, offering a unique space for men to connect, share, and engage in meaningful activities.

Sheds serve as community hubs where men can gather to work shoulder-to-shoulder, mainly on wood and metal work projects, developing new skills shown to reduce stress and improve overall well-being. The social aspect of men’s sheds helps reduce feelings of isolation, a common issue for many men, particularly in older age or during times of life transition when leaving the paid workforce often means leaving their social network. The ‘shed’ is a great equaliser – it doesn’t matter how important you once were.

Two men’s sheds in our pastoral region are:

1. Newcastle Men’s Shed at 99 Beaumont St, Hamilton. Phone 0434 000 936 or email [newcastleshed@gmail.com](mailto:newcastleshed@gmail.com)
2. Hunter Multicultural Communities’ Community Shed at 2a Platt St Mayfield. Phone 02 4960 8248 or see website [huntermulticultural.org.au](http://huntermulticultural.org.au).

## FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

Items of dry goods or tin food can be placed in the blue bins located at our churches. 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. We request that you do not donate peanut butter. Any of the following non-perishable items are welcome: UHT milk, cereal, spreads, tinned goods (veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat), pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998.



## THE CHUCKLE

That was a great sermon today — on patience,” one friend commented to another as they walked to their cars after church. “Yeah,” the other agreed, “but it was 5 minutes too long.”



## LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 5th March.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

8.15am	Cathedral
9.00am	Mayfield West
10.00am	The Junction
Noon	Cathedral
5.00pm	Cathedral (Polish)
6.00pm	Tighes Hill
6.00pm	Mayfield West (Vietnamese)
7.00pm	Cathedral



## THE RITE OF ELECTION—SUNDAY 9 MARCH

This is an opportunity to welcome all catechumens who will be baptised in their parishes at the Easter Vigil [a catechumen is an unbaptised person whose search for meaning has brought them to the Catholic Church]. Please join in witness and prayerful support of those who choose to be Catholic. 2.30pm Sacred Heart Cathedral Newcastle West, followed by afternoon tea. RSVP for catering to [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au). Enquiries to Fiona P 0408 895 951.

## LENTEN REFLECTION – JOURNEY OF HOPE

Lent is often portrayed as a journey from one point in time to another, this time allows us to deeply reflect internally so our external actions imitate the resurrection and living God. Lent is a penitential period when we attempt to develop an awareness of sin and our need for penance and forgiveness. This journey assists us in our transformation as we move from one state to another, a state that is renewed by hope in the Paschal Mystery, so we truly understand why the risen Jesus matters.

As we enter Lent during the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope, let us use this time as an opportunity to reflect and seek forgiveness so we can experience the unlimited nature of God's Mercy.

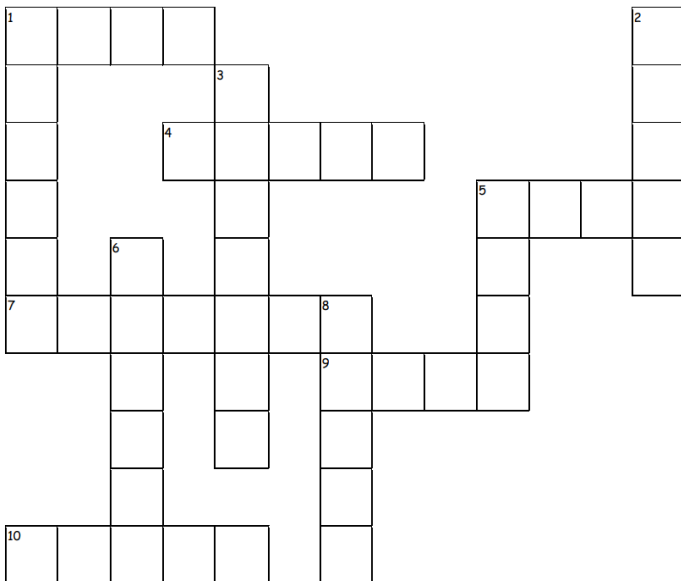
You are invited to use this resource to reveal the mystery of God each week through the scriptures, faith sharing, and consider how we are called to be constant companions in the journey of hope.

To access the resource, go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/7345/0007121-dio-2024-lenten-program-web-v2.pdf>

## CROSSWORD

### Love your enemies

Lk 6:27-37



#### Across

- 1: feeling sorry for someone
- 4: currency, cash
- 5: \_\_\_\_ your enemies
- 7: those who are against you
- 9: not soft
- 10: to assess someone's actions

#### Down

- 1: speaking highly of another
- 2: the side of your face
- 3: God will \_\_\_\_ our sins
- 5: to let someone borrow
- 6: a gift for good deeds
- 8: clothing worn over the upper body



## TODAY'S LITURGY

### Entrance Antiphon Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

### First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

*The Lord has put you in my power,  
but I will not raise my hand against you.*



### Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8 (R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must  
carry the heavenly image.*

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Luke 6:27-38

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

### Communion Antiphon Ps 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O  
Most High.



## OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Primary School

Karen McGinlay (*Principal*)  
Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291  
P:(02) 4961 2827  
W:[www.merewether.catholic.edu.au](http://www.merewether.catholic.edu.au)

### Holy Family Primary School

Ann Jackson (*Principal*)  
Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291  
P:(02) 4963 3009  
W:[www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au](http://www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au)

### St Columban's Primary School

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

Michael Punch (*Principal*)  
Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295  
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### St Francis Xavier's College

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### San Clemente High School

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W:[www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au)

### St Dominic's Catholic College

Rachel Jones (*Principal*)  
76 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304  
P:(02) 4968 1295  
W:[www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsd.catholic.edu.au)

## 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: P 4979 1390, or email [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)