



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 29TH DECEMBER 2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR C

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This Sunday marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope. There is no better model for this than the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, whose feast we celebrate today. Let's pray that inspired by their example and presence in our lives, every family will become a sign of God's gifts of peace, unity and hope for our troubled world.

Fr John



KEY DATES		
2 March	Diocesan Launch Pilgrimage-Mass-Festival	Foreshore Park to The Cathedral
6 April	The Way of the Cross	
8 August	aMeN Camino Experience	
25 September - 11 October	International Pilgrimage	Journey of St Paul & Rome
29 September - 3 October	NATSICC Assembly	Hunter Valley
30 November - 2 December	Australian Catholic Youth Festival	Melbourne

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)

Octave of Christmas, Year C

Monday 30 December

6th day in the Octave of Christmas

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 31 December

7th day in the Octave of Christmas

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 1 January

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

Thursday 2 January

Memorial of Sts Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 3 January

Friday before the Epiphany

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 4 January

Saturday before the Epiphany

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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 4 January

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 5 January

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral *

11:00am Mass @ The Junction (Italian)

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (Polish)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West
(Mass 5 Jan; no Mass 12 Jan)

* *Livestreamed on the Cathedral's YouTube channel—www.youtube.com/c/SacredHeartCathedralHamilton and on the Diocesan website.*

PRAYER REQUESTS



RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Cook, Dianne May Beckett, Kevin Andrews, Saveria D'Amico, Peter Burns

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Lou Alexander, Jack Bleakley, Mary Ethel Sattler, Ron Hazelman, Sylvia Fitzpatrick, Joan Hurtz, Ken Hurtz, Des Howard, Bruce Cathcart, Ronnie Griffiths, Len Griffiths, John Hilton, Philippa Whalley (Martin), Stephen Howard, Trevor Casey, Clem Ross

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Carlo Rossi, John Woodward, Neil Thomas, Louise Hall, Tui Innes, Felicity Dawson, Sr Ann Daley rsj

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.

PARISH BULLETIN

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

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Mario Cannavale	Kevin Fuge
Aileen Joyce Carey	Louis William Harris
Kathleen Mary Cashman	Margaret Ireland
Joan Cunningham	Anthony (Tony) Losurdo
Bertha Docherty	Helen O'Sullivan
Paul Ferry	James Savage
Maria Franceschi	Patrick Scott
	Margaret Tuxworth

At St Joseph's:

Frank Hawkins Jnr	Joan Payne
Ernst Koch	Byeena Winifred Saxby
Cecily Clare Leslie	Pat Skehan
Margaret McGlynn	Patricia Margaret Smith
Athol Moore	Joseph Timbs
Kevin Smith	Grace Hickey
Robert Wakely	Harold Casey
Stan Walters	Kelvin Davis
Dorothy Wilson	Mary Doyle
Franz Schmuck	Bill Edser
Noreen Heaney	Alan Fogarty
Rodger Ryan	Maree Green
Mick McBride	Dorothy Wilson

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

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 or www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. **(R.)**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15.16

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Memorial Acclamation:

Save us, savior of the world for by
your cross and resurrection, you have
set us free.



Communion Antiphon: Baruch 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived
among us.

SUPPORT SERVICES

While the Christmas and New Year periods are typically a time of joy, for some, the festive season can also bring feelings of sadness, stress, and loneliness. Alternatively, you may want to start the New Year by planning self-care, speaking to someone about something on your mind, or getting advice about a loved one.

If you need support during this period, please reach out to one of the support services listed below.



The Rosewood Centre – A Diocesan Support Service:
1800 613 155

Website: www.rosewoodcentre.com.au

Face-to-face and telehealth fee-for-service counselling and support for the whole family.

The Rosewood Centre will be closed from 24 Dec to 1 Jan. If you need urgent support during this time, please contact one of the support services listed below.

GambleAware Hunter New England: 1800 497 065

Website: www.catholiccare.org.au/gambleaware

This service will be closed from 24 Dec to 1 Jan. For any urgent matters over this period, please contact the Gambling Helpline on 1800 858 858 (available 24/7).

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Website: www.lifeline.org.au

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

Website: www.1800respect.org.au

1800RESPECT is the national domestic, family and sexual violence counselling, information and support service. Support is available in 28 languages.

Suicide Callback Service: 1300 659 467

Website: www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services via telephone and online chat.

13Yarn: 13 92 76

Website: www.13yarn.org.au

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Parent Line NSW: 1300 1300 52

Website: www.parentline.org.au

Parent Line NSW is available to talk to about almost anything related to parenting or raising a child. They can provide advice on behaviour management, family relationships, children's development and much more. Counsellors will assist families to access any services or information that may be of use to their circumstances.