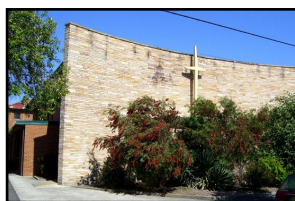




Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Hamilton



St Joseph's,
The Junction



St Mary, Star of the Sea,
Newcastle



Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Tighes Hill



St Laurence O'Toole's,
Broadmeadow



Christ the King,
Mayfield West



St Peter-in-Chains',
Stockton

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY PASTORAL REGION

SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH 2020 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Incorporating the Parishes of St Benedict's, Inner Newcastle, St Columban's, Mayfield, and St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton, our mission is to proclaim Christ in the inner suburbs of the City of Newcastle.

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.

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Regional Bulletin

The Bulletin is published weekly.

Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Regional Office by Noon on Wednesdays.

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

3rd Week of Lent

Monday 16 March

- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton

Tuesday 17 March

Solemnity of St Patrick, bishop

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction
- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 8.45am Rosary @ Stockton
- 9.15am Mass @ Stockton
- 9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 11am Anointing Mass @ Wescott

Wednesday 18 March

- 7.30am Mass @ The Junction
- 8am Mass @ Mayfield West
- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill

Thursday 19 March

Feast of St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8am Mass @ Stockton
- 8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West
- 9.15am Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 9.30am Mass @ The Junction for the feast of St Joseph (+school attending)**
- 5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 20 March

- 8.30am Liturgy of the Word @ Stockton
- 9.15am Mass @ Mayfield School Hall
- 9.15am Mass @ Tighes Hill
- 10.15am Mass @ The Junction
- 11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation @ The Cathedral
- 12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 21 March

- 9.15am Mass & Novena @ The Cathedral
- 2pm Catechist Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 5.30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5.30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West
- 6pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 22 March

4th Sunday of Lent

- 7.30am Mass @ Newcastle
- 8am Mass @ Tighes Hill
- 9am Mass @ The Junction
- 9am Mass @ Stockton
- 9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral
- 10.30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow
- 11.30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral
- 5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R.v.8

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Christ laid down his life for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ TIGHES HILL

each Friday during Lent, directly following the 9.15am Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS @ MAYFIELD WEST

at 10.30am, each Friday during Lent.

BENEDICTION & ADORATION @ BROADMEADOW at 5.30pm, each Wednesday during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, BENEDICTION & ADORATION @ ST MARY'S & ST JOSEPH'S

At 6.30pm on each Wednesday until Easter, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction at St Mary's and St Joseph's Churches (*in alternate weeks*). Reconciliation will be available during the period of Adoration.

18th Mar	St Joseph's	25th Mar	St Mary's
1st Apr	St Joseph's	8th Apr	St Mary's

NOTICE RE ST JOSEPH'S DAY

There will be no 7.30am Mass at The Junction this **Thursday, 19th March**. There will be a parish Mass at 9.30am for the feast of St Joseph, with St Joseph's school attending.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**:
Usually Fridays from **11am** until **11.55am** and on Saturdays from **about 10.30am** until **11am**. Other times available by appointment.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally following our Sunday Masses. A monthly Baptism Preparation meeting takes place in the Regional Office on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at **5.30pm**. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

A **Sacramental Preparation** process runs each year in the parishes for children wishing to complete the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation as part of the community of the parishes of the Region. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

For adults who wish to become part of the Church, our parishes celebrate the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** for those who have not been baptised, and the **Rite of Reception into Full Communion** for those who have been baptised in other churches as part of our commitment to proclaim the Gospel. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

Weddings are celebrated by arrangement with at least three (and preferably more) months notice. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

LENTEN GROUPS

Lenten Discussion Group at The Junction - Tuesdays at 9.30am. On each Tuesday of Lent, Fr Peter is leading a Lenten Group in the chapel of the Regional Centre at The Junction. Reflections and discussions are based on the Lenten Program, "*Grace*", a Wollongong Diocese publication. Morning tea follows each session. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome!

Lenten Discussion Group at The Junction - Tuesdays @ 7pm: The Faith Matters group is running a Lenten discussion group on Tuesday nights during Lent. Again, the program used is "*Grace*", from the Wollongong diocese. All are welcome. Meet at the Regional Centre at The Junction. (Come through the rear entrance.) Inquiries Clare 043 9411 276 or ask at the Regional office.

Lenten Program at Tighes Hill: As we journey together towards the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021, all Australians are invited to contribute through listening to and discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying to us here and now.

This Lenten program experience draws on the rich Scripture texts of this Year A Lenten Season, and invites us to reflect on these in conjunction with the Plenary themes, to discern what the Spirit is saying to us in our own local community today. The process you will engage in is a process of prayer, contemplation, sharing with one another and seeking God's direction, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Each week we look at one of the six themes arising from the Plenary Council. Join us at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tighes Hill, following the Sunday 8am Mass.

REGIONAL NOTICES

Parish Luncheon: How quickly a month goes! Our next luncheon date is this **Monday, 16th March** in the Victor Peters Suite, starting at 12.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow parishioners. Lunch is \$15 per head. Please contact Maureen 49616254 or Kay 49676973, to ensure we know you're coming!



IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: His Grace Archbishop John Bathersby, Emeritus Archbishop of Brisbane, Edeltraud (Edel) Wells, Anna Niccoli, Winifreda Fernando

ANNIVERSARY: Keith Martin, Fr James Morrissey, Fr John Foley, Fr Joseph Bernasconi, Fr David Joseph Goud,

SICK: Bill Parker, Elizabeth Evans, Terry Davies, John Belcher, Libby Oates, Graeme Burrage, Brian Swift, Monica Bound, Peter McCabe, Joan Haynes, Tom Towers, Kerry Davies, Lawson Rankin, Patricia (Pat) Gillett



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

The Cathedral, St Joseph's, The Junction and St Laurence O'Toole, Broadmeadow are served by a hearing loop. Use the setting marked "T".

REGIONAL NOTICES

View, Chew & Chat meets in the Regional Centre each third Wednesday of the month from 6pm. The next get-together is on **18th March**. We share wine and nibbles and a light meal. All are welcome to join us!



Bookclub meets at 6.30pm on **Sunday, 5th April**, in the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. We bring along a light snack to share. All are welcome to join Bookclub for one book or for them all. At the April meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Wearing Paper Dresses* by Anne Brinsden.

The 2020 Sacramental Program is now underway with 65 participants, most of whom attended a special commitment ceremony at The Cathedral last Tuesday evening. If you would still like to enrol, it's not too late! For more information, contact the Regional Office via email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au or on 4979 1101. You can complete the online enrolment form at www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/

Parish Pilgrimage: There will be an information evening at the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar St, The Junction, at 6.30pm on **Thursday, 2nd April**, regarding the parish pilgrimage departing 3rd September 2020. Inquiries to Fr Peter or to the Regional Office on 4979 1101.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

34 Kenrick St, The Junction is a share-house owned by the parish, with four independent living quarters - one of which is available for student accommodation in 2020. The unit has one bedroom, a bathroom and living room, and shares the kitchen, laundry, dining, lounge and common rooms with three other female occupants. It would suit a female university student, or newly employed person, looking for independent accommodation. If you know anyone who would be interested, please direct inquiries to the business manager, Jade Simonsen, on 4979 1254, or via email jade.simonsen@mn.catholic.org.au



Thank you to Tighes Hill parishioners for your generous support of Children's Mission Partners. \$110 was raised in February.

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, 18th April**, there will be a recital and workshop at St Mary's Church, to showcase the new organ. Donations are being sought to finance the purchase of this beautiful instrument and we sincerely thank those who have already contributed. Anyone who is willing to donate can see Fr Peter, or alternatively place a note in an "organ fund" envelope on the collection plate. The envelopes can be found at the Church doors.

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Congratulations

Our warmest congratulations to **Margot Simmons**, the recipient of the **2020 Magdalene Award** for the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese! The announcement was made last Sunday at The Cathedral, coinciding with the celebration of International Womens' Day.

The award recognises a woman who demonstrates commitment to her parish community, promotes leadership and decision-making capabilities, and who ministers in the parish or diocesan community.

Margot has been a committed and hard-working member of the Catholic community in this area for many years.

As a long-term member of the Pastoral Care Team (and currently as the team's co-ordinator), Margot has maintained the parish's contact with many of the house-bound in the area by regular supportive visits. With a dedicated Rosary Circle, a statue of the Holy Mother is taken, month by month, to a local home.

Margot initiated sending birthday cards and other messages of support from the parish to home shut-in's and the sick in the parish, a task which she has encouraged another dedicated parishioner to now take on. Each year she organises a working party from the Pastoral Care Team to make Christmas Pudding gifts, which are then taken to all the people visited by team members.

When, during the AIDS epidemic, MacKillop House was established at Carrington by the Sisters of St Joseph, Margot was on the working roster, cooking hot meals and encouraging others in her gentle, unassuming way. Margot worked as a volunteer at MacKillop House and with Mercy Care at Tighes Hill for nineteen years.

Hospitality has always been a feature of Margot's contributions to the parish. A great cook, she has made many cakes for fundraising events and for parish celebrations.

Responding to a call from the wider Church community, in 2018 Margot spent four months working at the Mirringki Spirituality Centre in Warmun, in the East Kimberley's at the edge of the Broome Diocese. She continues to keep in contact with the people there.

By the inspiration of her own quiet, gentle concern and commitment, Margot has led many to persevere in ministry. By means of her gift for contact and recognition of people, she has led many to a little glimpse of God's love and peace.

We congratulate Margot and offer our sincere gratitude for all she does, and most importantly, for who she is.

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

2020 Catechists Mass: Celebrate the wonderful work of catechists on **Saturday, 21st March** at 2pm, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. We will be praying for our ministries in 2020 and will be acknowledging our long-standing catechists with awards for their many years of dedication and service.

The CACW Contact Group for Women, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, invites you to *Keeping the Faith* on **Saturday, 28th March** at 9.30am in the Parish Hall, Lake St, Forster. An opportunity to meet new friends, hear diverse voices, share your story and be informed about the Plenary Council. Brooke Stephens, the principal of Holy Name Primary School, Forster, will share her story. Cost is \$10. Morning tea and lunch provided. RSVP essential by 20th March to tracey.edstein@bigpond.com, or on 0421 879 221.

Way of the Cross will be held on **Sunday, 29th March** at 3pm at St Joseph's Church and School Conference Grounds, 140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay. Be captivated by the story and accompanying movement. Join us as we journey with Jesus and encounter his way of the cross with reflection on Jesus in our lives. Call 4979 1117 for more information.

The Maitland Newcastle Diocese is presently in the process of re-establishing a Diocesan Library and exploring faith formation opportunities. The library aims to provide a relevant, accessible and current information service to support the faith and religious dimensions of the dioceses. Your response to some survey questions will be used to help inform decisions. DOMN library and Faith Formation survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SCXN6>

The Cathedral Choir is welcoming new members for liturgies in March and April. This is a church choir and you don't have to be a professional singer, so don't be shy! If you would like to join, please contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134, or via email, sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au. There are flyers on the church noticeboards with more information.

Encounter Timor Leste with Palms: 13-25 September 2020. On this 13-day tour you will experience the diversity of our close neighbour, from bustling Dili to its remoter communities, where dedicated organisations and Palms personnel are building self-reliance and sustainability together. Gain a deeper understanding through new sights, smells, sounds, tastes, textures and experiences, challenging old ideas. It might even inspire you to join Palms and work overseas yourself. We are also offering an Encounter on the Thai-Myanmar in November. For more information call Robert at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email robert@palms.org.au



In light of the current concerns about the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is observing the following precautions until further notice:

Individuals should consider their potential to infect others with an infectious disease, before attending a public liturgical celebration.

Holy water stoups are to be emptied of holy water.

When exchanging the sign of peace, members of the assembly are to avoid shaking hands.

Holy Communion from the Chalice is to be restricted to the celebrant(s) for the time being.

Holy Communion is not to be given on the tongue until further notice.

Alcohol-based gels or other hand sanitisers, tissues and bins will be available near the entrances to the church buildings.

Parishioners are to be reminded that if they are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass, they can fulfil the Sunday obligation by prayer within their home, reading the Scriptures, or watching Mass on television.

Those assisting in the distribution of Holy Communion are to observe good hand hygiene.

More detail on these measures can be found in the letter from Bishop Bill, which was made available at the Churches last weekend.

The TWEC Dinner will be held on **Friday, 8th May** at 6.30pm for 7pm start at the Therry Centre, New England Hwy, East Maitland. Special guest, Aaron Kearney, multi-award winning broadcaster, journalist, sports commentator will speak on personal connections and universal stories. Ticket information out soon. Call 4979 1111 for more information.

A Coronavirus Prayer

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the Coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

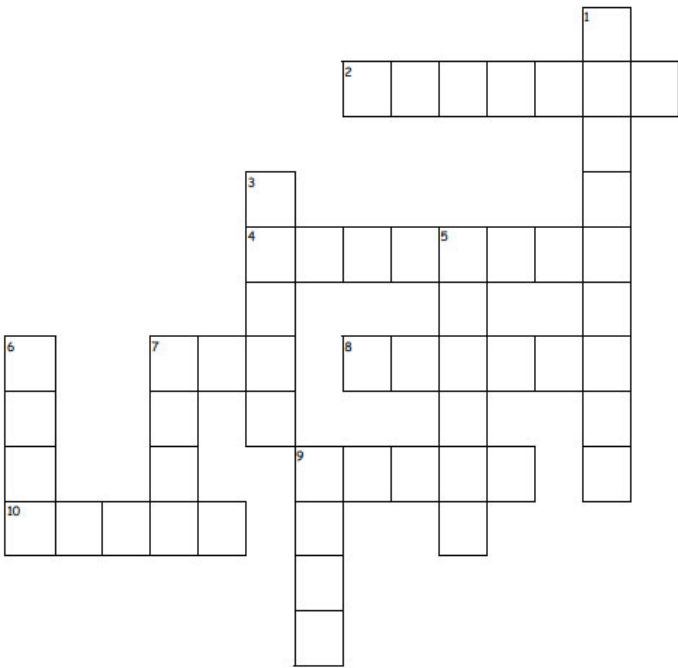
Jesus Christ, heal us.

Amen

CROSSWORD

I am the Christ who speaks to you now

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



Across

- 2: Saviour
- 4: a relative from many years ago
- 7: the number between one and three
- 8: this is used to carry liquids
- 9: an adult female human
- 10: to consume liquid

Down

- 1: a person from Samaria
- 3: Jesus sat by a well that had been dug by this person
- 5: a town where Jesus stayed
- 6: what we eat
- 7: a large village
- 9: a hole in the ground that people collect water from

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Harden not your hearts

Ex 17:3-7
Ps 95:1-2, 7e-9c R.v.8
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

T W E L L L R O Y F O Y R T A
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Try to find these words:

- animals
- bucket
- drink
- Egypt
- Jacob
- Messiah
- rock
- Samaritan
- stick
- thirsty
- water
- well

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
21 Mar 5.30pm	Louise Outram	Sue Paton John Wakely	S Jarmain, M Simmons, Pedrita Spence, Bart Connors	Annunciata & Marian
22 Mar 9.30am	Christopher Lovell	M Jones	John Askew, Rosa Tomassetti, Peter Owens, Cora Armstrong	
22 Mar 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Chris Stubbs	Vera Walker	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
22 Mar 7.30am	R Rossi C Prider	Volunteer	P Clark K Frasca

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
22 Mar 9.00am	Mel	Marie M, Stan	Angela, Peter	Margaret, Helen O'B, Jan D

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
22 Mar 8.00am	Lawrence Hallinan Annemaree Turner	Mark Toohey Pam Tierney	Bob Frazer Rosie Hayes	Mike O'Connor, Sue Horton, John Hayes

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
22 Mar 9.00am	Diane Murphy	Mary O'Connor K Walker	Mark Coyte	Christine Dowling P Lane Cath Purkiss	M Williams C Mowbray B Straiton

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
21 Mar 5.30pm	Sr Pauline Murray rsm Sr Carmel Hanson rsj	Daniel Close	G Haggerty, R Cathcart, T Casey, A Skehan	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
21 Mar 6.00pm	Doreen	P Boland M Humphries	C Conroy	D Mundy, A Jenkins, Sister Ann