



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2020 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR B

Sacred Heart Cathedral is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, a church of St Benedict's Parish, Inner Newcastle, and part of the City Pastoral Region.

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Sacred Heart Cathedral sits on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples.



We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and their continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past, present and future, and commit ourselves to working together for reconciliation and justice.



CATHEDRAL DIARY...(for the week ahead)

Octave of Christmas

Monday—28 December

Feast of the Holy Innocents

8:15am Mass

Tuesday—29 December

5th Day of the Octave of Christmas

8:15am Mass

Wednesday—30 December

6th Day of the Octave of Christmas

8:15am Mass

Thursday—31 December

7th Day of the Octave of Christmas

8:15am Mass

Friday—1 January

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass

Saturday—2 January

Memorial of Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8.50am Rosary

9.15am Mass, followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and then Reconciliation until 11am

5:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday—3 January

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

9:30am Mass (Live streamed)

11:30am Polish Mass

5pm Mass

PARISH NOTICES

BOOK CLUB meets at 6pm on Sunday 3 January to share our thoughts on the book, *The Thursday Murder Club*, by Richard Osman.

If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please send an email to the Regional Office, newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

PARISH OFFICE will re-open for 2021 on Monday 4 January 2021 from 9am.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL will recommence on Saturday 2 January 2021.

DIOCESAN SYNOD – SESSIONS 2 AND 3

The next sessions of the Diocesan Synod will be Session Two- Discernment to be held on the 22 May 2021 and Session Three – Implementation to be held on the 20 November 2021.

Soon parishes will be asked to nominate delegates to receive an invitation from Bishop Bill to attend Sessions Two and Three. Applications for Delegates close on 4 January 2021.

For more information, visit the newly created Synod website—www.domnsynod.com.au

LECTIONARY ART AND REFLECTION

by Jenny Close



In his account of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Luke has painstakingly woven evocative colours and images from the Old Testament around the more mundane elements of the story. The child Jesus is set like a jewel in a lush embroidery of prophecy, miracles and tradition. Even so, there is still a human child here: Jesus has a mum and a dad and an unremarkable early life journey in which he grows in wisdom and grace.

LIVE-STREAMING NOTICE

The 9.30am Mass from Sacred Heart Cathedral is live-streamed (and recorded) each week. The camera is located under the choir loft and faces towards the sanctuary, though it can be directed to various parts of the Cathedral if needed.

Parishioners should be aware that they may be filmed during the celebration of the 9.30am Mass. This filming will mostly capture their image from behind. We cannot guarantee, however, that their faces will not be featured on the live-stream or recording, particularly the case during the Communion Procession. The live-stream will make use of multiple camera angles to minimise the identification of individuals as much as possible, but this will not eliminate the possibility of being filmed.

Parishioners with concerns about being filmed or recorded should speak with the Cathedral's Rector in the first instance.

COVID-19-RELATED INFORMATION

Maximum Number of Persons in Cathedral

Under the current Public Health Order, the limit on the number of persons who can be present in a church is now calculated by allowing 2 square metres per person within the building (with no upper limit).

In the Cathedral, that limit is **221 persons**.

The limit applies to all Masses and other liturgical celebrations.

Provision of Contact Details

The Public Health Order requires the collection of contact details for those who attend any liturgical celebration in a church (e.g. Mass, weddings, funerals, Baptisms, etc.).

Every person must provide their contact details or have them provided by someone else (i.e. a parent for a child, a wife for a husband, etc.).

The contact details that are required are defined as a) name, b) phone number or email address, and c) the time of arrival.

NB: It is important that you write your FULL name, and print clearly so that it can be easily read by someone from outside the Parish (if necessary).

A Contact Details Form will be provided at the door to permit the collection of these details. It is also possible to use your mobile phone with either the Service NSW QR Code or the third-party QR Code which are accessible via the posters at the doors.

General Requirements

While in the Cathedral, you must observe physical distancing, refrain from physical acts of devotion, avoid unnecessary contact with other parishioners, and not gather with others unnecessarily.

We ask those who are particularly at risk – the elderly, those with compromised health, those who are sick – to refrain from returning to Mass for the sake of their own health. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass given by the Bishop remains in place in these circumstances.

HOLY FAMILY IN A PLANE

A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture of Jesus' family. After collecting the drawings, she noticed that one little boy's drawing depicted an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows.

"I see you drew three heads to show Joseph, Mary and Jesus," she said to the boy. "But who does the fourth head belong to?"

The boy replied, "That's Pontius the pilot."

REACHING BEYOND 2020



People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.

See www.palms.org.au, email palms@palms.org.au, or talk to Roger on 0431 995 058.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE 2021

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Bishop Bill writes:

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives.

To enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021:
<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

THANK YOU!

Thanks everyone for your patience with the requirements for our Christmas Masses. We've never been in this situation before, and it was lovely to see how well we worked together to ensure everyone was safe! A very blessed Christmas season to you all. Please take time to thank Fr Andrew who did everything in his power to keep us safe! It's no fun being the guy who has to enforce all the rules.

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

When I was sixteen I read the works of Jesuit Fr John Powell. In one of his books he wrote, 'We should never leave this world not having the people that we love know that we love them.' Now, I don't come from a particularly demonstrative family. We do not make regular declarations of our love accompanied by long hugs. So I took John Powell's line as a personal challenge.

At the time my sister was working with Mother Teresa in Calcutta, and my brother was working in another city, so I wrote them both letters and told them I loved them. I never heard a word back.

That left my mother. I stayed in one Saturday night and, with my heart pumping and my tummy churning, I approached my mother after dinner while she was watching the news on the TV. 'Mum, I have something very important to tell you.' My mother, not taking her eyes from the screen, casually said, 'Oh yes what's that?' 'Mum', I responded, 'I've never told you this before and I need to say it tonight.' As she slowly turned off the TV and faced me, I could tell there were now two hearts pumping and two tummies churning in that room!

I plucked up all my courage and came straight out with it. 'Mum, I just want to tell you that I love you.' And such was her relief that my mother replied. 'I hope so!' And quickly turned the TV back on. There were no hugs and kisses, no violins playing or statements about how long Mum had been waiting to hear one of us talk of our love for her. As I walked back to my room I thought I would never take John Powell's advice again!

My brother and sister wrote to my mother asking her what was wrong with me. They all concluded it was a phase I was going through. I hope it is a phase I never get over!

Today's feast of the Holy Family is about faithful love that looks after the most important people in our lives. We all know that fights and bitterness can wreck families for generations. If today's feast means anything it is not about romanticising how difficult family life can be these days. It is about naming that forgiveness, compassion and kindness are the blocks upon which Christian family life is built. Without these virtues family life crumbles.

The best way to honour today's feast is to do something about the faithful love it celebrates. I have often been with people on their deathbed when they speak about things they have left undone and would

have liked to have achieved in their life. No one ever says that they wish they had spent more time at work. No one says they wish they had made more money. But many people say that they wish they had told those that they love, that they loved them. We shouldn't assume that our families know about our love for them if we haven't said it. If we show it, we should be able to say it. So write a letter, make a call or go and see them, but let's pluck up our courage and tell our families that we love them. It's too late once we're dead.

And the best news is that when we profess our love to our families we'll see that today's celebration is in fact a moveable feast.

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THE BABY JESUS STARTS TEETHING.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Members Needed!

Our Members are the backbone of St Vincent de Paul Society and live their faith in action by providing support and friendship through visitation in-home or within the community.

Along with visitation, Members will also have the opportunity to be a part of a variety of activities such as Mini Vinnies with local schools or Social Justice campaigns

In the 2019-2020 Financial Year, the dedicated Members of the St Vincent de Paul in Maitland-Newcastle Diocese were responsible for assisting approximately 7500 people within the community.

Our Conferences provide a service in most regions within the Diocese and are currently seeking individuals to become Members who are passionate about providing a hand up to those that are disadvantaged.

If you can help in any way for any amount of time that suits you, please call Sarah Kemp on 02 4922 1801 or email on sarah.kemp@vinnies.org.au to discuss how you can make a difference.



IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Timbs, Rocco Di Rienzo

ANNIVERSARIES: Kelvin O'Neill, Stephen Howard, James (Jim) Bridges, Mary & George Bridges; George, Ursula, Maxie & Pat Bridges, Mary Lou Alexander,

SICK: Baby Oliver Robens, Beth Wooden, Kate Newsome.

Names may be placed here by contacting the Office. For more information, please refer to the Policy Document on the Cathedral website—visit www.sacredhearthatilton.org.au/resources

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR B

Isaiah 60:1-6;
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

A MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN (CACW)

As 2020 draws to a close there is much to look forward to for the women of our Diocese. Earlier this year the Council of Catholic Women (CACW) was disbanded hence members of the former Diocesan contact group have been challenged with keeping our women informed and included in future directions as we embark on a new beginning.

To that end some members of the former contact group have written to Bishop Bill in the interest of forming a Diocesan Council for Women. Whilst awaiting a response, **a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 11 February 2021 at 4pm in the Toohey Room.** Please enter this date in your diary as our vision is to include all Diocesan women through conversations, visits or Zoom to all parts of the Diocese and interest groups that are inclusive, reflective and fun.

The annual Magdalene Awards will take a break in 2021 but will be replaced by a celebration of Women in our Diocese. On Sunday 7 March – International Women's Day, we have invited Bishop Bill to celebrate the 9.30am Mass at the Cathedral to mark this occasion. Hopefully we can all come together for a morning tea, but this will depend on Covid-19 restrictions. Parishes will also be invited to recognise women in their mass centres through prayer and hopefully hospitality.

Have a happy and holy family Christmas and when you put up your 2021 calendar or upload electronically, remember to circle 11 February 2021 as the change of direction for Diocesan women.

NEW YEAR'S DAY @ SACRED HEART

New Year's Day, which is also celebrated by the Church as the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, will be celebrated with Mass at 9.30am.

Please note that the usual celebration of Reconciliation, Adoration and Midday Mass will **not** take place on New Year's Day.



TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE HYMN:

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And He cares when we are sad,
And he shares when we are glad.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander. 1818-1895. Tune: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

KYRIE & GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3

Your own son shall be your heir.

We pause for silent reflection.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

BLESSED ARE THOSE MARTY HAUGAN

Blessed are those who love you,
Happy those who follow you,
Blessed are those who seek you O God.

Happy all those who fear the Lord,
and walk in God's pathway;
You will find what you long for,
the riches of our God

Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine
in the midst of your home
Your children flourish like olive plants,
rejoicing at your table

May the blessings of God be yours
All the days of your life,
May the peace and the love of God
live always in your heart

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SECOND READING: Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac

We pause for silent reflection.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

In the past God spoke through the prophets
Now God speaks to us through his Son

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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,
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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

A MAIDEN MOST GENTLE words by A Carter

A maiden most gentle and tender we sing
Of Mary the mother of Jesus our King
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

How bless'd is the birth of her heavenly child
Who came to redeem us in Mary so mild
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

The Archangel Gabriel foretold by his call
The Lord of creation and saviour of all
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

Rejoice and be glad at this Christmas we pray
Sing praise to the Saviour, sing endless 'Ave'
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria, Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

MEMORIAL ACCLAM:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death O Lord, until you come again.

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COMMUNION HYMN

SING OF MARY

(Tune: Angels We Have Heard on High)

Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin mother undefiled
Sing of God's own Son most holy
Who became her little child

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

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Sing of Joseph, pure and lowly
Foster father undefiled
Sing of God's own Son most holy
Grew with Joseph by his side

Sing of Jesus, son of Mary
In the home at Nazareth
Toil and labour cannot weary
Love enduring unto death.

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night; All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night; Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born. Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night; Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.

Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Text: Josef Mohr 1792-1849 ; tr. Anon. Music: Franz Gruber. 1787-1863
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RECESSIONAL MUSIC

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Ritual

The ritual of purification referred to in today's passage would take place 40 days after childbirth. It was a ritual for the mother, not the child. Mary and Joseph took the opportunity of attending the Temple to bring Jesus into the presence of God who, according to tradition, dwelt in the Temple. The tradition associated with this purification of women after childbirth dictated that a lamb and a turtledove or pigeon be sacrificed. However, for the poor, an extra turtledove or pigeon could be substituted for the lamb. This fact gives us an indication of the status of Mary and Joseph.

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord's promise came true

Sir 3:2-6
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, R. see v.1
Col 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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