



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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 10 JULY 2022

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Seafarers in our ports arrive as strangers in a foreign land.
They are also our neighbours who lead dangerous working lives.
The Samaritan helped the stranger.
We are called to...

> **"Go and do likewise!"** Luke 10:37



Stella Maris cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of seafarers globally, regardless of colour, race or creed.

Please support our ministry to seafarers and donate online at

www.stellamarisaustralia.org

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.

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

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—11th July

Memorial of St Benedict

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—12th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—13th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—14th July

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—15th July

Memorial of St Bonaventure

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West—CANCELLED

9:50am Rosary for Ukraine @ The Junction

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—16th July

9:15am Mass @ The Cathedral, followed by the
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
(followed by Reconciliation)

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—17th July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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*) **

Cancelled until 11th September

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

STELLA MARIS: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (PORT CHAPLAINCY) APPEAL

This week is Sea Sunday (10 July), when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit:

www.stellamarisaustralia.org

CLERGY HOLIDAYS

No Polish Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral from SUNDAY 10 July, resuming 11 September. Fr Zaremba is taking annual leave and visiting Poland. We wish Fr Zaremba a wonderful trip and a safe return.

Fr Peter Thoai is on holidays from 12 July until 18 August. His Sunday Masses will be covered by retired clergy.

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays (before Friday Mass) at St Joseph's Church, The Junction. It is so wonderful that parishioners have supported this call to pray for world peace and all people are most welcome to attend!

VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

The schedule for July is:

July 13: Bible study wrap up

July 20 and 27: Lectio

All meetings are online via Zoom. All welcome to participate regularly or occasionally.

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: David Collins, Marie Anderson, Ellen Kavanagh, Don Lloyd

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosemarie McGovern, John O'Leary, Ron Curtis, Eleanor Parr, Tomislav Kefeck, Bill Chidgey, Brian Byrnes, Maree Drennan, Kerin Armstrong

SICK: Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Peter Keddie, Tiani Bishop, Jason Yu, Joel Samy, Tom Parker, Max Williamson, Sam and Margaret Broad

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Gen 18:1-10

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

BOOK CLUB



Sunday, 7th August @ 6:15pm to discuss *The Russian Wife* by Barry Maitland. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS

New Planned Giving envelope sets (2022/2023) for existing planned givers are available for collection from your church. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the Regional Office Ph: 4979 1101. After this weekend, uncollected envelopes will be returned to the Regional Centre where they can be collected Mon-Fri 9:30am to 4pm.

DIRECT GIVING

If you would like to set up planned giving by direct deposit, the form is available at: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/planned-giving>

HOUSIE IS BACK!

Thursday and Saturday nights from 7:30 until 10 in the Southern Cross Hall.

PRAYING THE GOSPELS

You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home.

God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel and then through artist's images of the Gospel message.

Join us each Wednesday 5.00-5.45pm.

Zoom link:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033>

Password: pray

For more information contact:

rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: PINTS WITH A PURPOSE

Young entrepreneur, mother and proud Wiradjuri woman, Renae Lamb will be our guest speaker at Pints with a Purpose next Monday 11 July at SJ's Hamilton. Renae will share her story and passion for sharing culture and education through art and dance. This led to Renae stepping out into a new business venture which combines all of her passions. Join us as we share a meal and listen to Renae's inspiring story. It will leave you ready to follow your call and inspired to live your dreams.

Date: Monday 11 July

Time: 6pm Dinner and 7pm Talk.

Location: Sydney Junction Hotel, Hamilton

Contact for more info: Mary-Anne on 0409 077 373 or email youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours changed as of Monday 4th July; the new hours are 9.30am to 4pm. The office will be closed between 1 and 2pm for lunch.

Those who may visit the office outside the new opening hours can leave written messages, forms, and paperwork in a secure wall-mounted box (at the front door), or communicate via email or a phone message. All matters of concern will be attended to in a timely manner.

We hope this new arrangement does not cause undue inconvenience and we appreciate your understanding and co-operation.



ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH COUNCIL CHURCH CRAWL

Be quick there are only three spots left!

The Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on Saturday 23 July from 9.30am to 3.45pm.

We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church and a Russian Orthodox Church.

It will be an opportunity to *unlearn, learn, and relearn* by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others.

[Church Crawl Tickets, Sat 23/07/2022 at 9:30 am | Eventbrite](#)

APOSTOLIC LETTER

The Apostolic Letter from Our Holy Father Pope Francis – 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God' is available on the Vatican Website. <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>

THE CHUCKLE

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have God about things God can change

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Love your neighbours as much as yourself

H H J W P X C X W O U N D S G
 W U J X U D Q A X C R J G W B
 O X O N E I G H B O U R S K L
 S J S A M A R I A B E A T E N
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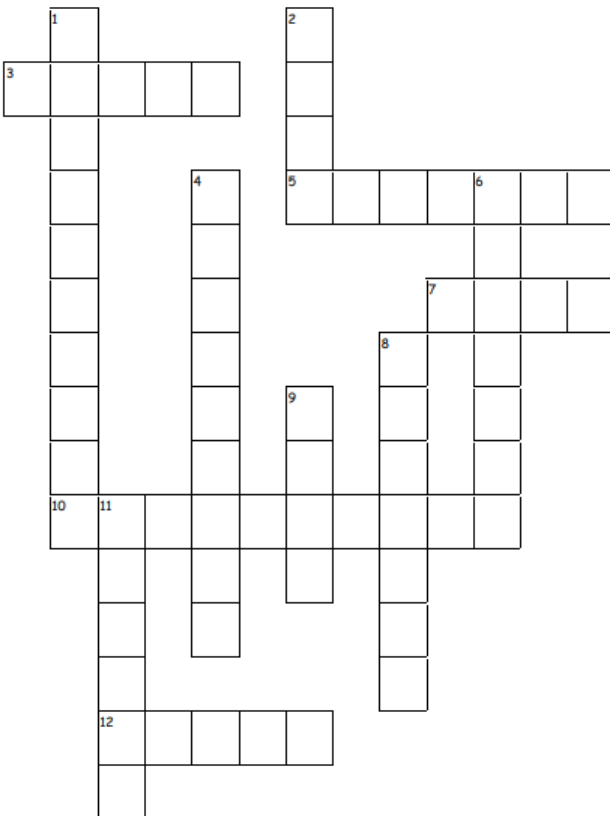
Try to find these words:

- beaten
- coins
- donkey
- eternal
- innkeeper
- neighbours
- pity
- road
- robbers
- Samaria
- Scriptures
- wounds

CROSSWORD

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

Dt 30:10-14
 Ps 69:13, 29-30 R.v.(see 33)
 Col 1:18-20
 Lk 10:25-37



Across

- 3: "Love the Lord your God with all your _____"
- 5: a Samaritan comes from this country
- 7: to do what you are told to do
- 10: sacred texts
- 12: Jesus died on the _____

Down

- 1: the people in our neighbourhood
- 2: rules that must be followed
- 4: at the start
- 6: bad people who steal things
- 8: for ever
- 9: feeling sorry for someone
- 11: where we go to pray each Sunday

REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

Margaret Thatcher once claimed that the Parable of the Good Samaritan showed Jesus' endorsement of the benefits of capitalism! The Baroness' logic ran that the hero of this famous story is the one who could afford to pay for the victim's care. She surmised that the reason the Samaritan had the wherewithal to do such a charitable act was because he worked hard and saved his money wisely. Her Ladyship said this central Christian parable was a justification of her government's policies demanding that unemployed people work for social security and be educated about saving their pennies.

Politicians should stay away from biblical interpretation and theology. It has a habit of saying the opposite of what they think or want it too. Like many people, Lady Thatcher reads this parable in terms of charity and even then she is not really right. Jesus, however, says it is a lesson in mercy. The difference matters.

It is not by accident that the phrase 'as cold as charity' is still current. Deciding on whom we will be kind to, just based on our 'warm fuzzies' and the glow of our purses, may make us feel good; but it will result in a very wintry experience for the not-so-lucky recipient. When we 'do' charitable things, we can often remain powerful and untouched by the situation of those our money helps.

St Thomas Aquinas, however, calls charity the mother of all virtues. He argues it is more concerned with the feelings of the heart than external action. Aquinas maintains that charity enables us to sort through our desires, to see what we really want – whom we actually love; it helps us use the other virtues to act accordingly. Christian charity is not a feel-good moment; it is a life-changing experience. Understood this way, the Good Samaritan can be a great example of charity, but quite differently from that outlined in the Gospel according to Margaret!

For Jesus, nonetheless, he is a model of mercy. The Good Samaritan is not 'good' because he has the money to act on what he sees. His greatness is that he has eyes to see it at all. To really see it. The priest and the morality-teaching levite pretend it's not happening and walk on the other side of the road. But the most unlikely, the least liked person in Israel – a Samaritan – has the view of mercy.

Christian tradition teaches us that mercy and justice are intertwined. Thomas Aquinas says that mercy helps us hear, and justice calls for us to do something.

The Samaritan does what he can at the scene of the crime and then he takes the victim with him. He not only sees, but judges and acts. In doing so, he breaks nearly every religious and social law in the book; but it doesn't matter. The virtues of mercy and justice enable us to see all sorts of things more clearly, even civil and religious laws that inhibit the justice of God.

This entire episode in Luke's Gospel is about the movement from an individualised faith, which can think that it is just 'me and Jesus against the world', to a faith that goes out to the world acting mercifully and justly. This parable is about what we see, whom we love, and what we want to do about it.

The example of the Good Samaritan should enliven our charity, mercy and justice; and it should challenge us to see clearly who needs to be carried with us on the Gospel road.

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SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The 'Rule of Three'

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: THREAD DAY

Join the Young Adult Ministry for an interactive afternoon of networking, prayer, formation and hospitality with others from around the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. The day is pitched at those involved in Youth Ministry and those wishing to serve in Youth Ministry. We will start the day with lunch and hospitality from 12pm followed by a time of prayer, talks, testimonies, and a workshop on The Young Christian Students' Review of Life Method.

Date: Saturday 16 July

Time: 12pm-5pm

Location: Toohey Room- Cathedral Offices- 841 Hunter St Newcastle

Contact for more info: Mary-Anne on 0409 077 373 or email youth.ministry@mn.catholic.org.au

JULY/AUGUST RETREATS AT ST MARY'S TOWERS, DOUGLAS PARK

There are a number of retreats being hosted at St Mary's Towers in Douglas Park during July and August. They are as follows:

- 15-21 July \$930 or Weekend 15-17 July \$310: At Home in the Heart: Therese Carroll rsj
- 22-24 July \$310 Prayer Weekend: In the Company of Women: Woman with the Haemorrhage: Elizabeth Lee
- 3-11 Aug \$1240 or Weekend 5-7 Aug \$310: In the Heart of Creation with Jesus: Retreat Team
- 13-22 Aug \$1395 Life's Healing Journey or Private Weekend 19-21 Aug \$310: Retreat Team
- 24 Aug – 1 Sep \$1240 or Private Weekend 26-28 Aug \$310: Retreat Team

For more information or a flyer contact contact@towersretreat.org.au or 02 4630 0233. An application form can be found here: www.towersretreat.org.au/1-retreat-application-form/file

REDISCOVERING JOY- FINDING WONDER AND JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD.

Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

Date: 15 August 2022

Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm (arrive from 8.30am)

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

Cost: \$30

To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467

HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTRODUCTORY UNIT

The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is running an Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education commencing Monday 18 July. Topics covered will include: Pastoral Care, Listening, Self-Awareness, Grief, Healing and Illness, Community.

Dates: Six weeks commencing Monday 18 July, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 29 August

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm

Location: Mackillop Parish Hall, Milson Street Charlestown

Enrolment: 1 July 2022

Enquiries: Fr. Roger Zohrab rzohrab@bigpond.com
0408 151 481

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Sacred Heart Cathedral Columbarium whose anniversaries occur in July:

Reginald Bennett
Coral Dawn (Diri) Cooke
Gerard Daly
Patrick Docherty
John Doran
Maree Margaret Drennan
Mary Everleigh
Sergio Franceschi
Fay Franks
Joan Marjorie Harris
Kevin Thomas Kelly
Teresa Gabriela Lewandowska
Reg Jim McLean
Ken Moulston
Frank Narvo
Jerzy Nowakowski
Mildred Roser
Christine Smith
Eric Smith
Josef Stefanson
Clarence Joseph Withers

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

A BIT OF A YARN

A school inspector is sent to assess a Year 4 class in a local State School. He is introduced to the class by the teacher.

She says to the class, "Let's show the inspector just how clever you are by allowing him to ask you a question".

The inspector reasons that since the class normally starts with religious instruction, he will ask a Biblical question.

So he asks: "Class, who broke down the walls of Jericho?"

For a full minute there is absolute silence. Eventually, little Billy raises his hand.

Billy stands up and says, "Sir, I do not know who broke down the walls of Jericho, but I can assure you it wasn't me".

Of course, the inspector is shocked by the answer and the lack of knowledge of the famous Bible story and he looks at the teacher for an explanation.

Realising that he is perturbed, the teacher says: "Well, I've known Billy since the start of the year, and I believe that if he says that he didn't do it then he didn't do it".

The inspector is even more shocked at this and immediately visits the principal's office and tells him what has occurred, to which the principal replies: "I don't know the boy, but I believe his teacher. If she feels that the boy is innocent, then he must be innocent" The inspector can't believe what he is hearing.

He grabs the phone on the principal's desk and dials the Education Minister and rattles off the entire occurrence to her and asks her what she thinks of the education standard in the State.

The Minister sighs heavily and replies: "I don't know the boy, but the teacher, the principal, and the school are first rate. Just get three quotes and have the wall fixed!"

FOOD BASKET 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 but NOT PEANUT BUTTER), can be placed in the basket at the back of St Joseph's Church. 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 700 523/4967 2998

REFLECTION

BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbor?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading: Col 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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MYSTAGOGY MONDAY

Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. It invites us to pay attention to what Christ reveals to us, both in that encounter and the living tradition of our faith and to connect it to life now. It invites us to dialogue and transformation.

Join us each Monday morning at 10am as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel.

Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COURSE

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity and develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church?

The Christian Formation Course is a learning experience that allows participants to explore the foundational elements of the Catholic Faith Tradition in community. This course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and liturgy.

The Course runs across twelve (12) months and comprises eight (8) units

All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation

By engaging in the course, it is hoped participants will:

become more confident in understanding the Catholic faith, grow in their capacity to reflect on their life's journey

realise that Christian faith is nurtured in community

be affirmed in their gifts for participating in the life of the faith community

grow in awareness of what it means to be a responsive member of the faith community.

The course will commence in July 2022. For more information go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/christian-formation-course

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, on Wednesday at 7.30am and Friday at 11.00am. All are welcome, including new meditators.

The Monday evening group is not resuming, but a meditation group is available on Tuesdays at 6.00pm at St Philip's Church, Vista Parade, Kotara.