



# 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 6 NOVEMBER 2022

### 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

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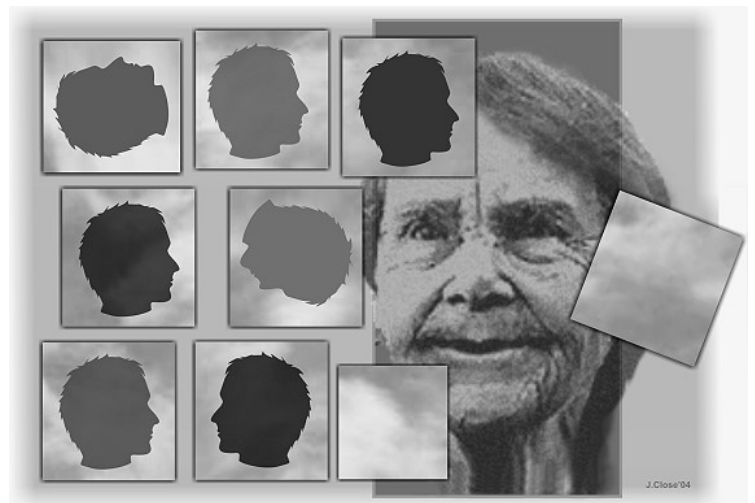
#### Our Staff

Margaret Cox (*Reception & Administration*)  
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**Parish Bulletin:** Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Parish Office by 5pm on Wednesdays.



Like two-dimensional bureaucrats these Sadducees take a story about a woman and make a technicality out of it. They are pedants who put an absurd theoretical puzzle to Jesus in order to catch him out in logic – but what they really want is for him to sound like a law-breaker. Jesus sidesteps the issue by indicating that their premise is wide of the mark: the kingdom does not adhere to their system of legal minutiae.

#### IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We take time in November to remember all those dear to us who are no longer with us. We also call to mind people who walked alongside us in life's journey for only a brief time, but who touched our lives deeply. We remember those who have died during the past year.

*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)

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

Monday—7th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—8th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—9th November

*Feast of The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—10th November

*Memorial of St Leo the Great*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—11th November

*Memorial of St Martin of Tours*

9:50am Rosary for Ukraine @ The Junction

10:15am November Remembrance Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—12th November

*Memorial of St Josaphat*

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

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

6:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday—13th November

*33rd 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*)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6.00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (*Vietnamese*)

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

## INVITATION

### THE HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY

A ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph

Celebrating 30 + years of Ministry

Where? House of Hospitality

125 Broadmeadow Rd

Broadmeadow. NSW

When? Sunday 20th November

Time ? 2 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP 10th November.

Carmel : [chansonrsj@gmail.com](mailto:chansonrsj@gmail.com)



### IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER



In November, we take time to pray in a special way for those who have died.

Bring forward your prayer intention card when invited to do so.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUSTRALIA: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

The Catholic Women's League Australia – New South Wales Inc. Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is excited to invite you to their Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon on Friday 18 November. Mass is a St Paul's Church, Rutherford at 11.30am and lunch will be at the Telarah Bowling Club at 1pm. Cost for lunch is \$40 per person. For more information contact Margo Nancarrow on 0418 657 989 or [bjmnan4@bigpond.com](mailto:bjmnan4@bigpond.com) or [cwlamn214@bigpond.com](mailto:cwlamn214@bigpond.com)

### INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

The Interfaith Dialogue will explore leadership within different faith communities. Join us as we explore what is the same or different – and what we can learn from each other. This is an opportunity to join the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council and other faith communities. The event is being hosted at the Mackillop Pastoral Centre (7 Milson Street, Charlestown) from 6.30pm to 9pm on Thursday 3 November. A light supper will be served, for catering purposes, please register online by 31 October. Register here: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interfaith-dialogue-tickets-410277560227](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interfaith-dialogue-tickets-410277560227)

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Mal 3:19-20

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

### VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

Meets via Zoom November 10 for Bible Study—the last episode of Son of God. All welcome!

Email: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Yunduk Kim, Anna Wubbles, Maryanne Young, Lorenza DeVitis, Mary-Ann Young, Dale Baldwin, Sr. Patricia Swadling rsj

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry Sullivan, Bernard Tobin, Gerard Nolan, Sean Halpin, Brian Crittenden, Jean Harman, Quintino Murri, Anthony O'Beirne (Syd), Catherine Martin, Rita Terry, Melodie Kerr, Lorenzo Ouano, Sandra Berwick, Joan Quirk

**SICK:** Margaret Cox, Helen Tumbers, Phil Bawden, Madge Humphries, Ronnie Jennings, Eileen Howard, Eva Grant, Colin Bryant; Maureen Sunman, Maree Halbert, Carlo Rossi, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Peter Skinner, Tiani Bishop, Tom Parker, Sam and Margaret Broad, Ronald Watt

## BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, 6 November @ 6:15pm:** Bookclub meets to discuss *The Bullet That Missed* by Richard Osman. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)



## BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region of Parishes continue its important mission of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus, you might consider including us in your Will. You would just need to specify which parish or parishes you would like to help with your bequest. Thank you!

## 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

Collection baskets also at Tighes Hill.

## BISHOP'S AWARD 2022

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bishop's Award! The award aims to recognise the good works of students and young people across our Diocese who were actively involved in their parish communities. Applications close on 2 December 2022. Find out more: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/youth/bishops-award/>

## ROSARY FOR UKRAINE

Pray the Rosary from 9.50am on Fridays at St Joseph's Church, The Junction.



## WAITING WITH PURPOSE

This resource invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams – to reflect mystagogically on the Advent gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical Reflection deepens our capacity to live from Christ.

To access the resource, go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/)

For those wanting to connect via Zoom during Advent we will be hosting Waiting with Purpose Advent Reflection each Monday at 10am. To register go to: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/waiting-with-purpose-advent-2022-tickets-443044436837)

## DIOCESAN REFLECTION DAY ON OUR SPIRITUAL FOUNDATIONS

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Reflection Day on our Spiritual Foundations marking the anniversary of Bishop Bill's death. To be held on Saturday 12 November, 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start and finish at 3.00 pm in Victor Peters Suite-Newcastle West. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and lunch with those attending.

The reflection purpose will be:

- To gather and reconnect with our diocesan people
  - To pray, reflect and engage with one another
  - To reflect with our diocesan foundational principles
  - To renew our sense of community after months of restrictions
- Registration is open now by this link: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-reflection-day-on-our-spiritual-foundations-tickets-433215227407](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diocesan-reflection-day-on-our-spiritual-foundations-tickets-433215227407) They will close on Monday 7 November.

## THE CHUCKLE

I stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was. Then it dawned on me.



# God has promised to raise us to life

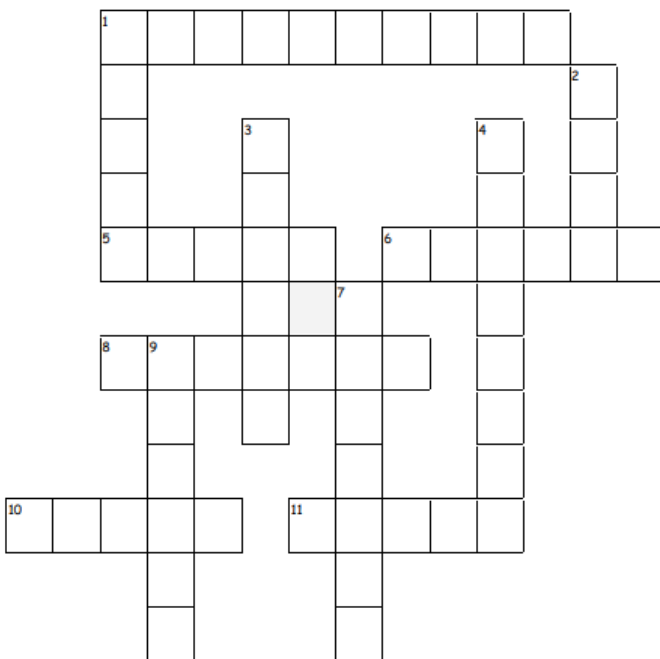
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Try to find these words:

- amazed
- children
- comfort
- courage
- death
- future
- married
- meat
- raised
- respect
- strong
- worshipped

## CROSSWORD

### Lord of the living



#### Across

- 1: praised
- 5: the end of life
- 6: lifted up
- 8: joined in matrimony
- 10: God appeared to this man as a burning bush
- 11: The Sadducees told Jesus the story of \_\_\_\_\_ brothers

#### Down

- 1: the earth
- 2: a husband's partner
- 3: past, present and ...
- 4: kids
- 7: accept the truth
- 9: God's special messengers

# NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY

by Mary Coloe PBVM

God is God of the living

**2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5; Luke 20:27-38**

*Answering a trick question*

In Paul's letter today, we find a much misunderstood term – grace. In Greek it is the word 'Charis' and is like our words, charism or charismatic. Its basic meaning in Greek is a freely bestowed gift, something given from the goodness and kindness of the giver. Words like gratuitous or gracious come close to expressing this sense of an utterly free gift. So when Paul writes that God 'has given us his love, and through his grace such in exhaustible comfort,' it might be better to substitute, 'through God's gracious love'. Grace is that aspect of love that is poured out freely, with no ties, no obligations, no sense of merit or earning such love – it is pure gift. This has been the message of Luke in describing God's mercy to all.

There were many varieties of Judaism at the time of Jesus – in the gospels we hear of just a few of these different forms: Pharisees, Sadducees and the Zealots. From other Jewish sources we know of other groups such as the Essenes who lived by the Dead Sea and are likely to have been the group whose writings were preserved in the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Pharisees were lay people, not priests, who were open to new ideas. While following the Law of Moses, they also tried to interpret the Law to make it relevant for each age. They were also open to new theological ideas that were not written in the Law. During his teaching, Jesus would have looked a little like a Pharisee, as he was a lay person, and he also was a teacher who was re-interpreting the Law. At the time of Jesus, the group most threatened by him would have been the Sadducees. Another group were the Sadducees who were the wealthier class of Jewish society and were members of the High Priestly families and so had great influence and religious power. This was the group, as Priests, who had great influence over the Temple and its rituals. Unlike the Pharisees, the Sadducees were far more conservative and believed only what was written in the Law of Moses and did not allow for a growth in theological understanding. In the year 70 CE the Romans destroyed Jerusalem following a Jewish uprising. During this war the Zealots were hunted down and defeated, and the power of the Sadducees was also destroyed with the loss of the great Temple in Jerusalem. With no Temple, there were no sacrifices and therefore no need for a group of Priests. It is the Sadducees who are at the centre of today's Gospel.

The Sadducees did not accept the concept of resurrection from the dead, which was a concept that developed quite late in Judaism, around 200 BCE. Since this idea was not written in the Hebrew Scriptures, they denied it.

At this stage in the Gospel, Jesus is teaching within the Temple and the Sadducees put to him this ridiculous scenario in order to make fun of his teaching. They draw on the Jewish law that if a man dies without offspring, his widow must marry the man's brother in order to preserve the lifeblood of his family. With no belief in resurrection, a person could only hope to live on through their children, hence the importance of continuing the family line. Jesus' answer points out that those participating in the resurrection of the dead will not die so there is no need to maintain their lifeblood through begetting children. He then challenges them to really listen to their Law and be open to the truth it teaches about God.

Today's Gospel asks us to check where we stand. Are we open to the idea that our knowledge of God can develop, grow and change? It's not that God changes, but our human knowledge and insights can and do develop. The theology of the first century developed when it moved into a Greek speaking world. Later, with the development of philosophical schools of reasoning, theology developed further. Today, as our world view expands with ideas of a universe that is billions of years old and which is evolving and expanding, our theology must also reconceptualise our faith if it is to be relevant to our age. Commitment to the truth requires openness bigger than that shown by the Sadducees.

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Her specialist research areas include the Gospel of John and early Jewish Christian relationships. Dr Coloe has written numerous books, essays and journal articles on these and other topics and is a member of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas and other biblical associations. Her home page is <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/staffhome/macoloe/>

## REFLECTION

by Richard Leonard

Today's Gospel focuses on those nagging questions that plague us all from time to time. What will heaven be like? What will happen to me in the resurrection of the body? While these are interesting enough questions on which to speculate and pray, this story from Dan McAuley reminds us that resurrection and a taste of heaven are often closer than we think.

'One day when I was in my early years of High School I noticed this boy from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd." I had quite a weekend planned (parties and a football game with my friends the next afternoon), so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walking, I saw a bunch of kids running toward him. They knocked all his books out of his arms and tripped him up so he landed in the dirt. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes. My heart went out to him. So, I jogged over to him as he crawled around looking for his glasses, and I saw a tear in his eye.

'As I handed him his glasses, I said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get lives." He looked at me and just said, "Thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those smiles that showed real gratitude. I helped him pick up his books, and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he had gone to another school before now. We talked all the way home, and I helped him carry his books. He turned out to be a pretty cool guy. I asked him if he wanted to play football on Saturday with me and my friends. We hung out all weekend and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him, and my friends thought the same.

'Monday morning came, and there was Kyle with the huge stack of books again. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are going to really build some serious muscles with this pile of books every day!" He just laughed and handed me half the books. Over the next four years, Kyle and I became best friends. When we were in our last year of school we began to think about university. Kyle wanted to study overseas, I was going to stay at home. I knew wherever we were that we would always be friends, that the miles would never be a problem.

'Kyle topped our class at school. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. He had to prepare a speech

for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. But when he took the microphone he looked great. He was one of those guys that really found himself during high school. He filled out and actually looked good in glasses. He had more dates than I had and all the girls loved him. Sometimes I was jealous.

'Today was one of those days. I could see that he was nervous about his speech. So, I smacked him on the back and said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with one of those looks (the really grateful one) and smiled. "Thanks," he said. As he started his speech, he cleared his throat, and began. "Graduating from school is a time when you can thank those who helped you make it through the tough years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach, but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to another person can save someone from hell. Let me tell you a story."

'I just looked at my friend with disbelief as he told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. He talked of how he had cleaned out his locker so his mother wouldn't have to do it later and was carrying all his stuff home. He looked hard at me and gave me a little smile. "Thankfully, my friend saved me from doing the unspeakable. I looked at hell, but the kindness of a friend showed me heaven. And he didn't even know it and I haven't looked back since."

If we want to know what heaven or the resurrection is like, then Jesus says, go and do likewise.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office hours are 9.30am to 3:30pm; we are closed between 1 and 2pm for lunch.

Those who 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.

## **MOSAIC MULTICULTURAL CONNECTIONS SEARCHES FOR VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVERS**

Mosaic Multicultural Connections Youth Exchange programs are re-starting in November, and we are taking groups of young people to visit regional locations on one, two and three day bus trips. These are great experiences for young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to meet other young people, have new experiences, visit new places and do some great team building through fun activities.

We are interested in recruiting volunteer bus drivers who can drive a 25-seater bus with a trailer and would be willing to travel with young people for a few days. We cover the cost of meals and accommodation.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Alyaa, Sami or Debbie - Alyaa Al Attabi [A.AIAttabi@mosaicmc.org.au](mailto:A.AIAttabi@mosaicmc.org.au) – Volunteer Coordinator  
Mohammad Sami Zakhil [s.zakhil@mosaicmc.org.au](mailto:s.zakhil@mosaicmc.org.au) – Multicultural Youth Worker  
Debbie Carstens [d.carstens@mosaicmc.org.au](mailto:d.carstens@mosaicmc.org.au) – Manager – Settlement and Communities

## **OUR BELOVED DEAD**

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

David Bound  
Monica Bound  
Anne Veronica (Bonnie) Cook-Moore  
Mary Ferry  
Frank Holmes  
Desmond (Des) Ledlin  
Elva Letitia Murphy  
Helen Murray  
Peter Murray  
Antionietta Rossetti  
Mary Synod  
Pauline Wenman

## **ALL SOULS DAY PRAYER**

Merciful Father,

On this day, we are called to remember those who have died,  
Particularly those who have died in the past year,  
And pray for their joyful reunion with you,  
their loving creator.

As your son taught us to call the stranger  
neighbour, our fallen are many—

Names we will never know,  
Voices we have never heard,  
In lands we may never visit,  
Yet brothers and sisters all.  
And so we pray.

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of  
conflicts we could not quell,  
for soldiers and civilians,  
adults and children, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For those migrants who have died seeking a  
haven where they hoped to find safety  
and opportunity for themselves and for their families,  
we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the  
bounty you have placed before us, we pray ...  
*Grant eternal rest, O Lord.*

## **GOSPEL FOCUS**

### **I am who am**

*The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as "I am who am" – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.*

## THE CREEDS

### 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.

### THE APOSTLES'S 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 Al-  
mighty; 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.  
Amen.

## THE CHOSEN EXPERIENCE – SEASON ONE

We invite you to join us in soaking up to the sights,  
smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine.

We welcome you to join us to view the first-ever multi-  
-season series about the life of Christ.

Each Thursday evening during October and November  
join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode.  
The Chosen Experience commences on October 6 at  
6pm in the Murray Room, 841 Hunter Street,  
Newcastle West, we hope to see you there.

To register to go: [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/  
the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-experience-tickets-413816475217)

### 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](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES; MAKE A DIFFERENCE OVERSEAS.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you  
seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad  
are asking for qualified and experienced Australians  
able to mentor their people in education, health,  
administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion  
in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms  
Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer  
mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts  
opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your  
skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas  
to serve their communities for generations to come,  
long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati,  
Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands,  
Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are  
seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those  
roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533  
or 0422 472 567.

### PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS** The Parish ADVENT  
Prayer Group will be meeting @ 9.30 am on **Thursday  
24 November** in the Parish Centre and continue for  
the next 3 weeks of Advent. All welcome. Please see  
Gwen Haggerty if you would like to be part of it.