



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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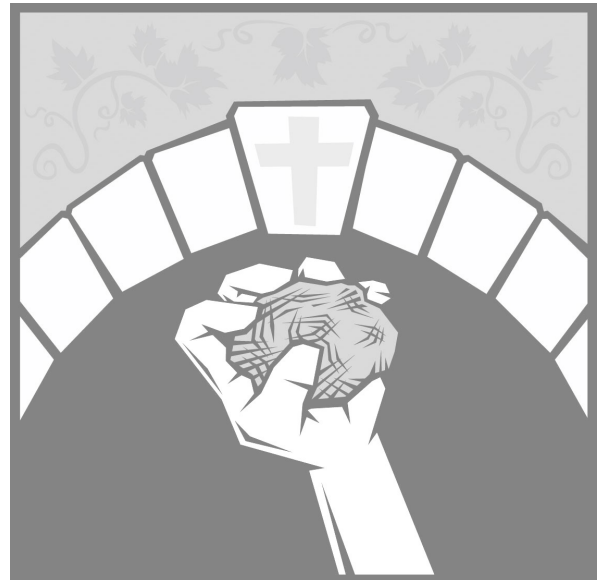
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The image of the vineyard features prominently once again in our readings this Sunday.

Who owns the vineyard in which we live today?

In baptism we were consecrated to the Lord, with the cross being traced on our foreheads as the mark of God's ownership over us. If the Lord came unexpectedly for us today, to claim what is His, would we feel anguished and resist, or would we say, "Lord, all I have and all I am is yours"?

Today's Gospel challenges us to reflect on this prospect, and to pray for the grace to submit more fully to God's will in our lives. *Fr John*

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

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)

27th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Monday—9th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

10:00am Funeral Liturgy for Kevin Smart @ Stockton

Tuesday—10th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday—11th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—12th October

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton

Friday—13th October

10:30am Funeral Liturgy for Paul Anthony Kershaw @ Stockton

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

11am Exposition, Adoration, and Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—14th October

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

**Filipina Association from Eagle Vale attending this Mass

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—15th October

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8.00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral

Live streamed via the Diocesan website:

www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5.00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Isaiah 25:6-10

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Anna Vial, Kevin Smart, Paul Anthony Kershaw

ANNIVERSARIES: Karen Varnum, Michael Collins, Franceschino Fois, Therese Aitchison, Margaret Smith, Kevin Bede Fitzgerald, Sarah Mahony, Elva Margaret Searle, Jozefa Czyzewski, Stefania Wozniak, Frank Roche, Tom White, Tony Magriplis, Jack Gale, Mary Whalan, Zoe & Kevin Lawler, Jim Cathcart, Norma Lynch

SICK: Sr. Margaret Mary, OLN, Sr Monica Sinclair rsm, Sr Ann Gallagher rsj, Sr Rosemary Jackson rsj Gerard Pearce, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Christine Timbrell, Stewart McKinnon, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecek, Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis



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.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Month of the Holy Rosary 2023 begins on Saturday 1 October and ends on Monday 31 October.

The first Newcastle Maitland diocese Men's Rosary will be held on Saturday 28 of October, 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

For More Information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.



BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 1st November @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *The Remarkable Mrs Reibey* by Grantlee Keiza. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. On two Wednesdays each month, we employ the practice of *Lectio Divina* to prayerfully reflect on the Gospel of the coming Sunday. Next month we will begin the Advent program.

The program for October is as follows:

11th October: Lectio

18th October: Lectio

25th October: No meeting

To participate, please email the parish office.

AMC COMMISSIONING AND MORNING TEA

At the 9:30am Mass this weekend, our Assistant Masters of Ceremony (AMCs) will be commissioned. The Assistant Masters of Ceremonies help direct liturgical celebrations where the Bishop presides. So wherever the Bishop celebrates a liturgy or Mass anywhere in the Diocese, you will typically see one of the AMCs with him. Please stay after 9:30am Mass for a cuppa and some sensational food! All welcome!

Volunteers are always welcome to help with the morning teas! Thank you!

OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Therese Aitchison	Sandra Martin
Nash Azzopardi	Thelma Martin
Gwen Burke	George Mercieca
Bernard Francis Callaghan	Terence Murray
Leslie John Dodds	Ivy Petherbridge
Reginald Gilbert	Hilda May Pilgrim
James Haggerty	Ian Ray
Kevin Hinitt	Kathleen (Mardi) Rooney
Mark (Walter) Kearney	Judith Sphiris
Anthony Keelan	Brian Trenaman
Andrew Mainey	Peter Tynan
Aleksander Maliszewski	Karen Varnum
	Sydney Wickham

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

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility if you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 4979 1390, E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information

www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

PARISH LUNCHEON

Parish Luncheon at *Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn St, Merewether* @ 12.30pm on Monday, 16th October. All welcome. Inquiries to Maureen on 0412 673151.



ACU PUBLIC LECTURES ON LITURGY

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of Sacrosanctum Concilium (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present two exciting public lectures by international liturgical scholars:

Renowned liturgical scholar Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a public lecture live via Zoom on Monday 6 November 2023, 10am AEDT on the topic of: "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" and

Acclaimed liturgical historian and theologian Rev Professor John F. Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver a FREE public lecture live in person on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday December 3, 2023, 5pm-6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? Sacrosanctum Concilium sixty years on." Fr Baldovin's public lecture will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.

Further information and registration details for both of these unique and valuable events, and a flyer if desired, can be found above and at the following link: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

We look forward to welcoming you to these very special events marking this important milestone anniversary.

For more information please contact: CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.



— APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION —
LAUDATE DEUM
— Of the Holy Father Francis —
To all people of good will on the climate crisis

FROM POPE FRANCIS:

I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values.#69

The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.#71

REFLECTION

Canadian theologian Bernard Lonergan had a major impact on philosophy and theology last century. Sometimes his language was so complex we had to buy a companion book to help us read the original work! Surprisingly, however, his most important insights were very simple and expressed in very simple language. One of them was that we regularly have 'ah-ha' moments, where we get an insight into God, the world or ourselves. These moments make sense of things we have previously only seen as problems.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with 'ah-ha' moments. Written for a generally Jewish audience it reflects on Jesus in light of the history of Israel, the Hebrew Scriptures and the expectations of the Messiah. Jesus was for Matthew's community, and is for us, the 'ah-ha' in world history. By Matthew reflecting on his life, death and resurrection, things he had previously only wondered about now made sense.

The phrase 'the stone rejected by the builders' originally referred to Israel. In Psalm 118 and, more generally, in the Book of Psalms, the trials and defeats of Israel are seen to be tests of strength, love and endurance. Despite everything Israel has gone through, the people continue to sing of God's fidelity to them and what marvels God has done before their eyes, making them into a more faith-filled people.

Matthew, however, reflects on what happened to Jesus at the hands of the Chief Priests, Scribes and Romans. In a great 'ah-ha' moment he sees that it is Jesus, not Israel, who is the stone rejected by the builders which has now become the key building block of a new edifice.

Doing exactly the same as Matthew does with this passage, we can apply it to our own lives as well. There are often facets of our personality or character

of which we are ashamed or about which we despair. From gossip to greed, past hurts to anger, sexuality to broken relationships, we can often get discouraged at how un-together our Christian life is.

Even though we have worked hard to overcome our worst traits, we often think nothing good will ever come of them. In such a context we need to hear today's Gospel, 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.'

The parts of our character we most despise could be the most marvellous moments of amazing grace. Nothing is irredeemable to God; nothing has gone too far or become too entrenched. In the Christian life there is no room for shame, only for repentance and starting over. Looking at things we have thought of as only being problems provides us with the greatest potential for 'ah-ha' moments, where the healing and love of Christ enables us to turn our lives around, to demolish all the negative and defeatist self-talk in which we can indulge and rebuild ourselves with Christ, the master builder.

Once we get into the habit of doing this, it's amazing how many 'ah-ha' moments we have as our history ceases to be a problem to be overcome but turns into a challenge to be harnessed for the building up of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (OCTOBER 21/22)

Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. In two weeks' time you will learn about the work of the Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, who desires to see better outcomes for her community. We will also share the story of Petrolina and her daughter's desperate need for medical attention.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue.

This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the fire of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need.



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

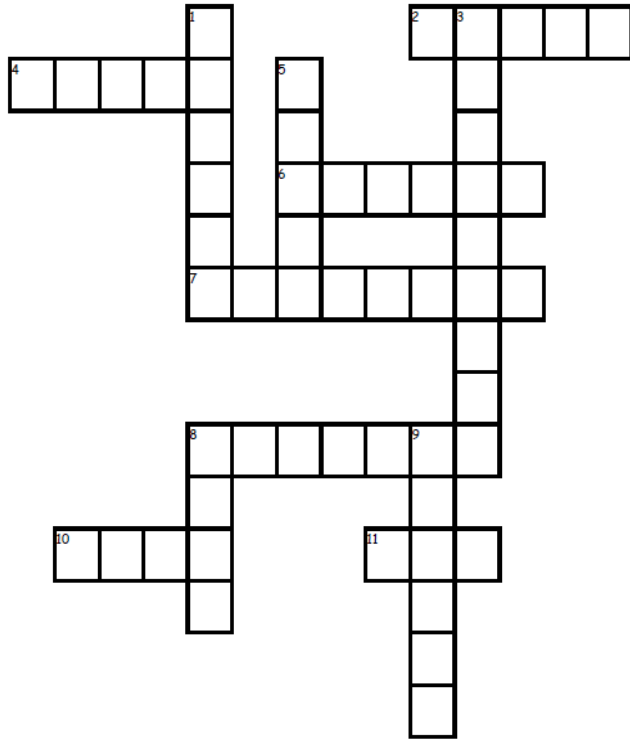
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catholicmission.org.au/timor

CROSSWORD

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

Is 5:1-7
Ps 80:8 & 11. 14de-15ab & 19. R. Is 5:7a
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43



Across

- 2: grapes grow on these
- 4: a tall building with a lookout
- 6: take the path of a leader
- 7: people who serve
- 8: reap, gather a crop
- 10: the landowner built one of these around his vineyard
- 11: the renters killed the landowner's _ _ _

Down

- 1: the fruit from a vine
- 3: significant
- 5: o_ _ _ _ your prayers to God
- 8: raised land mass that is smaller than a mountain
- 9: carved rocks used to make buildings

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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Is 5:1-7
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L L A W V G N M K P H X P R J E Y
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Try to find these words:

- follow
- grapes
- harvest
- hill
- important
- offer
- servants
- son
- stones
- tower
- vines
- wall

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT

The Pastoral Ministry Network is excited to invite you to the annual 'Alive in the Spirit' Event!

After two years of dynamic online gatherings, Alive in the Spirit is thrilled to be gathering for an in-person event on Wednesday 25 October 2023 at Hornsby RSL from 10am - 4pm.

This year's conference will focus on the theme of Communion, Participation, and Mission, which is drawn from the Synod on Synodality. The Synod encourages us to seek new vision, energy, and life for the Catholic Church.

The Pastoral Ministry Network AGM will follow at 4.30pm to top off a great opportunity for networking, growing in faith and sharing our hope for the Church.

Tickets are \$149 for non-members. We encourage you to share this image across your own networks inviting all wanting to be Alive in the Spirit!

For all enquiries, please contact Lisa on 0419 418 547 or email info@aliveinthepirit.com.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.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Different View – Using scripture to justify hatred

This text is one that has been used by some Christians to justify their hatred and persecution of Jews. They point to the parable Jesus told as evidence that Jesus blamed the Jewish people for his death. It is a strange fact that some people believe that the only way to justify their own beliefs is to try to destroy the beliefs (and believers) of other faiths. For hundreds of years Christians abused and tormented Jews, driving them out of cities and even countries. The terrible treatment of Jews in World War II was drawing on a long history of Christians persecuting Jews.

THE CHOSEN SEASON 3

We invite you to join us in soaking up the sights, smells, and tastes of 1st Century Palestine as we view Season 3 of The Chosen.

The Chosen is a series that brings to life an interpretation of what life might have been like for Jesus starting his ministry. The series has been creatively produced and includes the backstories for each of the disciples that were individually chosen by Jesus. We are first invited into each of their lives, into their struggles and baggage. But once introduced to Jesus and the invitation to spend time with him, we are invited to witness such a transformation of each of his first followers.

Each Thursday evening join us to share a meal, watch and discuss the episode. The Chosen Experience commences on 12 October at 6pm in the Murray Room. Viewing of Seasons 1 & 2 is not required. We hope to see you there. To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-chosen-season-3-tickets-702923361697

“TILLING THE CHURCH: THEOLOGY FOR AN UNFINISHED PROJECT.” ZOOM DISCUSSION.

While Father Richard's visit was short, he last left our Diocese with riches that we can continue to explore together, as our church is an unfinished project and in need of tilling.

So, let's continue the discussion!

You are invited to discuss Father Richard's latest publication, "Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project" chapter by chapter over the next several months online.

Wednesday 18 October: Introduction and Chapter 1. The Church as Project

Wednesday 22 November: Chapter 2. Symbolizing Grace

Wednesday 21 February: Chapter 3. The Pilgrimage Community of Faith and Hope

Wednesday 20 March: Chapter 4. Engaging the Graced World

Wednesday 17 April: Chapter 5. The Future-Oriented Past

Wednesday 15 May: Chapter 6. The Art of Faithfulness and conclusion To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087

PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS

We pray for those preparing for their HSC.
Father we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.

Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and express themselves clearly.

Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.

Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through
Christ our Lord.



Amen

GOSPEL OF MARK

The Gospel of Mark is a treasure trove for the nurturing and nourishing of our faith. Mark brings us face-to-face with the One who came to serve and not to be served, to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Explore the Gospel of Mark with Dr Debra Snoddy, a lecturer in biblical studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney a partner of the University of Notre Dame Australia. As we look forward to the year when the Gospel of Mark takes pride of place in our liturgy, Debra promises to inform you, nourish you and challenge you to hear Mark's words in ways old and new.

The day will include an overview of the Gospel and a detailed treatment of some of the most illuminating texts from the Gospel of Mark.

Date: 15 November, Murray Room, 9.30am – 3.00pm
Registration: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/gospel-of-mark-tickets-699335259587

THE CHUCKLE

“My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already.” (Dave Barry)



MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDIATION CENTRE, 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am – and has done so for the last 25 years, in which time many hundreds of people have taken up this prayer form. After meditation on Fridays Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. Through both practices we open ourselves to the fullness of life; we come to know ourselves by knowing that we are known and loved by God. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj -0412122297 - or just come.

ADVENT 2023:

WITH ANTICIPATION AND JOY

We are called during this holy time to wait with anticipation knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. With Anticipation and Joy is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels and associated artworks. 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.

To access the resource, go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at www.caritas.org.au



MADE FREE: CREATIVE RETREAT

20-22 October 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW. Bookings:
<http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD> (by 6 October)
Contact: Judy - mglisters.sydney@gmail.com

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Devotion to the rosary was especially promoted in the 13th century by St. Dominic and in the 16th century by St. Peter Canisius (who, according to tradition, added the final verse to the Hail Mary, in which we pray, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death” — printed officially in the Catechism of the Council of Trent in 1566; the first two verses of the Hail Mary are adapted from Luke 1:28 and 1:42).

The origins of the rosary are complex. The use of knotted ropes to count prayers or scriptural verses (including the Lord’s Prayer and the Jesus Prayer) is an ancient practice and is even found in non-Christian cultures. Most probably, the Christian recitation of 150 such prayers was intended to mirror the monastic prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours in which monks prayed all 150 psalms each day.

The structure of the rosary as we know it today developed significantly from the 12th to the 14th centuries as the larger collection of 150 prayers was further divided into groups of 50 and separated by biblical verses or themes (now referred to as mysteries). It is these mysteries, like a grouping of common roses in a garden, that gave the name rosary to this prayer form.

The rosary is a living prayer form and continues to develop even in recent times. An invocation known as the Fatima Prayer was commonly added in the early 20th century. In 2002 Pope John Paul II added a new set of five reflections called the Luminous Mysteries which encourage additional meditations on the life of Jesus.

The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary’s spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Remember, every time you pray the rosary you are given the privilege and honor of pronouncing the holy name of Jesus more than 50 times.

The wealth of spiritual graces offered through the rosary comes not from the multiplication of prayers (see Matthew 6:7) but from the imitation of Christ through obedience to the Father’s will, according to the example of the Blessed Mother.

Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the radio or podcast as you commute to work or school and pray the rosary instead. See what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from the rose garden of this daily meditation..

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FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

If you would like to donate, any of the following types of non-perishable items would be most gratefully received: UHT milk, cereal, jam, vegemite, peanut butter, tinned veggies, fruit, soup, fish, meat, dried pasta, rice, pasta sauces, teabags, coffee, biscuits, crackers, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner (even the travel sized ones from hotels), deodorant.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

THE BENEVOLENT LANDOWNER

One of the images from this gospel that would have been puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus’ audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants. Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus’ story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.