



# Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

**St Benedict's 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 12TH NOVEMBER 2023 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Allegory of the ten bridesmaids reminds us to be alert to the coming of the Kingdom. We are entreated to keep our eyes open, our hearts aflame with hopeful expectation, and our minds focused on the right priorities in life: 'stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

*Jenny Close*

**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)

32nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Monday—13th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

\*Anniversary of death of Bishop Bill Wright, 2021

Tuesday—14th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton \*\* Note new time

Wednesday—15th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday—16th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton \*\* Note new time

11:00am Funeral Mass for Sr Margaret Mary Birgan oIn @ The Cathedral

Friday—17th November

Memorial of St Elizabeth of Hungary

10:15am Mass @ The Junction \*\* Cancelled until November 24

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—18th November

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

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

5:30pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Mass @ The Junction

Sunday—19th November

33rd 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/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/livestream/)

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

11:30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5.00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thess 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Sr. Margaret Mary Birgan oIn, Dorotea Pierdomenico

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bishop Bill Wright, Catherine Martin, Rita Terry, Paul Mather, Norrie Connors, Jean Harman, Ross Maurer, Richard Taper, Darryl Jennings, Ella Stace, Peter Davis, Graham Chegwiddden, George Kitchener Searle, Quintino Murri, Tony O'Beirne, Eric O'Beirne, Delores Hamilton, Marion Scorer, Sandra Berwick, Rose Berwick, Theresa McCormack, Gerald Crockett, Patricia Holz, Jane Nwatarali



**SICK:** Neil McGoldrick, 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](http://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads).

## BOOK CLUB

**Sunday, 3rd December @ 6:15pm:** Bookclub meets to discuss *That Bligh Girl* by Sue Williams. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto: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. At the end of this month we will begin the Diocesan Advent program.

The program for November is as follows:

15th November: Lectio Divina

22nd November: No meeting

29th November: First Meeting of the Advent Program

To participate, please email the parish office.

## 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, [Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Echildprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

## REMEMBERING BISHOP BILL



Bishop William (Bill) Wright was ordained eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on June 15 2011 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. He died two years ago, on 13 November 2021. We remember him and pray for his soul.

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbarium whose anniversaries occur in November:

David Bound	Desmond (Des) Ledlin
Monica Bound	Elva Letitia Murphy
Anne Veronica (Bonnie)	Helen Murray
Cook Moore	Peter Murray
Mary Ferry	Antonietta Rossetti
Gwen Fuge	Mary Synott
Frank Holmes	Pauline Wenman
Gwydir (Gwen) Holmes	

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

## FEEDBACK SURVEY - NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2023

3-9 September this year marked the 33rd National Child Protection Week (NCPW), with the theme, 'Where we start matters'.

The Office of Safeguarding would like to thank everyone for their participation and support, and appreciate your feedback to this short survey that will assist with future planning:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCPW2023>

If you have any further feedback, stories or video from your activities, we would appreciate these being provided for reference to [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational and everyone is very welcome. Please come.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 3.30 for 3.45 start

WHERE: Mercy Offices, 20 Union Street  
(Next door to Mercy Services)

Off street parking available

The Meditation session begins with short guided relaxation exercises then we have a reading from Fr. John Main which leads into 20 minutes of silent meditation

## 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 an exciting public lecture:

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.

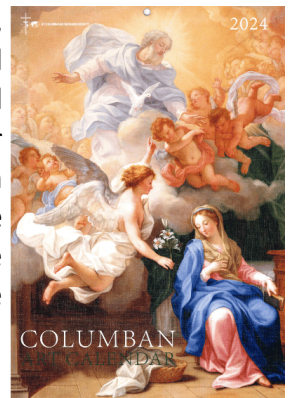
Further information and registration details for this unique and valuable event can be found above and at the following link: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

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

For more information please contact: [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au).

## COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

This iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. The calendars are available through St Vincent de Paul for \$10 each. They can be purchased from the office



## RED WEDNESDAY

On 22 November the Pontifical Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need* is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith. Find out more: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org)





## REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end. © Greg Sunter

## 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.

Thank you!



# CatholicCare Christmas Hamper Drive 2023

WE CAN ONLY GIVE WHAT WE RECEIVE



Help us help those in need this Christmas.

CatholicCare is hoping to distribute much needed hampers through our Food Programs across the Hunter-Manning this Christmas, and we need your support!

You can help by donating any of the items listed below:

- Tins of ham
- Fruit mince pies or Christmas puddings
- Fruit juice or tins of stewed fruit
- Jams, cranberry or apple sauce
- Reusable Christmas shopping bags
- Cereal, long life milk or custard
- Sweet or savory biscuits
- Tins of vegetables:
  - baby potatoes, beetroot, corn, peas or tomatoes
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar
- Chocolates, lollies or pancake mix.



Drop off locations and contact numbers:

Mayfield	58 Church Street	4979 1339
Taree	32-34 Pulteney Street	6539 5900

Financial donations are also welcome!

Each hamper costs \$50, but any amount will make a difference.

Please visit [catholiccare.org.au/donate](http://catholiccare.org.au/donate)



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## HAMPER DRIVE

CatholicCare's annual Christmas Hamper Drive is well under way, and they invite our parish to help support vulnerable families in the Newcastle region.

They hope to distribute Christmas Hampers from the following outreach locations, the week prior to Christmas:

- Hamilton South Community Kitchen
- Civic Park outreach
- Motto Farm outreach
- Toronto Community Kitchen
- Refugee Hub, Mayfield

**Donation envelopes are available at Mass this weekend**

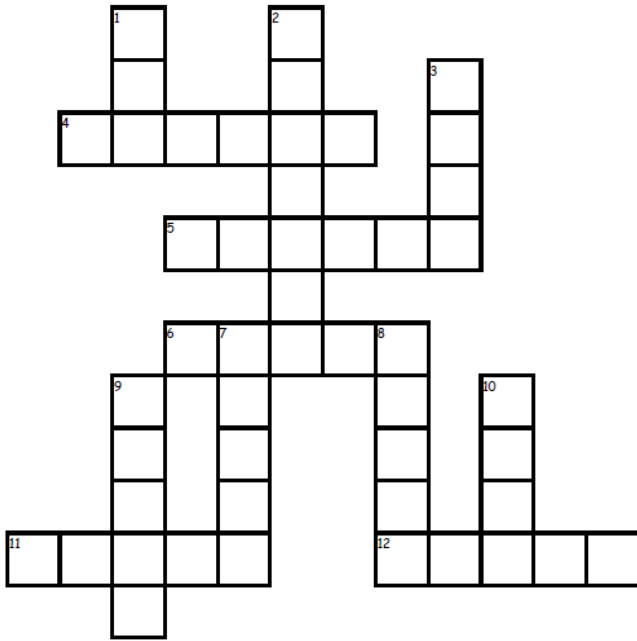
## HISTORICAL CONTEXT WHERE WAS THE BRIDE?

It may seem a little odd that the bridegroom was travelling to the wedding hall by himself. What appears to have been the custom is that the bridesmaids escorted the bride to the hall whilst the groom remained behind to settle matters with the bride's family. Whilst the bride price, or dowry, would have been agreed well before the wedding, the family would emphasize and even haggle over the value of gifts to further reinforce the great value of the bride and the wise choice that the groom and his family had made.

CROSSWORD

Wisdom shines brightly for those who seek her

Wis 6:12-16  
Ps 63:1, 2-3, 6-7, R. v.2b  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
Mt 25:1-13



Across

- 4: white and fluffy things that appear in the sky
- 5: lifted up
- 6: a heavenly being
- 11: the opposite of back
- 12: you do this when you get tired

Down

- 1: the liquid that was needed for the lamps
- 2: when people get married they have one of these
- 3: Jesus \_ \_ \_ \_ and was raised to life
- 7: the time when the sky is dark
- 8: the ten girls used these to see in the dark
- 9: a bride's husband-to-be
- 10: to have wisdom

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

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

Try to find these words:

- angel
- clouds
- died
- front
- groom
- lamps
- night
- oil
- raised
- sleep
- wedding
- wise

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### HOOR OF GRACE

12 noon to 1pm, 8th December

Devotions to Our Lady of Grace, Rosa Mystica

@ St Joseph's, The Junction

During the period 24th November 1946 to 8th December 1947, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Pierina in a little church in Montichiari, Italy, eleven times. On the first appearance, the Blessed Mother told Sister Pierina that She wanted to be known as the Mystical Rose and that an Hour of Grace should be kept at noon, 8th December, in all the Catholic Churches of the world.



Come to the Hour of Grace, open your heart and be guided by the Holy Spirit, place your requests from your heart to the Mother of God, Our Blessed Mother, Immaculate, Rosa Mystica.

### AMEN CAMINO 2024

The purpose of pilgrimage is journey. Camino has a long and established Christian history, it means 'road' or 'way'. A famous Camino is St James Way or Camino de Santiago in Spain. The first Christian movement in the 1st Century was known as 'The Way'.

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection, contemplation and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God's gift of Grace.

Amen is the word Christian's use to say 'Yes, we are on our way to God.' By joining us on the "aMeN CaMiNo", you are saying yes to something in your heart which is calling you.

The aMeN caMiNo takes place over five consecutive days. The pilgrimage starts at St John's Chapel, Maitland and concludes at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton. Pilgrims will walk an average of 20km per day through the beautiful landscape of bush, beach and beyond which we are blessed to have in our backyard. We will also be holding a weekend experience. If you are interested and would like to know more, join us at this information session.

Date: 13 November Venue: Online Time: 7:00 – 8:00pm

To register go to: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino/)

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES



In the church community, November is a time when we take the opportunity to pray in a special way for those who have died.

The City Pastoral Region invites you and members of your family to attend the Special Masses to be held throughout November

**Saturday 18 November @ 5:30pm**

Christ the King, Mayfield

**Friday 24 November @ 10:15am**

St Joseph's, The Junction (for those at rest in the Columbarium)

**Saturday 25 November @ 5:30pm**

St Joseph's, The Junction (for those whose funeral were celebrated in the past year)

**Sunday 26 November @ 8:00am**

Mary Immaculate, Tighes Hill

We look forward to sharing this commemoration with you and your family.

Should you wish to have your loved one remembered during this time of commemoration envelopes are available in your church for you to note your request.

### VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Coming soon to a church near you!



### POSITION VACANT – HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is looking to appoint a Catholic Hospital Chaplain to John Hunter Hospital. The purpose of this position is to provide Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care services to the patients, their families and staff at the John Hunter Hospital and other health facilities that exist on that site. The Catholic Chaplain provides spiritual and pastoral care and emotional support on behalf of the faith community.

For more information about this position please go to the Careers section on the diocesan website: [www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/pastoral-ministries/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/pastoral-ministries/) or contact Teresa Brierley on 4979 1157.

### THE CHUCKLE

This morning I saw an envelope on my doorstep that said: "Do not Bend". I stood there for ages trying to figure out how to pick it up...





*Our Lady of  
Perpetual Succour  
75 Years  
of the Novena in Newcastle*



All Welcome Saturday 2nd December  
Rosary & Procession 8:50am  
Holy Mass 9:15am  
Novena 9:45am  
Benediction 10:15am  
Followed by reconciliation

**EXUBERANT CATHOLIC  
PRAISE & WORSHIP GROUP**

If you have a passion, talent, or simply a strong desire to be part of something meaningful, we want you to lead or join our teams!

- Music (musicians and singers)
- Research
- Marketing
- Hospitality
- Presenters
- Logistics
- & more...

The time is ripe to make your mark by shaping an exciting new Praise and Worship event for our vibrant faith community. All are welcome to attend our final planning meeting for the year. We are looking to commence this event mid-2024.

Wednesday 22nd November: 5:30 to 7:00pm.  
Refreshments are provided from 5:30pm. Meeting commences at 6pm.

Function Room, MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre  
7 Milson Street, Charlestown.  
Phone 0466 140 066 for any inquiries.

**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/  
media/6563/0003487-dio-advent-reflection-  
book\\_2023.pdf](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/6563/0003487-dio-advent-reflection-book_2023.pdf)

**INNER NEWCASTLE REGION  
(BROADMEADOW)**

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Monday 27 November** 12 pm at  
Souths Leagues Club, Llewellyn  
St, Merewether.

Please phone Gwen Haggerty 49  
675010 so appropriate seating

can be arranged. Bookings in by Saturday, 18  
November.



**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.

## SR MARGARET MARY BIRGAN OLN



Sister Margaret Mary Birgan was born and raised in Saint Lucia, Queensland, the youngest daughter of Philomena and 'Jock' Birgan. She had three older brothers: Laurence, James and Paddy. Sister said that she had a 'happy, wonderful family life' where 'both of her parents were

devoted to their faith and family'. From the age of six Sister attended Mass daily with her Auntie Mag. Sister's father died in a car accident in 1951 when Sister was just seven and her family was devastated by the loss of their much-adored father. As a young girl sister was very conscious of the number of lonely people on the streets of Brisbane. She made regular home visits and delivered the 'The Messenger' magazine to 'shut-ins', with the nuns from her school, All Hallows, Brisbane. It was Sister's highest goal as a young girl to 'just love the Lord and peel lots of potatoes'.

After completing her general nursing and midwifery training, Sister joined Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor in 1966 with a deep desire to 'love the unloved'. Sister described the experience of joining the order as one of 'deep spiritual peace'. Sister said that 'all of her life' she had felt a 'persistent calling to religious life'. For the first 20 years, Sister 'lived out of a bag' serving the sick, poor, disadvantaged and dying from the convents in Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane. Sister was eventually placed at the Merewether Convent in 1984. Sister drew great spiritual nourishment from quietly praying in the Convent Chapel and attending Mass at the Cathedral. She was an accomplished pianist and organist. Sister enjoyed tending the rose garden at the Convent and always placed roses in the Chapel 'for Our Lady' when she could. But most significantly, Sister cared deeply for her many clients. Sister said that she had 'loved the Lord in all of her clients because it was in them that she found Our Lord and it's to them that she would bring the Lord'.

Sister had a great love for her family, Our Lady and for the Little Mother and co-founder of Our Lady's Nurse for the Poor, Eileen O'Connor. Sister describes Eileen's life 'as a life of heroic virtue'. It was Sister's deepest desire that the work of Our Lady's Nurse for the Poor (The Brown Sisters) continue and that Eileen O'Connor, the Little Mother, be 'counted among the saints in heaven'. Sister's gentleness, kindness, selflessness, generosity and deep faith, inspires us all to 'just love the Lord and peel lots of potatoes'.

Sr Margaret Mary's funeral will be Thursday 16th November @ 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral .

## OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### St Joseph's Primary School

Karen McGinlay (*Principal*)

Union Street, The Junction NSW 2291

P:(02) 4961 2827

W:[www.merewether.catholic.edu.au](http://www.merewether.catholic.edu.au)

### Holy Family Primary School

Ann Jackson (*Principal*)

Pell Street, Merewether NSW 2291

P:(02) 4963 3009

W:[www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au](http://www.merewetherbeach.catholic.edu.au)

### St Columban's Primary School

Danielle Reed (*Principal*)

Church Street, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4968 3315

W:[www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mayfieldsc.catholic.edu.au)

### St Peter's Primary School

Mark Konik (*Acting Principal*)

Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

P:(02) 4920 1736

W:[www.stockton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stockton.catholic.edu.au)

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Living in hope

*A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope. When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation. Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation!*