



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 26TH NOVEMBER 2023 CHRIST THE KING

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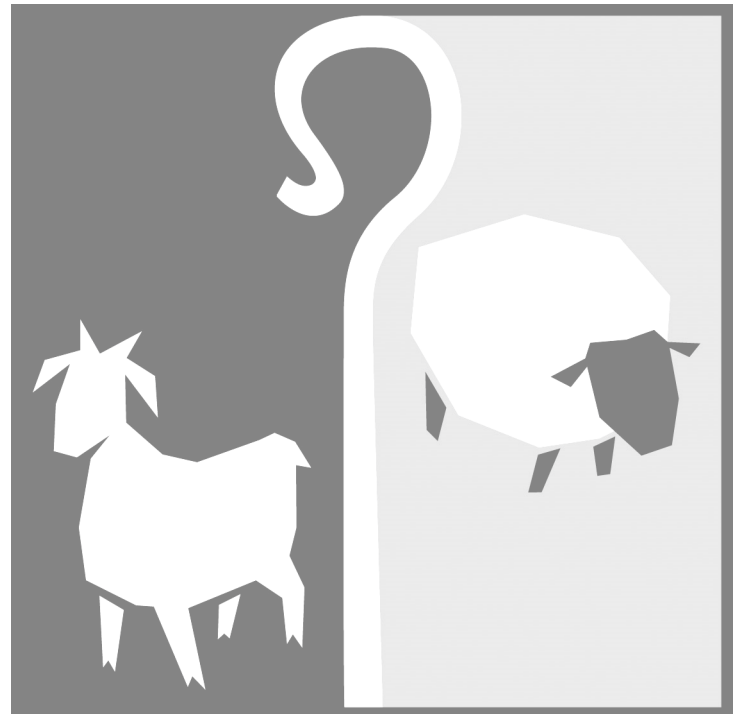
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In a world where so many lives are plagued by fear and uncertainty, division and conflict, inequality and oppression, the one thing we all long for is an all-powerful, loving, merciful and just global leader. That one person is: Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We long for His coming!
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)

34th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A

Monday—27th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
7:00pm Sacred @ Seven in The Cathedral

Tuesday—28th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
11:00am Funeral Mass for Moya Dwyer @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—29th November

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West
12 noon Funeral Mass for Carlo Cristobal @ The Cathedral

Thursday—30th November

Feast of St Andrew

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral
9:00am Mass @ Stockton
6pm Choir Practice @ The Cathedral

Friday—1st December

10:15am Mass @ The Junction
11am Exposition, Adoration, and Reconciliation @ The Cathedral (until 12pm)
12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday—2nd December

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—3rd December

First Sunday of Advent

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
5:00pm Taize Service @ Tighes Hill
6:00pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37



PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Moya Dwyer, Carlo Cristobal

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Gregory, Patrick O'Neill, John McGuire Turner, Carol Power, Margaret Spencer, Terence Webber, Betty Holly, Philomena Walker, Antoinetta Carrara, Jack Dunn, Bishop Bill Wright, Neil, Beryl & Jimmy Straiton

SICK: Joshua Zalanardo, Cooper James, Jim Eves, Rosa Silivinec, 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.

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. For the next four weeks, we are using the Diocesan Advent program. If you'd like to join us just for Advent, there's room!

The program for November is as follows:

29th November: First week 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, E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

INCIDENT REPORTING

The City Pastoral Region is committed to providing a positive, safe environment for everyone. There are occasions, however, when something happenings. If you need to let us know about the incident, please use this report form:

<https://tinyurl.com/newcincident>

An incident of inappropriate behaviour should be reported directly to the Office of Safeguarding:

<https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/report-abuse/>



OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in the Sacred Heart 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.

BOOK CLUB

On November 22, the parish book club celebrates eight amazing years of fellowship through reading!

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



HUNTER PEACE GROUP PICNIC IN THE PARK

Newcastle City's Peace Park Tighes Hill Reserve
(opposite TAFE) Maitland Road Tighes Hill
Sunday 3rd December 2023
11am – 2pm
RSVP 30th November 2023

On 25th November 2023, 16 days of activism will commence calling for the elimination of gender-based violence and domestic violence. Various groups across Newcastle are holding an event in support of this important cause, and Hunter Peace Group is proud to support this campaign.

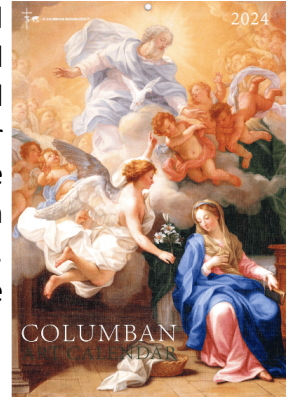
The Event: There will be speakers, There will be music Some food will be provided bring your favourite picnic food Don't forget your blanket, hat and sunscreen

Gender violence is not inevitable; it is preventable and yet it continues at a level that is incomprehensible. Everyone can play a part in standing against gender-based violence by either joining street rallies, marches, campaigning to change laws, policies and culture; write to your local member, sign a petition, something; to ensure everyone everywhere can live free from violence.

Authorised by Hunter Peace Group
email: hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com

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



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.

**Inaugural National
Community Garden Day**

**The Terrace
Community Garden
Open Day**

Meet the gardeners and
enjoy the garden with:

- morning tea
- afternoon drinks

Sunday 26 Nov 2023 10.00-11.00am and 5.00-6.30pm
Behind Tighes Hill Catholic Church - access via Union St steps
m: 0458 584 613
f: [@The-Terrace-Garden](https://www.facebook.com/The-Terrace-Garden)

REFLECTION BY GREG SUNTER

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Scriptural context – Matthew 25

This week's gospel passage comes as the third in a sequence of passages that make up Matthew Chapter 25. The chapter addresses the gospel's intended audience who were caught in a time of uncertainty. Many had expected the promised return of the Lord within their lifetime and had seen the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 CE as a sign that the end of days was approaching. The three gospel passages speak of continuing to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom and the need to act in a way that works to bring about the reign of God in the world.

© Greg Sunter

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS @ SACRED HEART

The following concerts are scheduled at Sacred Heart Cathedral in December:

Hunter Singers and Hunter Trebles performing highlights from the 2023 repertoire, with some Christmas cheer!

Sunday 3 December @ 2:00 PM

Newcastle and Hunter Multicultural Choral Society presents their special annual Multicultural Christmas Concert. This year marks the group's 45th year!

Sunday December 3 commencing at 7pm

The Newcastle Tudor Singers, directed by Dr Anne Millard, present "Favourite Things: Christmas Music for Everyone"

Sunday December 17 commencing at 2pm.



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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

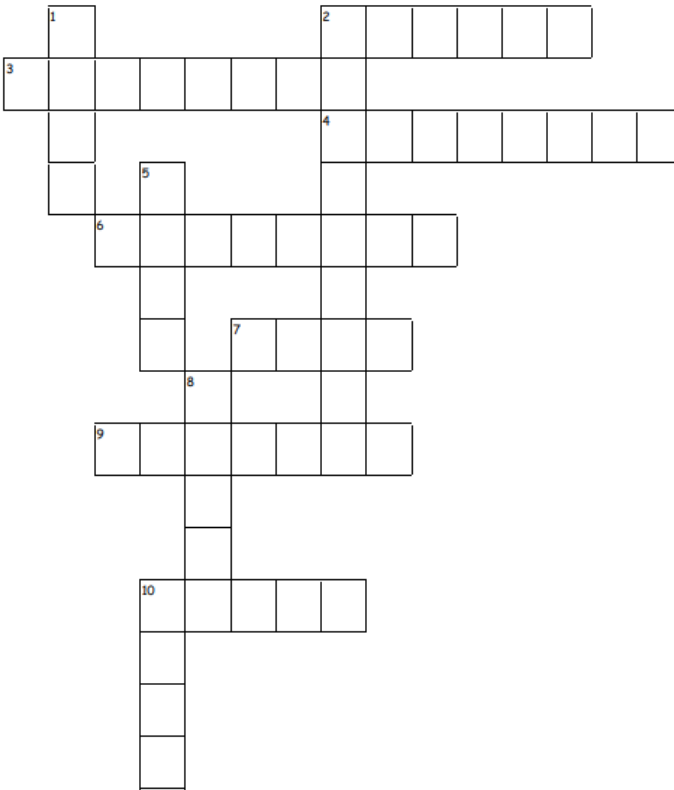
GOSPEL FOCUS

The Final Judgment

Often referred to as 'The Final Judgment', this gospel presents an understanding of judgment and punishment that reflects the theology and culture of the first century. It is an image that has continued to dominate Christian art and theology for most of its history: the idea of God sitting in judgment on the final day and weighing up each individual's actions. It is often applied very literally and it is a dominant image of God represented in the media – TV sit-coms and movies often draw on the image. It is a literalist image of God that needs to be challenged. We must remember that the focus of the gospel passage is on the call to action for justice.

CROSSWORD

Jesus Christ is king forever



Across

- 2: selected
- 3: recollect, recall a memory
- 4: subjected to rude speech
- 6: a word to describe heaven
- 7: the experience of being afraid
- 9: to assure someone of a definite outcome
- 10: the opposite of right

Down

- 1: Jesus' and his people were of this faith
- 2: people who commit crimes
- 5: rescue
- 8: strength, might
- 10: drink made from fermented grapes

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

God is king of all the earth



Try to find these words:

- battle
- beginning
- chosen
- created
- criminals
- insulted
- Israel
- king
- paradise
- power
- superior
- wrong

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOUR 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.

MASS FOR DECEASED ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS

The 12.05pm Mass at the Cathedral on Friday, 1st December, will be offered in memory of deceased St Vincent de Paul members.



SACRED@SEVEN—EMMANUEL WORSHIP

Experience the divine at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday 27 November from 7.30pm as Emmanuel Worship hosts Sacred@Seven, join us for a FREE BBQ dinner at 6.30 PM. All are welcome for an evening of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

CHILDREN'S MISSION PARTNERS:

\$425 was raised during September/October. Now 20+yrs has brought \$48,000 into the program due to the faithful support of many. Please consider this worthwhile program which makes a difference in the lives of children.

ST JOSEPH'S MEN NEWCASTLE

Join the St Joseph's Men's Group on Saturday 16 December, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Mackillop Parish (17 Milson Street, Charlestown) for a fun evening of free pizza, drinks, and games! Connect with fellow men in the community and enjoy a great time together. Contact Curtis on 0477 106 108.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

TAIZE SERVICE



Sunday
3rd December
Immaculate Heart of
Mary Catholic Church
Tighes Hill 5.00pm –
6pm *followed by a
shared supper.*

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/ or contact Teresa Brierley on 4979 1157.

THE CHUCKLE

Where do bad rainbows go?

Prism

It's a light sentence, and gives them time to reflect.



*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

PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERING

Everyone is invited to the last Praise and Worship Gathering at Holy Cross Church for 2023 on Friday 1 December 2023 before returning in 2024. It'll be an opportunity to listen to a life-changing talk by Tinah Tohi titled "KEEPING FAITH THROUGH HARD TIMES: How I coped with losing my teenage son." The evening will start at 6:30pm with Praise and worship, Tinah's talk will be at 7pm. A final Thanksgiving Mass for 2023 will also be offered after the talk with refreshments and fellowship afterward for those who would like to stay on. Call Wayne Caruana on 0466631394 for more information.

SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND

Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

Caritas is hosting a webinar, and everyone is welcome to join:

When: Monday 27 November

Time: 4:30pm to 5:00pm AEDT

Please register in advance for the webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg

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/>

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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.

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the Good Shepherd aptly characterises God's concern and personal intervention in the shepherding of the flock. God fulfils this role primarily in two ways: by caring for the sheep, particularly the most vulnerable; and by separating the good from the bad, for even those under the care of the shepherd will be judged. There is no intermediary here; God is immediately involved, because those formerly responsible for the sheep failed to carry out their responsibilities. The simple reference 'the day', along with characterisation of that day as one of gloom and darkness, and the final depiction of separation, suggest the eschatological day of the Lord, the day of final judgment.

This responsorial psalm is one of the best-loved psalms of the entire psalter. It paints vivid pictures of carefree existence, peaceful rest, and abundant fruitfulness. Although 'shepherd' suggests a flock, here the focus is on the individual. In addition to this image, God is characterised as a host, one who supervises a banquet and within whose house the psalmist ultimately dwells. The guidance of the shepherd is more than provident; it is moral as well. The image of the shepherd securing nourishment for the flock leads into the metaphor of the host who prepares a lavish banquet for guests. It is clear that the psalmist has been under the loving guidance of the Lord.

Several of Paul's most treasured theological themes are brought together here: the efficacy of Christ's resurrection; human solidarity in Adam and in Christ; the sequence of eschatological events; the victory of Christ; and the ultimate reign of God. As the first fruits of the dead, the Risen Christ is the most forceful expression of life after death, and his resurrection contains the promise of resurrection for all who are joined to him. Both Adam and Christ stand for the entire race, one in sin and death, and the other in eternal life. Having conquered death, Christ will bring the fruits of his victory to God so that at the final consummation, God will be all in all.

The scene of the last judgment is one of apocalyptic splendour and majesty; a scene of separation of the righteous from the unrighteous; a scene of reward and punishment. The throng of people gathered at this eschatological event is judged according to their treatment of the disciples of Jesus. Since Jesus identifies with his disciples ('Whoever receives you, receives me' – see Mt 10:40), to reject the apostle is to reject him. The guilt of the people is not based on the wrong that they have done, but in their failure to

accept those who were bringing the kingdom of God to them. To reject them is to reject the kingdom. Their sentences hinge on their openness to this kingdom.

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FOOD BASKETS 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), 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 or 4967 2998. The St Joseph's community kindly requests that you do not donate peanut butter.

Thank you!

