



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 25TH AUGUST 2024

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

This is the final reading from John's gospel in which the food image is the focus. The metaphor that Jesus uses about eating his flesh and drinking his blood is too graphic and shocking for many in his audience. The symbolic nature of the message is made plain when Jesus says that his words are 'spirit and life'.

Jenny Close

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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)

21st Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 26th August

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 27th August

Memorial of St Monica

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 28th August

Memorial of St Augustine

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday 29th August

Memorial of The Passion of St John the Baptist

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Friday 30th August

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 31st August

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

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 1st September

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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

5:30pm Mass @ Mayfield West (Vietnamese) **

**No Mass on September 1st

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

** The Vietnamese Mass is now celebrated fortnightly

ADVANCE NOTICE: NO Italian Mass on Sunday 8th Sept.

PARISH BULLETIN

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Hogan, Elaine Cusick, Sister Paula Redgrove RSM, John Bernard Ryan, Fay Larkin, Lino Bertocchini, Sr Frances Caine OP (Sr Antoninus)

ANNIVERSARIES: John O'Neill, Sister Mary de Chantal (Presentation Sister), George Russell, Maximo Mapula, Audrey Gilholme, Harold Crockett, Grace Mather, Anastasia Ladas, Martin Shanahan, Ken Walker, Hazel Delaney



SICK: Brenda Simanec, Bruce Ryan, Patty Lane, Peter Majdandzic, Lisa Woodland, Conchita Ponte, Joyce Saranillo, Ronoel Diwa, John Woodward, Loreta Habulan, Peter & Bev Woods Leeton, Tui Innes, Marko Kefecek, Jolina Joyce Saranillo, Maureen Dwyer, Angela Cottier, Joshua Zalanardo, Rosa Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, 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.

OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in August:

At Sacred Heart

Betty Caelli	Teresa Losurdo
Lynda Corrigan	Anthony Mangioni
Joan Adele Daly	Maree Ann Martin
William (Jack) Everleigh	Mark Murphy
Aileen Gilbert	Henry Petherbridge
Nesta Haggerty	Ashleigh Powter
Kathleen Hart	Sheelagh Ruggero
Margaret Hogg	Madeleine Savage
Harry Kilner	Veronica (Rhona) Seath
Leon Lakomy	Robert (Bob) Smythe
Thi Kim Loan Le	Marjorie Wakely
Mary Loscocco	

At St Joseph's:

Margaret Bailey	Clare McDonnell
Eileen Baxter	Anne Elizabeth Meighan
Helena Esther Caskey	Marie O'Callaghan
Mary Corlis	Francis Page
Patricia Ethel Davis	Thomas Rae
Laurence Bede Dowling	Betty Smith
Noel Dowzer	Peter Thompson
Kevin Doyle	Norma Walters
Cyril Fernando	

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

2024-2025 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - TRUTH AND PEACE: A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD

In the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace.

Join us for an online Zoom discussion as we break open the document, hear responses from across our Diocese, and participate in small group discussions on how we can be peacemakers in our communities.

When: Wednesday 4 September

Where: Zoom

Time: 7pm

Register Here: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/truth-and-peace-exploring-the-social-justice-statement-tickets-991438247487

CROSSING CULTURE: HIDDEN HISTORIES

Facilitated by Aunty Louise Campbell and Craig Duncan from the Catholic Schools Office, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Wellbeing Unit, Crossing Cultures: Hidden Histories will take you on a 65,000-year journey from pre-contact to the present day.

It will deepen your knowledge and understanding of the cultural perspectives and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, broadly and in your local communities.

Bishop Michael Kennedy will join Chisholm Pastoral Region clergy and parishioners for this educational cultural awareness day.

When: Saturday 31 August

Where: The Therry Centre, Cnr New England Highway and King Street, East Maitland (Entry via King Street)

Time: 8.30am to 3.30pm

Cost: \$10 pp which will include morning tea and a light lunch.

Payment is to be made on the day

ENQUIRIES: Helen B - M: 0439 334 000

Register here: <https://cchh24.eventbrite.com.au/>

PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

September 15, promulgated as a 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance' in our diocese, marks a day of solemn remembrance of the harm caused by a history of child sexual abuse and failure to protect children. It has two aspects: one focused on supporting survivors and the other on the prayer of the whole church. This year Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday falls on September 15. As a people of faith, we can pray for a change of heart as

the ground of hope for a safer future for all. Special prayer resources are available online at www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/perpetual-day-of-remembrance Every person is invited to use and help disseminate as widely as possible the resource for Individuals and households. May Christ be our Light.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION FORMATION DAY

'Tilling the Soil of Christian Initiation' is a Formation Day for all parishioners, particularly those who are involved in the Ministry of Christian Initiation with Adults, Children of a Catechetical Age, and Children and their Families via the Sacraments of Initiation. Please gather with friends and colleagues from other parishes on Saturday 14 September, Toohey Room @ Cathedral House Hamilton, 9.30am to 3.30pm. This is an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the foundations of this important ministry, to share our wisdom and questions and to get to know other ministers. Morning tea and lunch provided. Details and registration via the QR Code.



For enquiries or registration assistance contact P 4979 1134.

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DECORATE YOUR SPACE: NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2024

Decorate Your Space invites our communities—including Catholic Schools, St Nicholas, CatholicCare Hunter-Manning, and Parishes—to decorate a space in a way that uniquely reflects their commitment to children's safety and wellbeing in line with the theme of National Child Protection Week 'Every conversation matters' for the chance to win some fantastic prizes.

'Decorate Your Space' is the evolution of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's highly successful 'Decorate Your Gate' initiative, which was held as part of National Child Protection Week in 2022 and 2023. Our communities can still decorate their gate if they choose, or they can decorate their fence, wall, door, desk, or floor – the only limit is your imagination!

Prizes: Parishes can enter for the chance to win \$500.

How to enter: Simply submit your entry in jpeg format (max 3 images) along with a 150-word description explaining what your entry means and how it is connected to this year's theme, 'Every conversation matters.'

Entries will be judged based on: Creativity, Involvement from children and communities, Visibility or presence at your site, Relevance to this year's theme.

Deadline: 5pm Friday 6 September 2024

Upload here: <http://mn.shor.tn/DYGenter>

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

MEDITATION GROUPS AT LIVING WATERS CENTRE

LIVING WATERS CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 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.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary will be held on the first Saturday of each month @ 1pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.



WEDNESDAY ROSARY

Pray the Rosary each Wednesday immediately after 8:15am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West.

EPIC (EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN CHRIST) YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Meet Thursdays @ 6pm in the Cathedral precinct. Anyone aged between 20 and 40 is cordially invited to join the group. Email Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au to find out more.

VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat meets September 4 for Lectio Divina. To participate, please email the parish office.

PRAYER GROUP

Junction Prayer/Discussion Group Monthly meetings occur on the last Thursday of each month at 9:30am in Parish meeting room.

TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 1st September Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Tighes Hill 5.00pm – 6pm *followed by a shared supper.*

You can read about it in the Aurora article "A spirit of joy, simplicity and reconciliation" available in the Diocesan website: <http://mnnews.today>



BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 1st September @ 6:15pm: Bookclub meets to discuss *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens* by Shankari Chandran. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

MASS TO BE CELEBRATED IN THE LATIN TRIDENTINE RITE

For many years, the diocese has provided opportunities for Catholics wishing to attend Mass and pray according to the liturgical books of 1962. Since COVID we have had some difficulty finding a priest qualified and available to celebrate this Mass. Since the diocese no longer has priests who are able to celebrate the 1962 liturgy in conformity with *Traditionis Custodes*, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has entered an agreement with the Fraternity of St Peter, District of Oceania (FSSP), to provide a priest to meet the sacramental needs of this Community.

Fr Richard Wallace, FSSP is being appointed as the Latin Mass Chaplain for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Mass will be every Sunday, starting 18 August 2024 at 9.30am at St John the Baptist Oratory, Cathedral St Maitland.

For more info on the Priestly Fraternity of St Peter (FSSP), please see www.fssp.org

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Sunday of the Month @ 3:00pm
September 1st
Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Christ the King, Mayfield West

SEASON OF CREATION

WONDER – WEAVING – HEALING

Join Catholic Earthcare and their Season of Creation Convocation for three special events in September.

Thurs 12 and Fri 13 September - online keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences

Sat 14 September at Diocesan Resource Centre - hear about and discuss regenerative projects within and beyond our diocese and consider how we can contribute. Morning tea and lunch supplied as part of registration.

Information/Registration at: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165

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

COMMUNITY KITCHEN OPENING HOURS

As we enter winter, more people in our community will need help. CatholicCare's Community Kitchens can be accessed by anyone who needs a warm meal or support. Five locations operate across the Hunter and Mid-North Coast. including:

- Hamilton South: Every Wednesday, 12pm to 1pm at 29 Fowler Street, Hamilton South
- Newcastle: Every Saturday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm (6.30pm to 7.30pm during Daylight Savings) at Civic Park, King Street, Newcastle
- Toronto: Every Thursday, 5pm to 6.30pm at 97 The Boulevarde, Toronto

AMEN CAMINO – SEASONS OF CREATION WEEKEND RETREAT

Join us for an aMeN caMiNo weekend experience during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. This caMiNo is suitable for both beginners and experienced walkers. It offers a one- or two-day experience on September 7th and 8th.

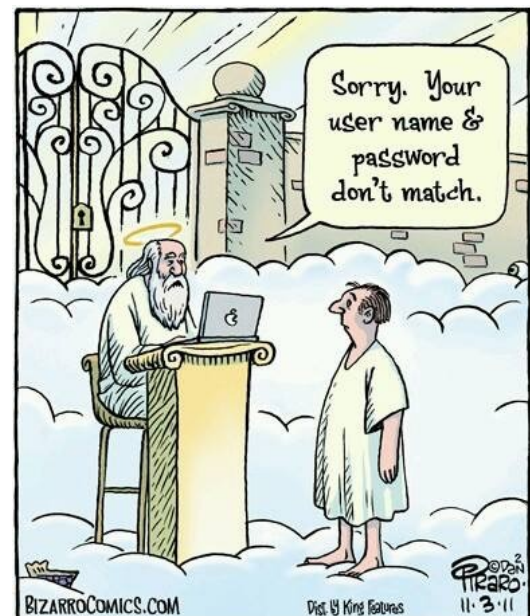
For more information visit our website: mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino

REFLECTION

This weekend Gospel and the First Reading present moments of decision. The Israelites in the book of Joshua must choose who to serve, and the disciples in the Gospel of John must decide whether to follow Jesus despite his difficult teachings. In both cases, the choice reflects a deeper commitment to God. Joshua reminds the people of God's saving acts, and Jesus offers the words of eternal life, even though, they are hard to accept. These two readings remind us of our personal decision to follow God with faith and trust, even when the path is difficult, or the teachings are hard to understand. Just as the Israelites renew their covenant with God in the book of Joshua, Peter and the other disciples reaffirm their commitment to Jesus in the Gospel of John, recognising that despite the challenges, Christ alone offers us life and salvation. Both readings invite us to reflect on our choices and commitment to God. They challenge us to reaffirm our faith. The questions before us today are: What is challenging your faith? What choice have you made or what decision have you taken about this challenge?

Have a blessed Sunday.

Deacon Solomon Okovido



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH VIA THE APP

Are you using the App? Not only can you get the daily readings on your phone, you can also support the parish with an easy way to donate.

You can download the app for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Just search for 'Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle' and click install on your mobile or tablet!

ART AND SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP

Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world, and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit. Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

Date: Friday 13 September (9am-3pm)

Venue: Kilaben Bay Community Centre

Cost: \$25 per person

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/art-and-spirituality-workshops-2024-tickets-808605269127>



SEASON OF CREATION – CREATION SINGS

Saturday 21 September 2024, 2-4pm, Sacred Heart Cathedral. All in the Newcastle, Hunter and Manning community are invited to gather to sing in praise and wonder of creation as a celebration of the Season of Creation. In the spirit of community choirs, we will learn a song, pray, and enjoy afternoon tea. Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/xKCr907ew6> Please bring a cutting of a favourite plant. We will exchange our cuttings during the prayer. Those who love taking photos of nature can join the Season of Creation Photography initiative and send your image/s to rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au by 16/09/24. The images will be displayed at Creation Sings.

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.

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Amended Opening Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm

Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month – beginning August 2024

30 August 2024 at 10.15am, Human Library – Preparing for Seasons of Creation. Our featured Human Book will be Sr Carmel Moore rsj, discussing Laudato Si & Seasons of Creation. What does this mean for Church & our World? Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/1GEzWxaDig>

5 & 12 September at 4 – 5.30pm, BBI Short Course – The Prophets. One of the largest sections of the Bible is made up of the prophetic books. The books of the prophets are centred on the lives and teachings of prophets and their disciples. You might have heard about the prophets' calls to social justice. However, there's more to their mission than this. What did the prophets say and why did they say it? And why did it end up in the Bible? Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/4iWbSERmwV>

6 September at 10.15am, Children's Storytime. Stories, songs, rhymes & craft for children from birth to 6 years. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/NcEXE5midc>

6 September at 1:00pm, Formation Friday – Seasons of Creation. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/U0q0qUp4JQ>

7 September at 11:00am, Formation Films – The Tree of Life.

This 2011 release film chronicles the origins and meaning of life by way of a middle-aged man's childhood memories of his family living in 1950s Texas, interspersed with imagery of the origins of the universe and the inception of life on Earth. Lunch, Tea & Coffee provided. Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/GbNTPA2DWt>

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



THE CHUCKLE

Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips.

Yet, you can tiptoe but not tipfinger.



We will serve the Lord God

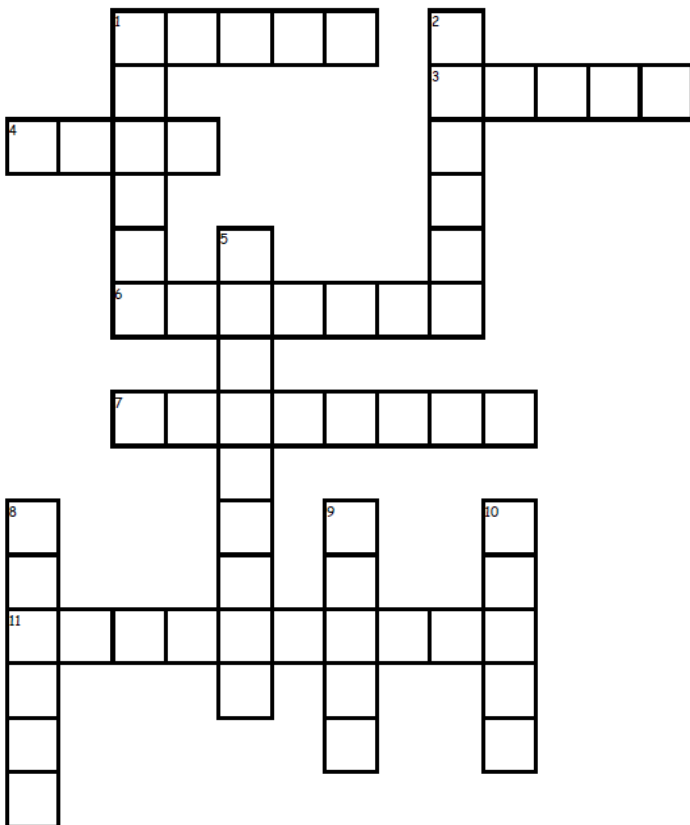
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Try to find these words:

- beginning
- bread
- children
- eternal
- Israel
- Joshua
- obey
- serve
- Simon Peter
- speak
- teach
- twelve

CROSSWORD

We will serve the Lord God



Across

- 1: the Lord asks parents to _____ their children about him
- 3: the disciples heard Jesus do this
- 4: to do as you are told
- 6: Simon Peter said to Jesus, 'Your words give _____ life!'
- 7: young people
- 11: this man told Jesus that he was God's Holy One (two words)

Down

- 1: Jesus asked the _____ disciples if they were going to leave him
- 2: Joshua brought together all the tribes of this place
- 5: the opposite of end
- 8: this man told the people to come into the presence of God
- 9: the disciples heard Jesus speak about the _____ of life
- 10: the people said, 'The Lord is our God, and we will _____ him too!'

REFLECTION

I have some sympathy for the response of the Jews to Jesus' hard teaching in today's Gospel! For a Jew to be asked to drink blood is as abhorrent as it gets. It is the same as demanding that an ultra Orthodox Jew eat pork!

In almost all the stories in the Gospel of John there are insiders and outsiders, those who understand the message and those who take Jesus too literally and are offended or confused. The flesh and blood given for the life of the world is at one and the same time the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus celebrated in the Eucharist. Jesus was not, literally, offering his arm for his followers to chew! He was referring to the gift he was soon going to give his followers: the example of utter fidelity to God's Kingdom even unto death, and the meal of that Kingdom, the Eucharist. We are the recipients of both gifts and the commission to live them out. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation is given to us for our mission in the world today and for our journey toward the World to come.

The other response in today's Gospel gives us great hope. In spite of being confused and deserted by his friends Peter hangs in there with Jesus. He holds on to faith when all the signs show that a hasty retreat may be a better course of action. We all know people who remain faithful in the most extraordinary of circumstances. Some of these we can understand – parents with sick children or spouses with ill partners. It's heroic, but understandable. But sometimes fidelity is heroic and inexplicable: when a spouse welcomes back his or her partner after an adulterous affair; when a foreign-born priest or religious will not abandon an oppressed community; when a person will fight a just cause and be persecuted all the way to the end. These are powerful signs of faithful love at work too. It's a fine line to know when fidelity is 'dying to self' not 'killing self'. We are called to the former and often seduced by the latter.

James Keenan in his excellent book, 'Virtues for ordinary Christians' says that fidelity is the bottom line of the Christian life. He argues that the Church has spent too much time preaching about 'infidelities' and too little time teaching about those things that strengthen fidelity. 'Each person', he says, 'has two major moral goals in life: to be just and to be faithful'. Being faithful to his Father, and to us, sums up what Jesus does for our salvation and is exactly what He calls forth from the disciples in today's Gospel. Perhaps because we too easily think it is something difficult, we presume that being faithful to our friends

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is hardly a moral issue. Yet once we see that friendship is the key to the moral life then we can come to see that living the moral life is about the ordinary interactions of our day.

James Keenan writes, 'To this end we may need to make more calls, write more letters, cook more dinners, take more strolls, linger a little longer with a friend. We may also need to disengage ourselves from the habit of counting or measuring what the other does or does not do or say'.

May this Eucharist enable us to respond to the invitation of the Holy One of God to place fidelity and friendship at the centre of our moral life and attend to the everyday activities that will see us live it out.

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