



# 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 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

### 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

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Fr Anil Kumar Kuchipudi  
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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



If Netflix produces a movie using the contents of our hearts, I wonder if it would be for public viewing or if it would be limited only to a mature audience?

When we take the Gospel's demand to live with authenticity, a good look at our history might reveal stories of heartaches and pains that we have caused. Yet, we gather as a Eucharistic community and consume Christ's real presence hoping that we would emerge with a transformed heart—that intentionally makes real Christ's true presence, which is loving and life-giving. Fr Anthony

#### Other Contacts

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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)

22nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year B

Monday 2nd September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 3rd September

*Memorial of St Gregory the Great*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton (Anointing Mass)

Wednesday 4th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday 5th September

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton \*\* Cancelled this week only

Friday 6th September

10:15am Mass @ St Joseph's (Anointing Mass)

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 7th September

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 8th September

23rd 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) \*\*

**NO Italian Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

11:30am Mass @ The Cathedral (Polish)

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:00pm Mass @ Mayfield West (Vietnamese) \*\*

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

\*\* The Vietnamese Mass is now celebrated fortnightly

## PRAYER REQUESTS



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robert Mennie, Terrence Bernard Ryan, Edward (Don) Bailey

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Dixon, Mary Bridges, Robert Knight, Clare Fuller, Ron Fleming and Ethel Mennie, John Fitzpatrick, Joanne Fitzgerald, Sr Moya Lantry RSM, Carlo Cristobal, John Fitzpatrick, Max Geatches, Wal Pleasant, Joseph Dunne, Patricia Nolan, Carmel Jennings, Paul White

**SICK:** Victor Guzman, Victor Manickum, 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 Kefecsek, Jolina Joyce Saranillo, Maureen Dwyer, Angela Cottier, Joshua Zalanardo, Rosa Silivinec, Harry Melville, Doreen Mason, Elaine Johnson, Mark Caesar, Peter Kefecsek, Carlo Rossi, Neil Thomas, Kathryn Gray, Emilie Tseronis

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Giulia Fiorentino and Martino Valerio.

*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).*

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

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

At Sacred Heart

Allan Atkins  
Eileen Boswell  
Francis Clarke  
Pietro Dalle Nogare  
John Duggan  
Mieczyslaw Kawka  
Joanie Lawrence  
Kenneth Lidbetter  
Brian Lowe  
Nelio Martinelli

Allan McKinnon  
Alphonsus McLachlan  
Ann Mary Mercieca  
Patricia Ryan  
Margaret Smith  
Patricia Tuxworth  
Kay Annette Varnum  
Brigitte Warren  
Gordon Wilson  
John Winstanley

At St Joseph's:

Mary Callen  
Stan Carroll  
Betty Edser  
William Flemming  
William Fletcher  
Albert Grant  
Frank Snr Hawkins  
Brian Macklin  
John McHugh  
Lorna & Jack Muldoon

Maurice Nelson  
Lola Orrett  
Audrey O'Sullivan  
Jack Palmer  
Helen Palmer  
Mary Gertrude Perrett  
Judyth Radecki  
Lola Robinson  
Edna Walsh  
Norma Wilson

## PARISH BULLETIN

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

## 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](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/truth-and-peace-exploring-the-social-justice-statement-tickets-991438247487)

### 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](http://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. [sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au)



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:

Vinnies in the Hunter region currently have a number of volunteer opportunities. Roles include:

Administration and Reception volunteers  
(Maitland and Newcastle)

Frontline Community Support (Emergency Relief)

Volunteers and Conference Members

Inbound Call Centre phone operators (Newcastle)

Hamper and pantry packing and sorting

Vinnies Van crew volunteers and drivers (drivers must be 25+)

Retail Volunteers

All skill levels, training and mentoring provided.

Flexible hours to suit you!

Call: 0490 255 100 or email:

[maitland.newcastle@vinnies.org.au](mailto:maitland.newcastle@vinnies.org.au)

### 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>

## **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](mailto:Elul.tecle@mn.catholic.org.au) to find out more.

## **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.

## **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

## **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.

## **VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO**

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

## **PRAYER GROUP**

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

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or

[www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

## COMMENT

As a concern was raised about last week's Thought of the Week from Dr Jenny Close, I would like to clarify that we Catholics believe the food image used in John's Gospel is more than just a 'metaphor'. We believe the Eucharist is His actual flesh and blood given to us as real food and drink, while retaining the appearances of bread and wine.



### FATHERS IN OUR LIVES

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

- Rev. Chuck Currie

### 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](mailto: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

**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/NcXE5midc>

**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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Is 35:4-7

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



## THE CHUCKLES

I got food poisoning today. I don't know when I'll use it.

The inventor of autocorrect has died. The funnel will be held tomato.

I was the pianist in a piano bar. A customer walks up to me and asks "Can you play Strawberry Fields Forever?"

I replied, "No, after a few hours my fingers get tired."

It's so hot that our garlic took its cloves off.



# Obey the commands of God

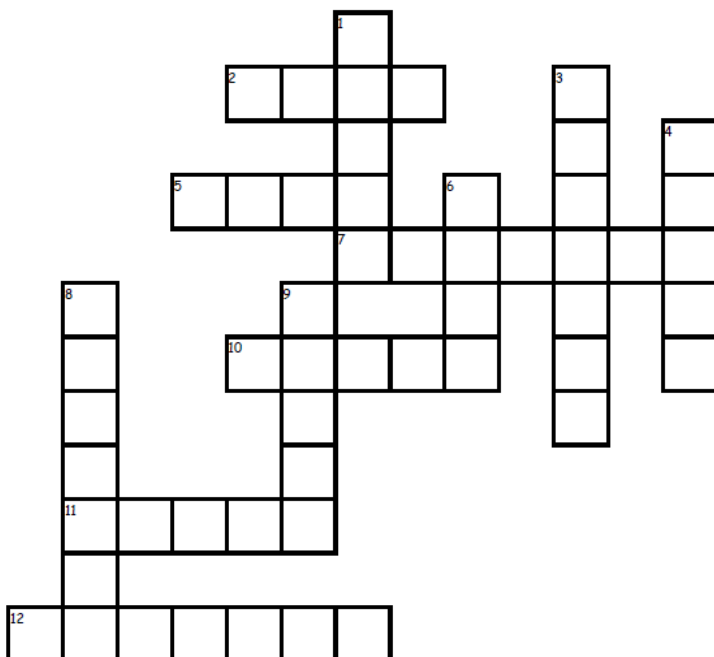
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Try to find these words:

- birth
- fair
- hands
- heart
- laws
- Moses
- obey
- special
- teacher
- washing
- words
- worship

## CROSSWORD

# Obey the commands of God



### Across

- 2: to do as you are told
- 5: the opposite of unfair
- 7: someone who teaches
- 10: Jesus said, 'The bad \_\_\_\_\_ that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean'
- 11: the Pharisees and all other Jewish people always washed these before eating
- 12: God wanted us to be his own \_\_\_\_\_ people

### Down

- 1: evil thoughts and foolishness come from your \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: the Pharisees wanted to know why the disciples ate without doing this to their hands first
- 4: God sent the true message to give us new \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: Moses said, 'listen carefully to the \_\_\_\_\_ and commands that I am teaching you'
- 8: Jesus told the crowd that it is not food that makes you unfit to \_\_\_\_\_ God
- 9: this man told the people of Israel about God's commandments

# GOSPEL FOCUS

## The things within

*We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person ‘unclean’ – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.*

### WEBSITE UPDATE

We are undertaking a major overhaul of our website. If you have thoughts and ideas of what should be included in the website, please email the office. Many thanks!  
newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

# SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

## Mark's Audience

*It is widely believed that the Gospel of Mark was written for a predominantly Greek-speaking, Gentile audience. Today's gospel passage is a perfect example of literary evidence that has been used to establish this position. The gospel writer clearly explains the Jewish practice of washing to the elbows before eating and ritual cleansing upon return from the marketplace where they would have encountered Gentiles. Obviously, a Jewish audience would not need this explanation. This practice of looking for information about the author and their audience within the text itself is a form of Literary Criticism.*

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#### San Clemente High School

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#### St Dominic's Catholic College

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### HUNTER MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

The pilgrimage travels to four Churches over 6.5kms. The starting point is at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St Newcastle West at 11.00am on 14th September. Pilgrims will walk to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Islington), St Mary's Star of the Sea (Newcastle) St Joseph's (Merewether) returning to the Sacred Heart Cathedral at approximately 1.00pm. Register before 7 September at:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/q5fKj1HdgW>