



Sacred Heart of Jesus Cathedral

DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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 19TH DECEMBER 2021 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

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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)

Fourth Week of Advent, Year C

Monday—20th December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday—21st December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Wednesday—22nd December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

9:15am Tighes Hill

Thursday—23rd December

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8:30am Mass @ Stockton—*CANCELLED

Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve)

5pm Sacred Heart Cathedral

5pm Mayfield West

5pm The Junction

5.30pm St Mary's

6.30pm Stockton

7pm Sacred Heart Cathedral

7pm The Junction (Broadmeadow Community)

10pm Sacred Heart Cathedral POLISH

Saturday 25 December (Christmas Day)

****No Novena 25/12 or 1/1/22**

Midnight Sacred Heart Cathedral

7.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral

7.30am St Mary's

8am Tighes Hill

9am The Junction

9am Stockton

9.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral

11am The Junction ITALIAN

11.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral POLISH

6pm Mayfield West VIETNAMESE

Sunday 26 December (Boxing Day)

7.30am St Mary's

8am Tighes Hill

9am The Junction

9am Stockton

9am Mayfield West

9.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral

11am The Junction ITALIAN

11.30am Sacred Heart Cathedral POLISH

5pm Sacred Heart Cathedral

6pm Mayfield West

Office Closure

Please be aware the Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and New Year from noon on **Friday 24th December till Tuesday 4th January**.

Phone calls and emails during this time will be answered ASAP upon our return in 2022.

Notices and Prayer Requests for the Sunday Bulletin for Sunday 26th December and Sunday 2nd January (both only available online) need to be to the Parish office no later than close of business **on WEDNESDAY 22nd December**.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

Will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm in Christ the King Church, Mayfield West. All welcome.

BOOK CLUB

Sunday, 6th February @ 6pm to discuss

Wild Abandon by Emily Bitto. If you would

like to participate in book club meetings,

please email

newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au

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CHILDREN'S MISSION PARTNERS

Funds raised from July to Dec 2021 is \$810, making the total to date \$37500.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

After a challenging year, Caritas Australia is calling on Australians to renew their faith and commitment to helping those less fortunate by giving a gift that makes a real difference for those in need this Christmas.

Caritas Australia is offering a range of print and digital Global Gift cards that you can give to your family and friends. When you buy a Global Gift, your loved one receives a special card and you help raise much-needed funds for programs that provide essentials like food, water and education to people living in poverty.

To learn more or to purchase a Global Gift, visit: www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Vinnies (Newcastle Conference) Christmas Appeal continues this week. Envelopes are available through the various Parish Churches.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are now available at the Cathedral.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C
1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Luke 2:41-52

Weekday and Sunday readings
can be found at www.usccb.org

PASTORAL LETTER FROM FR ANDREW

Fr Andrew's letter concerning the future of our Parishes is now available on the website:

<https://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/2021/12/09/pastoral-letter-future-challenges-and-directions/>
It is essential reading.

DIOCESAN ADVENT REFLECTION: WAITING WITH PURPOSE

In response to a request from the Synod Working Party, Pastoral Ministries has prepared an Advent resource for our diocese. It's called, **Waiting with Purpose**. In doing this we took note of the voice of the faithful heard in the Synod process expressing a longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing.

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource, **Waiting with Purpose** has been created for our diocese. **Waiting with Purpose** responds to the voices heard during Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing. **Waiting with Purpose** invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical reflection meets us where we are. No preparation is needed. It's about being open to encountering Christ so we can live from Christ.

Waiting with Purpose and accompanying resources are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/>

Prayer Requests

RECENTLY DECEASED: Judith deCarvalho, Margaret Tuxworth, Michael Torpey

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Harry Hughes, Sr Clare Tobin rsj, Sr Mary Andrea Myers rsj, Eileen Olsen, Jack Bleakley, Kelvin O'Neill, James (Jim) Bridges, Marion Bridges, George & Mary Bridges, Maxie & George Bridges



SICK: Maree Halbert, Betty Stott, Carlo Rossi, Jon Hartley, Kath Murray, Veronica McCann, Wayne Bishop, Peter Skinner, Carmel Blair, Peter Keddie, Tomislav Kefecsek

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.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A child's catholic faith journey began with the Sacrament of Baptism and continues by the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The preparations for these sacraments in the Inner Newcastle Parish run between February and June of every year and is designed for children going into Year, 4, 5 or 6 in 2022. Preparations are done as a family with online activities and volunteer work within the community.

Enrolments are now open for the 2022 program. If you are interested in being apart of the program next year please visit the parish website and complete the online enrolment form.

<https://www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/sacramental-enrolment-form/>

For more information please contact the office on 49791101 or newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au



THE CHUCKLE



What did the third wise man say after his friends had already presented gold and frankincense? "But wait, there's myrrh!"

THE FULL BULLETIN

The entire 8-page bulletin is available on the Parish website (use this QR code). If you would like a paper copy of the full bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.



VIEW, CHEW, CHAT, AND LECTIO

View, Chew, and Chat continues to meet via Zoom. Each Wednesday in December we will participate in the Diocesan's Advent program.

To participate, please email the Parish Office.

TODAY'S LITURGY

ENTRANCE HYMN

O COME O COME EMMANUEL tr. Thomas Helmore

O come now Wisdom from on high
who orders all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall Come to Us O Israel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL L.M. Mode I, adapt by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1866

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 5: 1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: SAVE US, O LORD B Dufford

***Save us O Lord, carry us back.
Rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people;
Show us Your face. Bring us back***

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

I am coming to do your will

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the Mother of my Lord?

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: MARY'S SONG

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
My spirit sings God's praise.
Who looks on me, and lifts me up,
That gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,
For gifts God has outpoured.
This lowly one has been made great,
I magnify the Lord.

For those who fear the Holy One,
God's mercy will not die.
Whose strong right arm

puts down the proud,
And lifts the lowly high.

God fills the hungry with good things,
and sends the rich away.
The promise made to Abraham
is filled to endless day.

Then let all nations praise our God,
The Father and the Son,
The Spirit blest, who lives in us,
while endless ages run.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION HYMN: MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

***For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
truly my hope is in you.***

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shines in all who look to you,
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow

O spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O root of Life, implant your seed within us,
And in your advent, draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.

Come, let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord
for we are all the people of his hand.

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens
Creator of the mountains and the seas
Lord of the stars, and present to us now

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RECESSIONAL HYMN: HANDMAID OF HEAVEN

The Lord sent an angel to lowly Galilee
To tell virgin Mary of wonders that would be:

***Ave! Ave! Ave Maria!
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Dear handmaid of heaven, the Lord is with you,
Most blessed of women with heart ever true.

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