



**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.

**Mayfield Parish:** Christ the King, Mayfield West. **Stockton Parish:** St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton.

## **SUNDAY 1ST JUNE 2025**

### **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C**

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#### **Promoters of Safeguarding**

Positions currently being filled



#### **BISHOP'S FLOOD APPEAL**

The launch of the **Bishop's Flood Appeal - Manning Community** is providing critical support to local communities.

Your gift will go directly to local Catholic Parishes to distribute on-the-ground, practical support to those in need.

Please give generously. Donations will be matched by the Catholic Community Fund.

<https://tinyurl.com/mnbishopsappeal>



Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin need to 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)

7th week of Easter

Monday 2 June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 3 June

*St Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

Wednesday 4 June

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am Mass @ Mayfield West

Thursday 5 June

*St Boniface, bishop, martyr*

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9:00am (No Mass @ Stockton)

2:00pm Mass at Irwin Hall, Mayfield

5:00pm Vespers (Evening Prayer) @ The Cathedral

Friday 6 June

10:15am Mass @ The Junction

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

12:05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 7 June

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

*Pentecost*

Saturday 7 June

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ The Junction

5:30pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 8 June

7:30am Mass @ St Mary's

8:00am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9:00am Mass @ Stockton

9:30am Mass @ The Cathedral \*

11:00am Italian Mass @ The Junction

5:00pm Mass @ The Cathedral

5:30pm Vietnamese Mass @ Mayfield West  
(No Mass 8 June. Mass on 15 June)

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



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:1-11

Rom 8:8-17

Jn 14:15-16,23-26

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** John Sheely, Bernard Crane



**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris Dowling, Vera Karanges, Maria Giustina Odoh, Alois Schmitz, Clare Innes, Ralph Sweeney, Perce Jennings, John Geatches, Eileen McCosker, Tom O'Donnell, Frank Gallagher

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Wilma Smart, Bill Murphy, Braxton Rayner, Patricia Gillett, Carlo Rossi, Tui Innes, Sr Ann Daley rsj, Patrick Theodore, Jean Luc, Angela Cottier, Raymond Morley, Louise Hall, Phil Riordan, Twon Nguyen, Margaret Cox, Eileen Jennings, Gwen Haggerty

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL



Vinnies' winter appeal is underway. Envelopes are available at all churches from this weekend. Thanks for your generous support.

## OUR BELOVED DEAD

We remember those in our Columbaria whose anniversaries occur in June.

### At Sacred Heart Cathedral:

Nicholas Bogdanovs	Moira O'Brien
Orlando Capotosto	Herbert Presland
David Collins	Michael (Mick) Rabbitt
Joy Doran	Colleen Ray
Clifford Ellicott	Keith Rooney
Barry (Appo) Garside	Clyde Rowley
Leo Ireland	John Ruggero
Susan McCarthy	John Shearer
Eileen McCosker	Lynde Stamp
Helen McLachlan	Stanley Wenman
Basil O'Brien	Noela Yazbeck

### At St Joseph's:

Malcolm 'Mack' Doyle	Vaudrey Bruyn
Lynette Punshon	Paul Byron
John Desmond Cavenagh	Robert Craig
Yvette Davis	Christine Dowling
Ethna Harvey	Elaine Groombridge
Ena Hawkins	Ronald John James
Helen Margaret Humphry	John Augustus Larkin
Kenneth George Lane	Mark Joseph Lewis
Eileen Moore	Greg Radecki
Dolly O'Malley	Eric & Coralie Parkinson
Richard Joseph Wakely	

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

## FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear Parish Family,

Almost every child who enrolled in our Confirmation process has been Confirmed. We celebrated three lovely liturgies with our Bishop. The feedback I have received shows that they were truly joy filled moments in the lives not only of those being confirmed but also their families. So much goodwill too amongst families who completed to this step what they promised when their precious child was baptised. Part of fulfilling that promise was of course educating, guiding and modelling faith. I get very excited when families as part of that promise enrol their children in our Catholic schools.



I often remind parents of their promise as well as reminding them that it does take a village to raise a child; they need us as we need them. In the first instance they choose godparents, adults selected from amongst their family and friends, who share the values of their home, have the skills, character, emotional qualities, and right sense that they want for their child. The godparent helps in what we believe makes a life happy and successful. It is not all about the career they will have, rather about the footprints they leave and the way that they leave this world better for their presence. Godparenting is important.

The 'village' is equally important. I believe we all must decide which village we want these young people supported in, which village we would want our own children and grandchildren to be raised as part of. I can list the hundreds of villages that these children will be asked to be part of, and they may or may not include faith. It is not necessarily an 'either or' situation. We don't ask them if they choose our village not to be part of the world: we want them to take our 'vision for' and our 'mission in' out to the world. The other villages (soccer club, netball, art classes etc.) they might choose won't encourage them to our village, especially on a Sunday. Those clubs are full of good people, us in fact – we need to be more overt in our decision making and invitations.

You'll hear me say this a lot over the years I will be your Parish Priest: we get so few opportunities sometimes to engage, support and invite our young people to the table, we must take as many of them as we are able. Come to Confirmation, rejoice at their First Eucharists, and if you can stick around for their baptisms joining in the antiphon 'in Him you have been baptised alleluia, alleluia!' I just believe that in the long run it will bear fruit, fruit that will last.

If you are still reading, I wish to announce too that we

are going to have a **Parish Assembly beginning on November 1 2025**, the details of which are still being worked out, but **planning has begun**. The **where** is still on the table, and whether we have one day or work our way through Advent is still to be discussed. Hopefully there is so much to be decided it might take a day or two. However now is the time for you to **firstly** plan to attend, **secondly** to pray about your hopes and inspirations are for our parishes and **thirdly** think about the topics you would like then discussed. Part of an Assembly is a time for looking back, reflecting on the present and planning for tomorrow. *Start praying and thinking now.*

In Christ, *Greg*, Parish Priest.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The parish occasionally receives requests for support in helping people on an infrequent or more regular basis to go from one place to another. I am looking for someone who in July may be able to assist a family for a week with some transport. A car seat will be provided and some remuneration for petrol provided. You have to hold a current driver's licence with no kilometre or light restrictions. Are you able to help? Please contact Fr Greg on 0417321209.

## NOTICE TO PLANNED GIVERS

Parishioners who require a tax receipt for Planned Giving for the 2024/2025 financial year must notify the Parish Office **by Monday, 30 June 2025**. Please submit requests in writing by one of the following methods:



- **Email to [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au):** Use the wording, *"Please provide me with a Planned Giving tax receipt"* and include your name and envelope number. **OR:**
- **Planned Giving Envelope:** Write on your weekly envelope, *"Tax receipt required"*.

Tax receipt data will be processed immediately following 30 June 2025. If you make a request after that date, you will not be eligible for a receipt nor a tax deduction in relation to your Planned Giving contributions. This is because there is a designated sum that can be attributed to Planned Giving receipts and, once this distribution has occurred, no further allocations are possible.

The 'designated sum' provision also means that the claimable amount for each giver decreases when more people request a receipt. We therefore ask that if you do not intend to claim a tax deduction, please do not request a receipt.

## VIEW, CHEW, AND CHAT

On June 4 we begin a new series on the Gospel of Matthew. All welcome! To participate, please email the parish office.

## BOOK CLUB



**Book Club** meets Sunday 1 June to discuss *The Benevolent Society of Ill Mannered Ladies* by Alison Goodman. If you would like to participate in book club meetings, please email: [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au)

## EPIC THANK YOU!



EPIC thanks all who attended the "Slice of Heaven" gathering for young adults last Sunday night. Keep an eye out for upcoming events.

## ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER/ DISCUSSION GROUP



Recommended Thursday 29 May, and will continue on the last Thursday of each month, in the parish centre at The Junction. All welcome. Please contact Janet on 0435 518 671.

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING



The Pastoral Care Team meets this coming Thursday 5 June at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre at The Junction.

## LIVING WATERS MEDITATION CENTRE

A Christian Meditation Centre at 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction, which offers meditation sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30am and Fridays at 11.00am. After meditation on Fridays, Lectio Divina, a personal interaction with Sacred Scripture, is offered. For more information: Carmel Moore rsj 0412122297.



## DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

1st Sunday of the Month @ 3:00pm - 1st June: Chaplet of Divine Mercy at Christ the King, Mayfield West.

## WEDNESDAY ROSARY

Pray the Rosary each Wednesday after 8:15am Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

## MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The Men's Rosary is held the first Saturday of every month following Mass and Novena at Sacred Heart Cathedral. For more information contact Jason on 0499 854 928.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AT TIGHES HILL

This is non-denominational - everyone welcome.

WHEN: Monday afternoon 3.30 for 3.45 start.

WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 16 Tighes Tce, Tighes Hill.

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



## TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 1 June at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Tighes Hill 5pm – 6pm *followed by a shared supper.*



## PLANT HOPE WITH RED CEDAR TREES

To recognise 10 years of *Laudato Si*, we're giving you the opportunity to help heal the planet and give hope to others by planting one or more red cedar trees across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. With thanks to the Tighes Hill Community Garden, St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Catholic Parish and the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar you can reserve, receive and plant your tree now - *Laudato Si* – Plant Hope with Red Cedar Trees - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



## ST MARY'S, STAR OF THE SEA, THE HILL



The owner of 54A Perkins St, The Hill (the neighbouring property on the southern side of the church) has sought permission from the parish to assemble scaffolding for the purpose of replacing his roof. The work will impact the garden bed on the shared boundary between the church and the neighbouring property, but will only be done on weekdays and will not affect scheduled church services. Weather permitting, the scaffolding will be assembled over three days (Wednesday, 4 June to Friday, 6 June) and is likely to remain in place for a period of four weeks. The neighbour has provided assurances that he will install temporary fencing to maintain security from public access and that all impacted areas will be returned to 'pre-scaffold condition' after disassembly. We trust this will not cause any inconvenience, but please contact the parish office if you have any questions or concerns.



## JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



**St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish** has two churches among the local pilgrimage sites: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West, and St Mary's, Newcastle.

### Pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Cathedral

While the Cathedral is open to all every day of the year, we have added a special opportunity for prayer during the Jubilee Year. Join us for Vespers at 5pm on the first Thursday of each month, concluding in November: Remaining dates are June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6.

Vespers (also called Evening Prayer) is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office.

### FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY



Items of dry goods or tin food can be placed in the blue bins located at our churches. 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. We request that you do not donate peanut butter. Any of the following non-perishable items are welcome: UHT milk, cereal, spreads, tinned goods, pasta, rice, pasta sauces, tea, coffee, biscuits, custard, jelly, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant. Thank you. Questions to Sr Carol Woodland rsj (mob) 0423 700 523 or 4967 2998.

### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT 2025



Calling all young adults in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle **to the Young Adults Retreat 2025!**

A dynamic annual event designed for young people by young people, join us for a weekend to meet young people from all around the diocese, and experience Catholic community, worship, inputs by expert speakers, the Sacraments, and an opportunity to encounter Christ's personal love!

**WHO:** 18-35; children of participants also welcome

**WHEN:** 27-29 June 2025; 6pm dinner on Fri 27 June - 12:30pm on Sun 29 June

**WHERE:** Catalina Lakefront Retreat, Rathmines NSW

**COST:** \$170 per person, including food & accommodation; food options available. Sponsorship available for financial hardship.

Register at [YAR25.eventbrite.com.au](https://YAR25.eventbrite.com.au) or the Diocesan website's 'Events' page, or email:

[mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au) with any queries.

## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### - JOIN THE TEAM!

The Teachers of Special Religious Education in our Diocese undertake a vital evangelising role, educating children and young people and forming them in the Catholic faith.

Fortunately, there are amazing, generous people who play an important role in contributing to the formation of children.

Unfortunately, there are not enough teachers to meet the demands of all the classes needed. Many children are missing out.

The Mission & Evangelisation Team are offering free training and encouragement sessions for anyone who might be interested in learning about SRE. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions feel free to contact:

Nicki Graham: ph 0417 773 444 or  
[nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:nicola.graham@mn.catholic.org.au)



### JOIN THE AMEN CAMINO IN 2025!

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Mission & Evangelisation are offering two unique local aMeN caMiNo pilgrimage experiences. One over 2 days and the other over 5 days.

To learn more, attend our physical Walk & Talk Information Session on Saturday, 14 June. To register: <https://forms.office.com/r/XFXfcBJ927>

Find out more via our website: aMeN caMiNo - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

### FAITH TALKS

Do you want to grow deeper in your knowledge of the Catholic Faith? MacKillop Parish presents Faith Talks by Dr Robert Haddad who is a renowned Catholic apologist, author and international speaker. Dr Haddad is coming to Newcastle from Sydney to present a series of three especially chosen faith talks for this Jubilee year. You are most welcome to come to this free event.

**Friday, June 13-** 7:00PM- 8:30PM (Doors open at 6:30pm)

**Talk 1:** The Jubilee of Hope 2025- How can we benefit?

**Saturday, June 14**

**Talk 2:** How the early Church was Catholic

**Time:** 11:00am-12.30pm (Doors open at 10:30am)

**Talk 3:** We have seen His Glory- How God is always among us

**Time:** 2:00pm-3.30pm

**Venue:** Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub  
7 Milson Street Charlestown.

For further information or for help registering please contact Yvone Rego- 0450 323 206

## DIOCESAN EVENTS PAGE

Check out the Diocesan events page - <https://tinyurl.com/cdmnevents> - it's worth bookmarking.



## DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

**Opening Hours:** Mondays and Fridays, 10am to 5pm. Open 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm. cnr Tudor and Parry Sts, Newcastle West.

All resources are available to borrow; and are searchable on the library catalogue, which can be accessed through this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DOMNLibrary>

OR use the QR code to the right.



**Storytime:** 10am Fri 6 June 2025. Suitable for 3-5 year olds. Bookings call Mary on 0409 033 449.

**Formation Friday - What does it mean to have an Augustinian Pope?:** 1pm Fri 6 June 2025. Join in person or via Zoom. Bookings:

<https://tinyurl.com/FormFriday>



## CURSILLO

Cursillo is a short-course Catholic experience held over three days. The three-day live-in experience focuses on a series of talks, each followed by discussion, and operates in three stages: Precursillo, Cursillo Weekend and Post Cursillo.

The aim of the Cursillo weekend is to provide an opportunity for men and women to reflect on what is fundamental to Christian living. It represents an opportunity to grow, in an atmosphere of friendship and joy.

Cursillo is active in the Maitland-Newcastle diocese. Cursillo Weekends are usually held once a year.

Monthly gatherings for all Cursillistas are held on the last Friday of the month at 7.30 pm, typically in a meeting room near the Sacred Heart Cathedral at Hamilton. At times these gatherings are held in other parts of the diocese namely Forster, Raymond Terrace, East Maitland and Old Bar.

For further information regarding the weekend and monthly gatherings please contact Meryl McCosker on 0498 250 000 / 4943 2861

or E [Rick.McCosker@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:Rick.McCosker@mn.catholic.org.au)

Website: <http://cursillo.asn.au/about-us/>



## BEQUESTS

To help our Catholic Pastoral Region continue its mission of proclaiming the Good News, you might consider including us in your Will. You just need to specify which parish(es) you would like to help.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM



*Couples for Christ Australia*, cordially invites you to a series of inspiring talks about living in the Christian faith!

The programme is running for seven Sundays, having started 18 May 2025 and finishing 29 June 2025, 11:30am – 2:30pm in the Toohey and Murray rooms near the Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West.

This is for everyone seeking happiness and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. With free brunch and childminding right after the morning Mass. Come with your family and friends. All are welcome!

For more information, contact:

Lina and Joe Josue 0408 611 490

Cory and Barry Taylor 02 4966 4031

Jo/Ted Celestino 0420 462 953

Phoebe/Chester Salcedo 0410 128 406

## PROMOTING SAFEGUARDING

The Promoters of Safeguarding continue to endorse a culture of protection within our Parish. In view of our current diocesan flooding, we mention **supporting young people during the recovery phase following a natural disaster**. They may be suffering from losses which are:



- Direct - loss of possessions, loss of sense of safety, death of loved ones or pets/animals.
- Indirect - through stories of family and friends affected, and children's increased likelihood viewing of graphic content – particularly via social media.

The following tips are helpful in the initial days and weeks following a natural disaster:

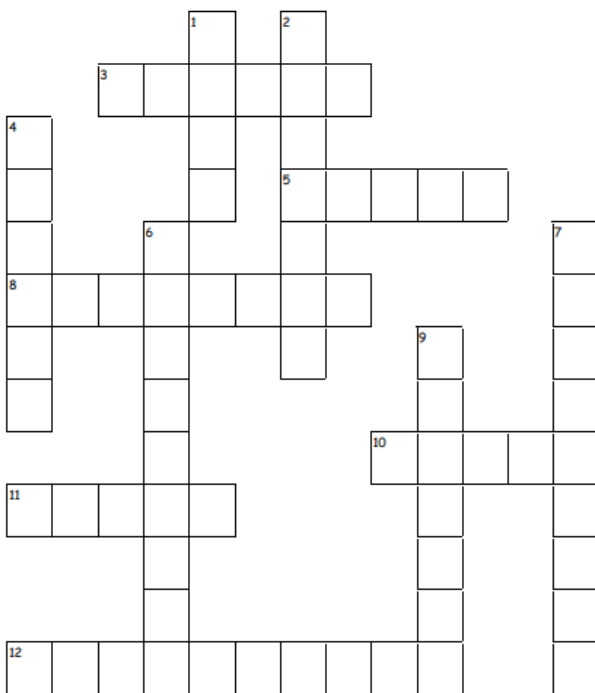
- Discuss the importance for young peoples' need to focus on physical and emotional safety
- Support young people to engage in activities that promote a sense of calmness
- Supporting young people to return to some routine and to get back to doing what they used to do as much as possible (e.g. school, games, sports, hobbies)
- Support connection with others, especially those that help young people feel OK
- Include young people in the repair and recovery of their community and support them to identify ways that they can safely connect with themselves, peers, and families in ways that are meaningful and purposeful to them
- Limit exposure to traumatic information through stories and media (social and traditional).



## CROSSWORD

### Jesus was taken up to heaven

Lk 24:50-53



#### Across

- 3: lifted up
- 5: Jesus had scars on his feet and \_\_\_\_\_
- 8: speaking highly of another
- 10: our Saviour
- 11: glad
- 12: praised God

#### Down

- 1: a clock tells the \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: before ascending into heaven, Jesus led his disciples to this town
- 4: the place where the disciples went to pray
- 6: followers of Christ
- 7: the disciples returned to this city
- 9: to have been given a blessing

## SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing 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, or email [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)



## REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD

A teacher told me recently that when she asked her grade fours to draw a picture of the Ascension, not unsurprisingly most of them did a fairly conventional portrait of Jesus rising up on a cloud. One of her students, David, who is a particularly gifted artist, had Jesus blasting off into the sky. Down the side of Jesus' pure white garment was the word NASA and David provided all the sound effects for how he imagined the scene of the first Ascension. He concluded, without a hint of irony, that, 'the Ascension must have been a real blast!'

None of us can blame David for marrying our modern culture with an ancient story. In fact if some of us are honest, David's 'space shuttle Jesus' is not far from what we think as well.

The Ascension stories, however, are not primarily interested in how or when Jesus got back to heaven. John and Paul never mention it at all. Mark and Matthew have it happening on the same day as the Resurrection and Luke has it occurring 40 days after Easter on the same day as Pentecost. The one thing, on which all the New Testament writers agree, is where in heaven Jesus went and where he is presently – at God's right hand.

Even to this day, being on someone's right is a place of honour. In the Old Testament being on the right hand of David, Samuel or Elijah was to be the anointed and favoured one, the true son or daughter. In telling us, then, that Jesus is now at God's right hand, the Gospels use a formal phrase to announce that God affirms everything Jesus said and did on earth and that he is the way for us to follow.

That can be all well and good, but Jesus goes one step further and that's why this feast is so important. Jesus taught us that where he is, so shall we be, that he was going to prepare a place for us and that, in and through him, we will have life and have it to the full.

The feast of the Ascension is the day, each year, where we remember and we celebrate that, just as Jesus was welcomed to God's right hand, so, too, shall we be welcomed to the right hand of Jesus. This is his promise, this is our faith and this is the hope we are called to proclaim to the world. And let's be clear about the invitation. There is nothing we have ever done, are doing, or will do, that will get our name removed from the invitation list to the feast of Christ's kingdom. The challenge is accepting that we have a standing invitation and living lives worthy of the love that places our name on the list. The feast of the Ascension announces that Jesus will faithfully accompany us no matter how far we lose our way and that by our fidelity to Christ we accept or reject the standing offer.

And because the Ascension is an Easter feast it develops even further that there is nowhere, bar evil, where God does not dwell. Because of the Resurrection and Ascension we can find God everywhere we want to: in our homes, our work, our suffering, our old age, our emotional, sexual or financial turmoil – and even in our death.

## OUR CATHOLIC 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

Penny Banister (*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

Dennis Nolan (*Acting Principal*)

Dunbar St, Stockton NSW 2295

P:(02) 4928 1861

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

### St Francis Xavier's College

Greg Ptolemy (*Principal*)

Parkway Avenue, Hamilton NSW 2303

P:(02) 4961 2863

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

### San Clemente High School

Emma South (*Principal*)

78 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4014 7300

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

### St Dominic's Catholic College

Rachel Jones (*Principal*)

76 Havelock St, Mayfield NSW 2304

P:(02) 4968 1295

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

## PARISH CENSUS & PLANNED GIVING FORMS

You can use the link or QR code to complete and submit the form online.

<https://tinyurl.com/newcparishcensus>



## DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Fr Greg would like to communicate news, views and events with parishioners. Simply send an email to [newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:newcparish@mn.catholic.org.au), including the church you usually attend, indicating your permission for us to record your email address.

