

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Carol Robinson

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: Jo Turner, Robyn Williams, Helen Sligar, Terry Clancy, Leslie Henry, Andrew Regan, Eileen Brooks, Vince Abdilla, Paul Tobin, Dallas Green, Alan Watson, Margaret Ryan, Alison Kris, Mark Saesar, Stuart Shepherd, John Kenny, Jeanette Gatens, John Osborne, Yvonne Selby, Andrew Garvie, Ariane Hampton, Bernadette Gill, Patricia Neilson, Peter O'Neil, Catherine Wilson, Eoin O'Connor, Jana Javorska, Paul Fitzpatrick, Brian Coogans, Pat Casey, Ann Moore, Rianna MacKaway, Joan Bain, Eva Newton, Billy Eckersley, Andrew Carr, Lewis Carr, Leah Scott, Darren Heaton, Glenda Noble, Keely Heaton, Marie Ryan, Nancy Tooney, Leila Grew and Julie Doran.

Please contact the office once a person is well again.

Sunday 17 August 2025 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading (Jeremiah 38: 4-6. 8-10)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 39: 2-4. 18. R. v.14)

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading (Hebrews 12: 1-4)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation (John 10: 27)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 12: 49-53)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



Universal Prayer
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Sunday, 17 August 2025

Presider: Dear friends, with faith in our hearts let us bring our intentions before the Lord.

Reader: That in times of tension and struggle, the Holy Church will lead with bold courage.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That leaders of government will act with integrity and sincerity.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That missionaries will be blessed as they speak the challenging message of Jesus.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community may live true to our Baptismal promises and faith in the mystery of Christ.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and housebound will be aided in their struggles, especially those in our parish bulletin.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will dwell in God's eternal peace, especially Carol Robinson whose anniversary occurs during this time.

(pause) In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: Loving Father, you test us in faith through your Word. Hear our prayers today, and help us through our struggles and challenges to always live true to your saving Word. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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Readers Roster
23 August - 24 August 2025

Sat 5:30pm	Therese Toshack Paula Graham Jane Bennett
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Sun 9:00am	FAMILY MASS
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Sun 6:00pm	Steve Barnett Lois Wilson Melissa Wood
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BAPTISMS

This weekend we will witness the baptism of

Mabel Rose Barnett

May the gift of baptism she receive strengthen her for the journey of life and faith she will share with us.

Please remember the Barnett family in your prayers.

HOLY ADORATION

**Eucharistic Adoration will occur
on all Thursdays commencing from
Thursday, 7 August 2025.**

WHEN: All Thursdays, 6:30PM

WHERE: St Michael the Archangel, Booragul

New time and new location!

**Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. Mt 11:28**



Symbolon is Returning (Sept 10 - Nov 19)

We had a very successful pilot run of Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained in February to April this year thanks to God's graces, all the volunteers who gave their time to serving and the guests who came. We will be running Symbolon again for 11 weeks from Sept 10 to Nov 19. We would love to have you join us for this faith formation series where you will rediscover the treasures of the Catholic Faith that have existed for more than 2000 years. There's always loads to learn and we should **"Always be ready to make [our] defense to anyone who demands from [us] an accounting for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Peter 3:15).**

Start Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2025.

Time: 6:30pm.

Location: Function Room, St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown.

Cost: FREE.

Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you can help in volunteering in any way with set up, catering, hospitality, registration etc, please contact Curtis Mahoney on 0477 106 108.



NAME BADGE

Anyone who would like to purchase a name badge are kindly requested to write their names on the sheet provided at the entrance of the churches by **Sunday, 31 August.**

WANTED: ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Administration Assistant part time role within the organisation of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar, 3 days per week – Monday to Wednesday, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Weekly hours are 19.5 hours.

Workplace is located at the Congregational Centre, 85 Albert St, Warners Bay. Wage is based on the Modern Award – Clerks – Private Sector Level 3.

The role involves extensive use of MYOB software for both invoicing and payroll.

For further details contact
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Nominations for Pastoral Council **Boolaroo-Booragul-Morisset-Toronto**

Nominations are now invited for membership on the Pastoral Council.

Role of the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is not responsible for ordinary Parish administration and is not to involve itself in the ordinary day-to-day running of the Parishes. With the Parish Priest, the Pastoral Council will be responsible for studying and assessing those matters which concern the pastoral works of the Parishes and proposing a Parish Pastoral Plan to direct and facilitate those works.

Membership

The Pastoral Council is truly representative of the whole group of parishes, particularly in terms of localities, age, and gender.

The Pastoral Council should collectively have all the skills and talents necessary for the Pastoral Council to fulfil its purpose as expressed above.

Eligibility for membership of the Pastoral Council, a person shall be

- A member of Christ's faithful in full communion with the Catholic Church (cf. c. 512 §1), and
- "Outstanding in firm faith, high moral standards and prudence" (cf. 512 §3), and
- Either has a domicile in the parishes of Our Lady Help of Christians Boolaroo; St Michael the Archangel, Booragul; St John Vianney, Morisset; or St Joseph's Toronto"
- If not resident within the boundaries of the parishes habitually attends Sunday Mass at one of the churches of the parishes.

Election of Members

A total of three (3) parishioners from each parish community elected by their fellow parishioners for a term of three (3) years.

Nominations for candidates for election

- shall be in writing,
- proposed and seconded by two people who are eligible to cast a vote in the election,
- be accepted by the nominee, and
- be lodged with the nomination box in the church by 7pm Sunday 31 August 2025.

(Statutes of the PPC)

Maryanne Barry / Rosanna Suckling will act as secretaries for the nominations.

Fr Darryl Mackie
Parish Priest

Get ready for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival !

Join 10,000 young Catholics for an unforgettable Jubilee Year Celebration!

ACYF is a national gathering of Catholic youth, from Grade 9 through to 25 year olds to provide an opportunity to come together and connect whilst deepening their faith and relationship with Jesus. Attendees have opportunities to engage with other like-minded youth groups, school groups, musicians, speakers, and Bishops and clerics. This year it will be hosted in Melbourne. Alongside Bishop Michael Kennedy we plan to lead 100 young people from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on this very special Jubilee Year pilgrimage.

Dates: Saturday 29 November – Wednesday 3 December (return flights from Newcastle)

Cost: \$950 pp (includes flights, registration, ground transport, diocesan shirt)

Accommodation: Mercure Welcome Hotel (twin-share) with breakfast. Lodging is fully sponsored by the Diocese.

School students – liaise with your Ministry Coordinator now.

Parishioners – contact our *Mission & Evangelisation Partner* – Youth Ministry Dominic Drumore on dominic.drumore@mn.catholic.org.au

After first contact we will issue all potential pilgrims with a unique website link to formally register with our Travel Company – Harvest Journeys and pay your deposit.

Registrations close August 29.



Children's Ministry Open Day – Beresfield 13 August

For those who are interested in learning more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we are offering an Open Day. Learn about, and experience, new and engaging resources for children's ministry. Please join us at 2pm. All are welcome. Contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com

Children's Formation - The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – Beresfield 29-31 August

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offering a formation opportunity for those interested in facilitating faith formation of children aged 3-12. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God using sensory rich materials. Level One course is for adults working with young children. It is a pre-requisite for Levels Two and Three that cover training for the formation of 6-12 year old children. Contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email chisholm.atrium@gmail.com.



Come to the Cathedral for our next

Praise & Worship experience!



Sun 24 August | 2:30-4:30pm

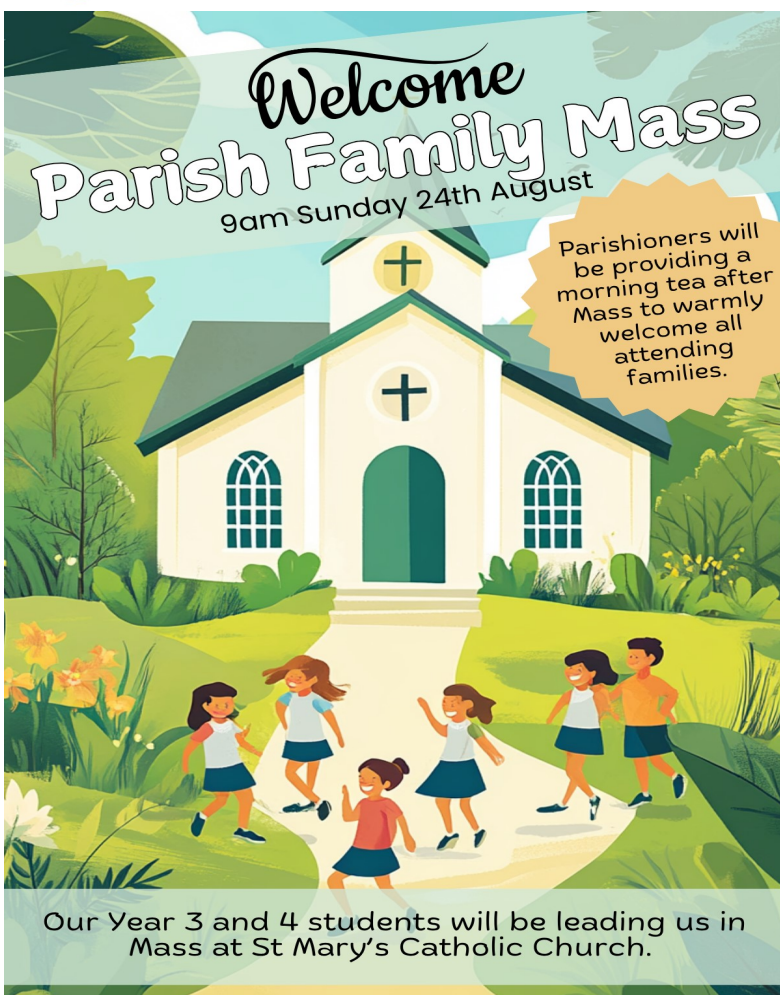
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West

All are welcome! (Children under 16 years old must be supervised)

COST: FREE, however donations are welcome at the event.



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2025•2026
SOCIAL JUSTICE
STATEMENT

Signs of Hope on the Edges

Serving
homeless
people with
mental
ill-health



A PRAYER FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**O God, Source of all Life,
you created earth as our home
and us in your image, out of love.
Set our hearts astir with that same love,
that we might build a culture of encounter
and systems that justly serve
those living in homelessness
and mental ill-health.**

**Jesus our Brother,
you noticed those living on the edge,
listened, healed and served them, out of love.
Move us from our embarrassment or
discomfort
by those who show us your suffering face.
Instead, may we be taught by them,
offer our loving friendship
and share your good news together.**

**Holy Spirit, Source of all Hope,
you inspire our relationships
with transforming power, out of love.
Deepen our vision and enlarge our hearts
so that the fear and isolation
of homelessness and mental ill-health
may be countered by love's warmth and
certainty,
that we might walk together as pilgrims of
hope.**

Amen.



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



August 2025

DELIVERANCE RETREAT

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC, Fr John Prince VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC

8th-10th August

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretrearego@gmail.com

3rd Monday, 18th August

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **Wallsend**

31st August, 9:00am - 4:00pm

One Day Pilgrimage (Last Sunday)

- Praise and Worship • Preaching the Word
- Eucharistic Adoration • Divine Mercy Chaplet • Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, BYO LUNCH



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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.

Sisters of Mercy Celebrate 150 years in the Diocese!

Congratulations to the Sisters of Mercy whose founding Sisters arrived in Singleton from Ireland on 31 August 1875 to begin the Mercies' long years of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. A Mass prepared by St Catherine's College Singleton which also marks 150 years, will be celebrated at 10am in St Patrick's Church, Singleton on 31 August followed by a cuppa. Following the cuppa, you are invited to share a Ritual of Remembrance in the Convent Chapel and Cemetery to honour the women who gave their lives in service to the Diocese.



St Joseph's PARISH OF TORONTO
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Invite you to an: **ANOINTING MASS**

When: **Thursday, 21st Aug**

At: **11:00AM**

Where: 140 Wangi Rd, Toronto

An anointing with the 'Oil of the Sick' for the sick, frail, elderly or anyone in need of healing.

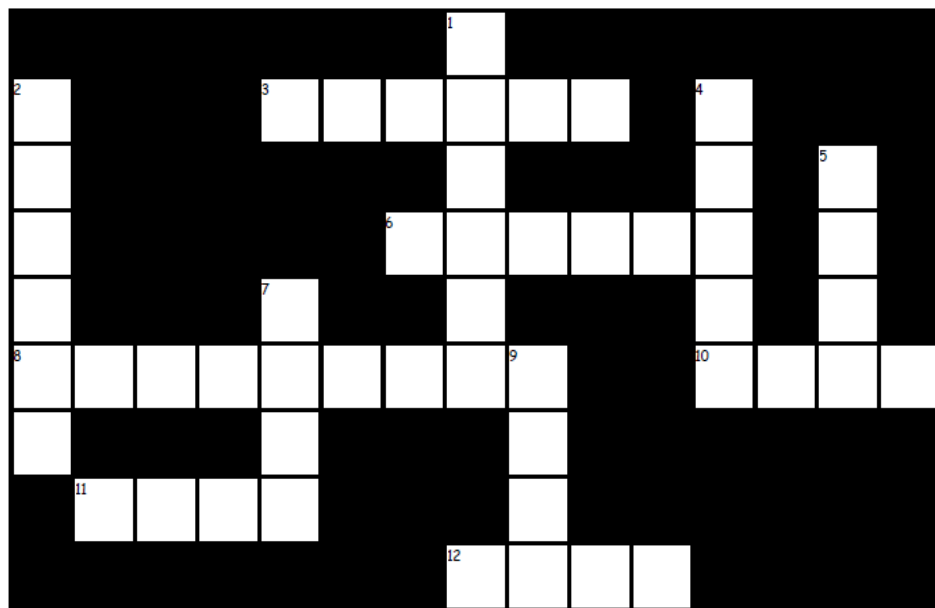
You are invited to stay for some light refreshments after this special Mass.



QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 22nd

Jesus makes people choose sides



Across

- 3: the opposite of mother
- 6: the opposite of father
- 8: Jesus' friends were called his
- 10: the opposite of easy
- 11: the number after four
- 12: an exam

Down

- 1: to make a choice is to
- 2: to split into parts
- 4: we live on this planet
- 5: when something has ended it is
- 7: burning flames
- 9: not different



LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS 17 AUGUST 2025

The **Promoters of Safeguarding** continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish. This week, your attention is drawn to the **negative influence of AI on vulnerable people with eating disorders.**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) uses mathematically rigorous instructions called 'algorithms' to be followed in calculations or other problem-solving operations, especially by computers in data processing.

AI can negatively impact eating disorders in several ways, especially through its role in shaping online content and influencing body image. Social media platforms, powered by AI algorithms, often promote content based on user behaviour. This can lead to the overexposure of images and videos that idealise unrealistic body standards, weight loss trends, or "thinspiration" content. Such exposure can trigger or worsen eating disorders like anorexia, bulimia, or binge-eating disorder, especially among vulnerable individuals.

Significantly, AI especially influences young people's body-conscious vulnerability. These AI-driven portrayals can distort self-perception, increase body dissatisfaction, contribute to low self-esteem and promote mental health issues.

Without proper safeguards, AI can amplify harmful messages related to body image and dieting, making it crucial to implement ethical AI practices and content moderation to protect the mental health of vulnerable people.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

29.08.2025

*Soup, Damper
and
Sing Along Night*

MUSIC BY JOHN COLLINS

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RVSP BY PLACING YOUR NAMES ON THE SHEET AT THE
ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH. A CHANCE FOR NEW
PARISHIONERS TO GET TO KNOW OTHER
PARISHIONERS.



*Let's celebrate
together!*

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THEOLOGY OF THE BODY 2 DAY RETREAT

JOIN US FOR A FREE TWO(2) DAY RETREAT ON THE TEACHINGS
OF ST POPE JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST 6.30PM - 9.30PM
SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 10.15AM - 4.30PM

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Parish Council Meeting

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Promotion of Safeguarding

Contact Maryanne, Joy, Peta or Nathan
Via the office

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