

Aurora out this week

The December edition of our monthly magazine *Aurora* will be out in *The Newcastle Herald* and *The Maitland Mercury* on Tuesday 6 December; in *The Scone Advocate* on Thursday 8 December and in *The Manning River Times*, *The Muswellbrook Chronicle* and *The Singleton Argus* on Friday 9 December. Mark your calendar now!

Our cover story features a young woman named Mariam, her husband Yosef and their baby Nugese. Their Christmas in Dadim, Ethiopia is looking brighter because of the work of Catholic Mission.

Bishop Bill reminds us that “Christmas often brings mixed feelings. The extraordinary thing, of course, is that the first Christmas was just the same.”

Tracey Edstein reports on the launch of ASPIRE, an exciting new schools initiative providing a raft of opportunities for students gifted in the performing arts.

Patrick Beisler, who is about to retire after 40 years in the classroom, reflects on the changes he has witnessed and the gifts he has received.

Emma Blackford acknowledges celebrates 50 years of CatholicCare in our region and looks forward to the next 50!

Christmas Mass times throughout the diocese are provided so you will want to keep and share your copy.

There is so much more to read so don't miss your copy of the December *Aurora*!

