Bulletin Notices:

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
2. **Dates for the Diocesan Synod:**

Second session of Synod – Discernment is on 22nd May 2021

Third session of Synod – Implementation is on 21st November 2021

1. **Upcoming Events**

Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle presents a range of free presentations and courses this November. **NEW EVENT!**

* Nicholas King SJ presents: Bringing The Gospel to Life- Wed., 4 Nov. 6.30pm-8pm
* Communion of Saints: presented by the Formation and Education team over 4 weeks. Commencing Thursday Nov 5 to 19. 6.30pm-8pm
* Relationships Matter: presented by the Formation and Education team. Wed.,11 Nov. 7-8.30pm
* Michael Smith SJ presents: Why Pilgrimage? Tues.,17 Nov. 7-8pm
* Nicholas King SJ presents: Mark- The Strangest Gospel Wed., 18 Nov .6.30pm-8pm
* Q & A with Father Anthony Coloma. Wed., 25 Nov.6.30pm-8pm

To register either scan the QR code or go to Adult Faith Formation page on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/>



1. **Christian Formation Course 2021**

The Christian Formation Course (CFC) is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life’s journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. This one-year course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life, and liturgy. The course runs across twelve months and comprises of eight units. Commencing on Tuesday February 2, 2021, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Bishop Bill writes:

The Christian Formation Course has been a very great contributor to Catholic life in this diocese. It is based on adult learning methods that involve the participants in on-going dialogue and engagement with the material and the staff. It is my hope that many, many people will take this course. I further hope that it will be just the beginning of their living more informed and engaged Christ lives.

If you would like to enrol in the Christian Formation Course in 2021 go to:

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/>

1. **Pints with a Purpose**

Date: Monday November 2
Time: 7.00pm-8.00pm AEST
Zoom Link- [https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/95051923535](https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/95051923535?fbclid=IwAR3IfSKDpqQFO8vW3oWlKX8CZSAp-BkcjK0KMGENZsb99Utz2RuaCBv5cS0)
Meeting ID: 950 5192 3535
Password: 555999

"Be open to others who see something for you that you don’t see for yourself" – Matthew Ames

Join us on the first Monday of November for Pints with a Purpose via Zoom as we welcome home Sam Hill who will share with us her amazing story of faith and how her faith and the support of others has led her to where she is today.

Sam Hill is the current Director of Mission for the St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland. She is the youngest person in this role in Australia.

As a young person growing up in the diocese of Mailtland-Newcastle, Sam highlighted an area of need for young people to experience the different aspects of the Church and the people and agencies within. This led to the set up of the Pastoral Placement Program which is the only one of its kind in Australia.

Sam has also served as a youth ministry and family ministry coordinator in the diocese. One of her favourite parts of ministry was leading young people in facilitating school retreat and reflection days.

We are very excited for Sam to join us as our guest presenter for Pints with a Purpose!

1. **aMeN caMiNo**

You are invited to be a pilgrim on the aMeN caMiNo!

Using intervals of the Great North Walk, this five-day pilgrimage is a journey through the Watagans, around the lake and the beautiful Hunter beaches. A bush, mountain, beach, city and pub experience.

This is a ‘M’ (Maitland) ‘N’ (Newcastle) Camino for ‘e’ everyone.! Yes! aMeN!

On the aMeN caMiNo you will encounter relationship, story, the grace of God in the beautiful landscape of our own backyard. The aMeN caMiNo will stretch your body, mind and spirit and provides an opportunity of transformation.

If you are interested in joining the aMeN caMiNo in 2021, please fill an expression of interest form by November 30.

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4437/31816-dio_amen-camino_flyer-proof01.pdf>

1. **DoMN Library website goes live on the Diocesan website!**
Access Online publications including La Croix and The Tablet an extensive eBook Religion Collection and the Religion & Philosophy Collection database.

While the DoMN Library catalogue can be searched anonymously, registration is necessary for access to member privileges such as: borrowing books, audio visual resources and kits, for access to the eBook collection, periodicals and magazines and for access to the databases. Registration is an extremely simple process via the registration link on the library homepage. Once registered, an email confirming logon details makes members set to benefit from the array of resources – both physical and electronic. All physical resources will be made available for collection at the library desk in the Diocesan Offices reception area at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, or by arrangement. All resources should be returned to the Diocesan Offices as well.

To help navigate the sites many features, handy “How to” videos, with step-by-step instruction to many frequently asked questions (FAQ’s) are provided at the click of a mouse. There is also a Book Club which all are welcome to join.

Link to DoMN Library: <https://library.mn.catholic.org.au> or scan the QR code

For all enquires or help please email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au

or phone 0409 033 449.



DoMN Library

1. **Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

*Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!*

**November 20 - 22, 2020 at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

**Book online at** [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au/)

*Alternatively contact* **Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or** nswbookings@wwme.org.au

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures please see WWME website at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Thank you for your support of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement.

In the love of Our Lord, our sincere thanks,

Fr Mick Court, Tracey and Richard Kaldasaun

Unit Coordinators and Ecclesial team
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Australia – Eastern Unit
[www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

1. **‘What am I supposed to be doing with my life?’**

This is a question that most people must contend with from time to time.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers a variety of ministry services to the local community and many rewarding career opportunities for those who feel called to work in this field. The Pastoral Placement Program offers a yearlong encounter in these ministerial occupations. Pastoral Ministries are calling for applications for the 2021 intake of participants for this unique program.

For more information please go to the Pastoral Placement Website @<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

**Email:** formed@mn.catholic.org.au **Phone:** 4979 1193

To apply: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/> applications close Friday 15 November 2020.

Don’t miss out on anything in your Diocese! Go to mnnews.today to see updates and read stories about what is happening locally.

**Useful Links**

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

* [Liturgy page](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/catholic-faith/liturgy) – regularly updated
* [Faith formation page](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/) – regularly updated
* [MNnews.today](http://mnnews.today) – Diocesan News Service
* [DoMN Library](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/library/)
* [Subscribe to Diocesan Update eNewsletter](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/diocesan-e-news)
* [*Aurora* Magazine articles online](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora)
* [Full Diocesan Calendar and Community Noticeboard](http://mnnews.today/calendar/)
* [Pastoral Placement Program](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/)