Bulletin Notices:

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>
2. **Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program**

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These ‘on the ground’ ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

1. **Diocesan Advent Reflection: *Waiting with Purpose***

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. It’s deeply personal and communal.

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

During November there are several opportunities for anyone who is interested to ‘have a go’ at mystagogical reflection. During Advent there are opportunities for those who cannot gather in their local communities to experience ***Waiting with Purpose*** via Zoom. To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle-18080128129>

1. **CaritasNews**

The latest CaritasNews, Spring 2021, is now available at [www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews\_spring-2021\_digital\_updated-rm.pdf](http://www.caritas.org.au/media/3pxmj2pc/caritasnews_spring-2021_digital_updated-rm.pdf)

1. **Christian Formation Course (CFC) 2022**

Are you wanting to know more about Christianity?

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Christian Formation Course 2022

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 1 2022, no prerequisite formation or qualification is required to enrol. All who complete the Course are awarded a Diocesan Certificate in Christian Formation.

Expression of Interest close December 10. For more information go to:

[www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/)

1. **‘Earthy Women’ Webinar 2021 | Engaging with Laudato Si’**

In a special event hosted by the Diocesan Council for Women, you are invited to join other women of our Diocese in sharing our approach and action in caring for our land.

The webinar will explore:

* How do you as a women respond to God’s call to care for the Earth?
* What actions will you take to protect our planet?
* Are our schools places of living examples of what can be done to show that care of the Earth matters?

Guest speakers include Sue Martin from Catholic Earthcare and Maryanne Murray from St Mary’s High School Gateshead.

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Date: 26 October 2021  
Location: Online (Zoom)  
Register: [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357)

1. **Palms Australia | Global Mission**

Since 1961 [Palms Australia](http://www.palms.org.au/) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It’s our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor.

Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul.

To be prepared for a 2022 placement[**Click and enquire here**](https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/) **by Friday October 29.**

Visit [palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au/) Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

1. **aMeN caMiNo**

aMeN caMiNo Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022.

Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-6, July 9-13 & August 6-10.

For more information and to register your interest, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-camino/>

or contact [formed@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:formed@mn.catholic.org.au)

1. **"Amoris Laetitia Family Year “ 19 March 2021- 26 June 2022**

The “Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year” is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.

Over the course of ten monthly episodes, hear the Holy Father talk about each of the chapters of the Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia, along with the testimonies of different families who will share some aspects of their daily lives.

This initiative is a joint collaboration between the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and Vatican News, and aims to facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection.

To access this resource:

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziative-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

1. **Sacred Stories – Sacred Spaces: A Journey into Discovery, Truth and Right Relations**

Kamilaroi woman and member of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Jennifer Rumbel, extends an invitation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to participate in an empowering research project that seeks to address the lack of Indigenous voices in our Diocese history.

The survey is part of a University of Newcastle post graduate student research project which is exploring the shared histories and stories of Aboriginal Catholics and the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

This research seeks to provide a platform for the previously unheard voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in relation to their experiences both past and present with the Catholic Diocese.

This study aims to provide culturally appropriate, Sacred Spaces in which to share our Sacred Stories.

This survey will allow you to register your contact details for a one-to-one interview and will only take a couple of minutes to complete.

You can access the survey here: <https://redcap.hmri.org.au/surveys/?s=RWN7FMCXXH>

**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
* [Synod website](http://www.domnsynod.com.au) – Information about the Diocesan Synod 2019-2021
* [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/)