



JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

East Lake Macquarie

• St Francis Xavier's Belmont • St Patrick's Swansea • St Pius X Windale •

• THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR B • 14 NOVEMBER 2021 •

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:00AM to 4:30PM
Wednesday: **10:00AM to 4:30PM**
Thursday: 12:00PM to 5:00PM

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil): 6:00PM Swansea
Sunday: 7:30AM Windale
Sunday: 9:00AM Belmont

Weekday Masses

Monday: 8:30AM Belmont
Tuesday: 8:30AM Belmont
Wednesday: 8:30AM Belmont
Thursday: 8:30AM Belmont
Friday: 8:30AM Belmont
Saturday: 8:30AM Belmont

Church Capacity: Under the [NSW Public Health Order](#) premises are required to follow the capacity rule of 1 person per **2 square metres** of space both indoor and outdoor areas. Note the 1.5 metre physical distancing rule still applies to those not from the same household. Face masks remain mandatory.

▫ Belmont 310 ▫ Swansea 172 ▫ Windale 80 ▫

MASS AT JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The safety and wellbeing of our community and staff remains paramount, and so the parish is continuing to follow relevant advice from [NSW Health](#). The following information offers guidelines so that parishioners and visitors may know what to expect while attending Mass and feel confident in doing so. It is not necessary to be fully **vaccinated** to enter a church building for Mass. This information is correct at the time of print; however, some changes may occur afterwards.

- ✓ Unless you have an exemption, wearing a **face mask** is still a legal requirement in indoor areas of non-residential premises, including our churches. Presiders, readers, and communicants may temporarily remove their mask when needed and return it immediately afterwards.
- ✓ **Entry** is through designated entrances, whilst always maintaining the required 1.5 metres physical distancing.
- ✓ Always use **hand sanitiser** provided.
- ✓ **Register your attendance** by using the Service NSW QR Code which is now available to sign in and out of our three (3) Churches. Those without a mobile device can still sign in on paper; however, they are asked to apply for a COVID-19 **Check-in Card**.
- ✓ **Bulletins** are not handed out. Please pick up your own and take it home with you afterwards..... **DO NOT RETURN IT**.
- ✓ There is no **Holy Water** unless it can be dispensed safely.
- ✓ Select your **seat** following the **indicators** provided.
- ✓ **Singing** is only permitted for fully vaccinated persons. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that communal singing not resume at this point. Up to ten (10) fully vaccinated singers may sing in places of public worship and during religious services.
- ✓ The number of **volunteer readers, servers, etc**, is the minimum number needed.
- ✓ **Procession of Gifts** may take place under the guidance of our Priest.
- ✓ **Sign of Peace** can be offered by a bow of the head, a wave, or a smile. Avoid any physical contact unless residing in the same household.
- ✓ A maximum of two (2) ministers (including the Priest) can distribute the Lord's Body. The **Communion** host will only be given in the hand, not the tongue. Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m and proceed in a single line. The **Precious Blood** is restricted to Priests only.
- ✓ The **collection** plate is available when exiting the church.
 - First Collection supports all our diocesan Priests.
 - Second Collection supports our parish operating costs.
- ✓ **Exit** whilst maintaining the required 1.5m physical distancing.

Mass **continues** to be celebrated Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>.

It is important to remember that the **Sunday Obligation** only applies when it is possible to be observed. Due to the current situation, it may not be possible for all lay members to attend Mass.

ROSARY

Rosary will resume after our weekday Masses in December.

SACRAMENTS

The parish continues its commitment to providing a safe environment under the guidelines of the [Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle COVID-19 Updates](#), information which aligns with the current [Public Health Order](#). The following information offers guidelines around Sacraments. This information is correct at the time of print; however, some changes may occur.

Anointing and Viaticum: Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying continues with appropriate care and precautions being observed. Visits to the sick and dying, and the celebration of Viaticum, is possible provided any necessary health and hygiene guidelines are followed. Contact Fr Gerard directly.

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places, for example, aged care facilities.

Baptism: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is available, though liturgical adaptations are required. Baptism is only to be celebrated by the pouring of water which needs to be changed between each baptism. Baptism by immersion is not celebrated in the current circumstances. Baptism enquiries may be made via the Presbytery or Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation: The program is held every first Saturday of the month, except January, at 11:15AM in the Parish Hall at Belmont. Enrolment forms are available at each church or from the Parish Office. Our next meeting is on [Saturday 4 December 2021](#). Bookings essential.

Funerals: Funerals are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit). Funerals at which a non-fully vaccinated person will be attending are limited to a 10-person limit, excluding the person conducting the funeral (i.e., a priest, deacon, or lay minister) or any person necessary for the conduct of the funeral (e.g., funeral director's staff, musicians, altar servers, etc).

To organize a funeral please contact the Funeral Directors who will then contact the Parish Priest.

Columbarium: For an information handout contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Weddings are permitted with no person limit for fully vaccinated attendees (subject only to the above density limit). Weddings at which a non-fully vaccinated person will be attending are limited to a 5-person limit, excluding those who are legally required to be present (i.e., celebrant, persons being married, two witnesses) and one person who is recording the event.

If you are not fully vaccinated, you can only attend a small wedding service. A small wedding service is a wedding with up to eleven (11) people attending, which includes - the people getting married, the person marrying them, two (2) witnesses, a person to record the service, and five (5) guests

For wedding enquiries or bookings, please contact Fr Gerard.

Penance: The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is possible. Celebrations of the First Rite of Reconciliation can take place with appropriate care and precautions.

The celebration of the Second Rite of Reconciliation and Penitential Services may take place subject to the same safety restrictions that apply to any liturgy.

The Third Rite of Reconciliation is not permitted.

Penance Times:

- Belmont: Saturday morning after Mass
- Swansea: Saturday evening before Mass

Sacramental Program: Our Parish Sacramental Program for Confession, Confirmation and Holy Communion will soon resume. The program for Confession is for children in Year 2 upwards, and the programs for Holy Communion and Confirmation are for children in Year 3 upward. For enquiries email elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 02 4979 1390 or [E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:E_childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au) or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au

Our Parish Promotors of the Office of Safeguarding are the members of our Parish Pastoral Council.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

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FEAST DAYS

- 21 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 30 Nov: Saint Andrew, Apostle
- 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 25 Dec: The Nativity of the Lord
- 26 Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 1 Jan: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8

The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

Gospel Acclamation: Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 18:33-37

Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

A VOCATION VIEW

When the end time comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. (Daniel 12:1-3). For more information regarding Vocations see Fr Gerard, or phone 02 4979 1112, or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au



WE REMEMBER

Please pray for

Sick: Bishop William (Bill) Wright.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: June Tiplady, David Coulter.



Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

"Mass Intentions" for publication may be submitted by envelopes on the collection plate, or to the Parish Office by email, or by phone; by 9:00AM Wednesday each week ahead. Please write details clearly to avoid errors. A reminder that you need the permission of the person or their family to enable us to publish names.

PARISH NEWS

Higher School Certificate: We prayerfully support all our Year 12 students who are doing their Higher School Certificate exams. We wish them every success.

Parish Office: The office has re-opened and face-to-face visits will be as governed by the *Public Health Order 2021*. We can still assist you by post, phone, or email during normal office hours.

Bulletin Notices: Prayer requests and items for the parish bulletin need to be received at the Parish Office by 9:00AM Wednesday.

Census Form: If you would like a form or have any further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

Thinking of becoming Catholic? See or email [Fr Gerard](#).

November Masses: November is the month when we especially remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Mass envelopes are available at the church entrance, as are Mass Offering forms in support of [Aid to the Church in Need](#).

Christmas Appeal: The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is commencing in our Parish next weekend, 20/21 November. Envelopes are now available in our Churches. If you wish to make a donation to this Appeal, you may take an envelope home and return it by the final weekend of the appeal, which is 4/5 December. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. All donations will be very gratefully accepted.

Cards and Calendars: St Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are now available at St Patrick's Church, Swansea at a cost of \$7.00 for a pack of 10. 2022 Columban Calendars are available for purchase at all three Churches of our Parish. The Calendars are \$7.00 each.

COVID-19 Check-in Card: To create a Check-in Card please go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/create-covid-19-check-card> or call the Parish Office for assistance with your application.

Catholic Mission Appeal: Thank you to all who generously contributed towards the Annual Appeal. Please send any further donations directly to Catholic Mission. Our Appeal achieved a total of \$530.00. To follow up Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work or your support and contact details, please call the Diocesan Director in Maitland-Newcastle, David on 0488 115 401 or email dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au.

Social Justice Collection: Last week's total collected was \$207.95.

God's Word 2022 Daily Reflection Books: Orders have now closed. Further information around pick-up available soon.

Advent Program: *Blessed - Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021* for personal reflection is now available from the Parish Office. Book cost is \$7.00. Additional books are available to anyone interested in purchasing a copy.

Parish Bulletin: To receive our weekly bulletin via email subscribe via jesusgoodshepherdinfo@gmail.com.

Aurora: To view articles from the most recent Aurora editions, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/>.

MNnews: To see updates and read stories about what is happening locally go to MNnews.today.

Catholic Weekly: Catholic Weekly is now available at the church entrance.

Dio Update Newsletter: To subscribe to the free Diocesan e-newsletter go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/dio-update-enewsletter/>.

PARISH GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Group gatherings: Facilities can now open, however, unlike Church Services, if you are not fully vaccinated the **Stay-at-home order** is still in place. Signing in, wearing masks, 1.5m physical distancing, and hygiene, is still required. For more information visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/not-fully-vaccinated#toc-events-and-entertainment>

Passionist Family Group Movement: Enquiries John and Pauline via P 02 4946 7460 or E mcgraths_12@hotmail.com.

Social Justice Committee: The next meeting of the Parish's Social Justice Committee will be held in Belmont's church hall at 9:15PM on Thursday 18 November 2021. David McGovern, Director Catholic Mission will be in attendance.

St Patricks Craft Group: Our parish Craft Group usually gathers weekly at 9:30AM on Mondays, except January, in Swansea Church Hall. Enquiries Gay M 0419 211 573.

St Vincent de Paul: For enquiries or to join one of our Parish Conferences please contact one of the presidents listed below.

Belmont	Paul	0418 240 604
Swansea	Anne	0439 814 874
Windale	Brian	0407 125 338

DIOCESAN NEWS

Clergy Appointments: Please be advised of the following clergy moves. All moves are effective 4 November 2021.

- ✓ Fr George Anthicadu is appointed Parish Priest of Beresfield, East Maitland, Maitland, Morpeth, Lochinvar and Rutherford parishes.
- ✓ Fr Kevin Corrigan is appointed Parish Priest of Taree and Wingham parishes.
- ✓ Fr John Purnell is appointed Sacramental Priest at Morisset and Toronto parishes.

Seasons for Growth - Supporting Children Through Change and Uncertainty: Join Seasons for Growth and The MacKillop Institute for his free online seminar to discuss helpful ways to support children and young people adversely affected by change and loss events. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Consider the range of impacts the pandemic is having on young people
- ✓ Explore ways of managing reactions of young people
- ✓ Hear about some creative ways of providing support

Date: Tuesday 16 November 2021 | **Time:** 7:00PM-8:00PM

Register: www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=823758&

Christian Formation Course 2022: The Christian Formation Course is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their life's journey and their faith within the Catholic Tradition. Expression of Interest close 10 December. For more information go to: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/christian-formation-course/.

Pastoral Placement Program Applications 2022: To apply or for more information go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>.

Pastoral Placement Program Presentation Day: You're invited to the Pastoral Placement Program Presentation Day!

The Pastoral Placement Program is a faith formation experience like no other. The program provides an opportunity for people to experience working in the various ministries and services in the Diocese. It also provides participants with the relevant faith formation and education which launches them into a full life with Christ.

Each year the participants complete a variety of placements within the Diocese's agencies and parishes. They also undertake project work. The project work is centred around the development of a new idea, resource, or event for an organisation/ministry that the participants have found particularly inspiring.

Presentation Day is an annual event that provides a platform for each participant to share their idea or proposal with Parish and Diocesan leaders and to reflect on what they have learnt throughout the year.

We hope you can join us on this very special day where we can come together via Zoom to celebrate the participants' achievements.

Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021 | **Time:** 10:30AM-12:30PM

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

Faith Matters - Share your story: For more information please contact Rose via email rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au or send your story to shareourstory@mn.catholic.org.au. To read a story [click here](#).

Diocesan Advent Reflection: *Waiting with Purpose* and accompanying resources are available 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>.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING

Dn 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)



SECOND READING

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.