



JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

East Lake Macquarie

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

• THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • YEAR C • 26 JUNE 2022 •

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Columbarium: All enquiries via Parish Office

OFFICE HOURS

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

SCHOOLS

St Francis Xavier's Catholic Primary School Belmont

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday: 8:30AM Belmont
Tuesday: 8:30AM Belmont
Wednesday: **NO MASS**
Thursday: **NO MASS**
Friday: 8:30AM Belmont
Saturday: 8:30AM Belmont

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00PM Swansea
Sunday: 7:30AM Windale
Sunday: 9:00AM Belmont

MASS AT JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The parish continues to follow relevant advice from [NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health) and the [Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](https://www.catholic.org.au/dioceses/maitland-newcastle). There is a continuing need to **remain vigilant** and **focused** on the safety and wellbeing of the community as we continue to live in a liminal time where restrictions could be tightened again. The below information is provided so that parishioners and visitors may know what to expect while attending Mass and feel confident in doing so. The information is correct at the time of print; however, some changes may occur after printing.

- ✓NSW Health recommends **1.5m physical distancing** be maintained.
- ✓The wearing of **masks** in places of worship is not mandatory. Where maintaining physical distancing indoors is particularly challenging, wearing masks is encouraged by NSW health. You are welcome to wear a mask if you choose.
- ✓Use **hand sanitiser** provided.
- ✓**Check-in** is no longer required at places of worship.
- ✓**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** and allow 1.5m between families / households.
- ✓**Singing** is permissible in all circumstances within places of public worship. It remains advisable to refrain from handing out **hymnals**.
- ✓Apart from **Communion Ministers**, parishes are now able to return to using a fuller complement of liturgical ministers - **readers, servers, etc.**
- ✓**Procession of Gifts** may take place under the guidance of our Priest.
- ✓The **Sign of Peace** remains contactless except between those residing in the same household.
- ✓The distribution of **Communion** during Mass continues to present a high risk. In general, two (2) ministers (including the Priest) are adequate to distribute the Lord's Body. Please maintain a single line.
 - The **Communion host** can now be received in the hand, and on the tongue with care. Since the latter is still deemed high risk, please proceed to the Priest only and at the end of the line. Instructions will be given at Mass.
 - The **Precious Blood** is restricted to Priests only.
- ✓The **collection plate**.
 - First Collection supports all our diocesan Priests.
 - Second Collection supports our parish operating costs.
- ✓**Exit** whilst maintaining the 1.5 metres 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/>.

The general dispensation from the **obligation** to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn.

ROSARY

We invite everyone to pray the Rosary daily after the 8:30AM weekday Mass from Monday to Saturday.

MASS APP

See up to date Mass times and download a coloured copy of our weekly bulletin, complete with useful hyperlinks. To learn more about the app go to www.mn.catholic.org.au/mass-times-app.

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 [Rules for business in NSW](#). 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 care, including visits and celebration of Anointing and Viaticum. To organize a visit to the sick and dying, or the celebration of Viaticum, contact Fr Gerard directly.

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place.

Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism can be celebrated: however, in the current circumstances Baptism can only be celebrated by the pouring of water and not by immersion. 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 2 July 2022. Bookings are essential.

Funerals: Funerals are permitted with no person limit. 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 all wedding enquiries or bookings, please contact Fr Gerard.

Penance: The celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is available.

Penance Times:

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

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 or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au. **Please make yourselves familiar with the Safeguarding brochures in the entrance to the Church.**

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

FEAST DAYS

- 29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul
- 22 Jul: Saint Mary Magdalene
- 25 Jul: Saint James, Apostle
- 6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8 Aug: Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Virgin
- 10 Aug: Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

The Lord will prosper Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Paul boasts of the cross of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

Jesus sends forth the seventy-two. OR

Lk 10:1-9 Jesus sends forth the seventy-two.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.



We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship. *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

Praying the Gospels: God speaks to us through the words of the Gospel. You are invited to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. Join us each Wednesday 5:00PM-5:45PM. Zoom link: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/61036103033> Password: pray | Enquiries: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Mystagogy Monday: Mystagogical reflection invites us into a personal encounter with Christ in the gospel we have heard, the liturgy we have celebrated, or an experience of life or ministry. Join us each Monday morning at 10:00AM as we reveal the mystery of God found in the Sunday Gospel. Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mystagogy-mondays-tickets-304319105637

Ecumenical Prayer Service in the spirit of Taizé:

Date: First Sunday each month

Time: 5:00PM – 6:00PM followed by a shared supper.

Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Tighes Hill

A VOCATION VIEW

Will you choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes? To say "yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust. (Luke 9:51-62). For more information regarding Vocations see Fr Gerard or E vocations@mn.catholic.org.au



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for

Sick:

Recently Deceased: Marilyn Reich, Sr Patricia Lake RSM

Anniversaries: Noel Eade, Tom McEanearney.

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 on an envelope on the collection plate, or to the Parish Office by email, or by phone; by 9:00AM Wednesday each week ahead. Envelopes are available at the church entrance. 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

Parish Family Mass: Welcome to everyone here today celebrating our Parish Family Mass at St Francis Xavier Church Belmont. Please join us after Mass for morning tea in the Church Hall.

New to the Parish: Welcome. If you have any enquiries or would like a Census Form, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Parish Office: All face-to-face visits still require visitors to sign-in, hand sanitizing, and face masks are preferred if entering the building. Please do not visit if you are unwell. 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.

Social Justice Collection: Last weekend's total was \$194.95.

Winter Appeal: Thank you to everyone who gave generously to the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal.

New Planned Giving Packs: New envelope packs, including 'thank you letter', are now available at the back of the church. If you completed your white card, then your pack will be at the nominated church for pick up. All others will be available from Belmont Church until mid July. Please do not use the new pack until after 1 July 2022. Any enquiries contact the Parish Office.

Mass Collections: The First Collection is for the support of the Clergy around the Diocese and the Second Collection is for the support of the Parish. Thank you for your continued support.

Catholic Weekly: Available at the church entrance or subscribe via <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/subscriptions-to-the-catholic-weekly/>.

Aurora: The Winter edition of Aurora is available at the church entrance. To subscribe E aurora@mn.catholic.org.au or go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/>.

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

MNnews: To see updates and read stories about what is happening locally go to <http://mnnews.today/>.

PARISH GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

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

Friendship Group for Singles: The next lunch will be held on Sunday 3 July at 12:00PM, the venue being Swansea RSL. RSVP before 5:00PM Thursday 30 June by ringing Mary M 0408 498 898 or P 02 4972 0030.

St Patricks Craft Group: Our parish Craft Group gathers weekly at 9:30AM on Mondays, except January. Group has resumed and will meet in the Swansea Church Hall. All are welcome. Enquiries Gay M 0419 211 573.

St Vincent de Paul: To Join one of our Parish Conferences contact one of the presidents listed below.

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

DIocese OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Pastoral Letter: A copy of the Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is available at the church entrance. Please collect a copy and read it. This letter reinforces our commitment to safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults. In our parish the members of the Parish Pastoral Council are the Promoters of Safeguarding. Members are Parish Priest, School Principals, John Dwyer (Chairperson), Glenda Doggett, Brian Halligan, Pauline Holgerson, Pauline McGrath, Mary Ryan.

Clinical Pastoral Education: The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education is running an Introductory Course in Clinical Pastoral Education for six (6) weeks commencing Monday 18 July. Topics covered will include Pastoral Care, Listening, Self-Awareness, Grief, Healing and Illness, Community.

Dates: Mondays 18, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 29 August 2022

Time: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location: MacKillop Parish Hall, Milson Street Charlestown

Enrolment: 1 July 2022 | Facilitator: Fr Roger Zohrab

Enquiries: Fr Roger E rzohrab@bigpond.com or M 0408 151 481.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Council – Aboriginal Spirituality Day: The Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us to experience an Aboriginal Spirituality Formation Day. The day will concentrate on the core elements of Aboriginal Spirituality and will begin with Mass of the Land of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr John Purnell.

Date: Thursday 14 July 2022 | Time: 9:00AM to 2:30PM

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel Church West Wallsend

Registrations: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-spirituality-formation-day-tickets-32290022257>

Ecumenical and Interfaith Council – Church Crawl: The Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Council would like to warmly invite you to join us for a Church Crawl, to be held on Saturday 23 July from 9:30AM to 3:45PM. We will visit four Newcastle Churches in the one day, Christ Church Cathedral, Sacred Heart Cathedral, the Lutheran Church, and a Russian Orthodox Church. It will be an opportunity to *unlearn, learn, and relearn* by hearing about the faith of others, asking questions and getting to know others. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/church-crawl-tickets-318631875517>

World Youth Day 2023 Lisbon: World Youth Day 2023 will be hosted by Lisbon, Portugal. Our Maitland-Newcastle Pilgrimage will begin 21 July until 11 August 2023. Come and journey with us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and onto World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 in Portugal, where we will gather with other young people, celebrating our faith.

Ryan Gato is our Diocesan WYD Coordinator for 2023. He is currently employed by the Catholic Schools Office of Maitland-Newcastle, working as an Education Officer – Formation within the Religious Education and Spirituality Services team.

Ryan, having participated in a previous WYD, extends an invitation to all young adults to consider being a part of a pilgrimage that will encounter the Universal Church.

For more information go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-youth-day-2023-lisbon/>

PLENARY COUNCIL

Framework for Motions: Our Diocese is inviting the community to provide feedback on the Introduction or any or all the eight (8) themes that make up the Framework for Motions. A copy of the whole document is available via <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>. The feedback survey can be found via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WX99HNT>. Any feedback provided will not only be used for the Plenary Council but will also assist in our Diocesan Synodal journey.

OTHER NEWS

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: This is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are suffering due to ongoing financial and political instability. As the body of Christ we are called to support one another. Will you join us as we help them by providing food parcels to 500 needy families in the diocese of Baalbek, Lebanon?

To read about the project, or to make an offering visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING

1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God!
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight;
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

3. 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.

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

SECOND READING

Gal 5:1. 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your ser vant is listening;
you have the words of ever lasting life.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



...He set his face
to go to
Jerusalem...
(Lk 9:51)