



JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

East Lake Macquarie

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

· FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · YEAR C · 3 JULY 2022 ·

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:00AM to 4:30PM
Wednesday: 8:00AM to 4:30PM
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

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

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.health.nsw.gov.au) 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 6 August 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Dt 30:10-14
The law of the Lord is near to you.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33 (R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.
OR Ps 18:8-11. R. v.9 (R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
Second Reading: Col 1:15-20
Christ is God made visible.
Gospel Acclamation: See Jn 6:63. 68
Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!
Gospel: Lk 10:25-37
The Good Samaritan.

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant CSA

Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.



Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

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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.

Apostolic Letter: Our Holy Father Pope Francis has released an Apostolic Letter titled 'The Liturgical Formation of the People of God'. The document can be viewed on the Vatican Website via <https://tinyurl.com/yc7as9tv>. There are some hard copies available at the church entrance. If any further copies are required, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

A VOCATION VIEW

"The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9). For more information regarding Vocations see Fr Gerard or E vocations@mn.catholic.org.au



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for

Sick:

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

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.



· NOTICES ·

PARISH NEWS

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 \$142.40.

New Planned Giving Packs: New envelope packs commence this Sunday. Thank you to everyone who contributed last financial year and those who continue to support the program. There are still a few envelope packs remaining to be collected from the church entrance. To save the parish postage, if you haven't already collected your packs in recent weeks, please do so today. 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.

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/>.

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

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.

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

NAIDOC Week (3-10 July): This week presents an opportunity for our parishioners to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of our faith communities. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Ministry Council and the Pastoral Ministries Team are resources within our diocese available to collaborate with parish communities seeking to learn more about this important aspect of our Catholic identity. For more information, please contact: Brendon.Mannyx@mn.catholic.org.au

On Sunday 3 July 2022, the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle will celebrate 'Coming of the Light' at Christ Church Cathedral at 6:00PM. This celebration commemorates the adoption of Christianity through Torres Strait Island communities during the late nineteenth century. All are welcome.

Finding Wonder and Joy in the word of God: Join us for a Day with Sr Mary Coloe, current Associate Professor of New Testament studies within the University of Divinity Melbourne.

In a retreat style and setting, Sr Mary will help us examine how rich and life-giving Scripture can be, revealing a God whose story intends to renew our lives and calls us to actively engage with the world.

Date: 15 August 2022
Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM (arrive from 8:30AM)
Venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley
430 Wine Country Drive Lovedale NSW 2325
Cost: \$30

To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rediscovering-joy-tickets-339651395467>.

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. An invitation to all young adults to consider being a part of a pilgrimage that will encounter the Universal Church. 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.

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

Working in the Diocese: The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is one of the region's largest employers, operating agencies across a broad range of industries including school education, social services, parish, early education and financial services. For more information go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/>.

Pastoral Letter: Last week a Pastoral Letter to the People of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle was made available at the church entrance. Copies are still available. Please collect a copy and read it. This letter highlights our commitment to safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults. In our parish 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL

Final Assembly: The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia final assembly will take place from 3 - 9 July 2022. After a four-year journey, the Second General Assembly, with 277 Council Members, will consider the motions that have emerged from the national journey, with the goal of renewing the life and mission of the Church in Australia. The opening session each day, along with the Masses, will be livestreamed. For more information go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.



OTHER NEWS

Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea (Port Chaplaincy) Appeal: Next week is Sea Sunday (10 July), when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information about its work, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING

Is 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

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

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!'
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow:
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
3. He turned the sea in to dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him:
He rules for ever by his might.
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.



SECOND READING

Gal 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Col 3:15. 16

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

GOSPEL

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

OR Mt 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.