



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle
148 Denison Street, Hamilton



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 16 April 2023
Second Sunday of Easter



Nithi Anand St. Thomas Mount Church Chennai- The international Pilgrim Centre

Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*
Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

10.00am: Eucharist

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6.00pm: Said Evening Prayer

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*
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Dear Parish Family

I begin my pastoral this week with some very sad news. Jenny Pickering, a much loved and wonderful parishioner, died in the early hours of Monday morning. Jenny exuded love and joy and enthusiasm in all that she did, and was a vital person in the choir, and in our wider parish life. Jenny's passion for music was seen not only through her musical gifts, but also as a key inspiration and enabler of the Newcastle Cathedral College of Music, and with the St Nicholas Choir and the Families@Five communities. Please continue to give thanks for Jenny, and hold her husband Geoff and their family, and her sister and brother-in-law, Rosie and Keith Murree-Allen, in your prayers. ***Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.***

Once again, incredible thanks to everyone who contributed to the beauty of our worship and the Cathedral and St Peter's over these holy days. Both the Cathedral and St Peter's shone and sparkled (thank you to everyone who cleaned and swept and polished!), and welcomed lots of people across the three days. You may have seen snippets on NBN on Good Friday and Easter Day, and the Newcastle Herald had a great article on Easter Monday.

One of the things that visitors comment on is the importance of our Acknowledgement of Country, and our commitment to being an inclusive and affirming community. I remain thankful that as a Parish Community we are committed to the ongoing work of being a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. Thank you also for your ongoing prayers for our LGBTQIA+ community, at this time when their validity and identity continues to be challenged and questioned.

Thank you also to everyone who was able to attend the **Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday evening. Reports were emailed out on Wednesday – please contact the office if you did not receive your bundles. There are also some printed copies at the Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton. Our Wardens for 2023 are Peter Smith and Graham Vimpani, and Ann Taylor is a parish councillor. Our Synod representatives are Ann Taylor and Graham Vimpani. I am still to appoint my warden, and there are still some vacancies and appointments to be filled. I will announce these as they are confirmed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

NAME BADGES: Do you have one of the funkiest accessories around? Would you like one? Please contact Sharon Dyett in the Parish Office to order yours.

LIVESTREAM: We are still waiting for the replacement pieces for our Livestream equipment. When it's fixed, the easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

ATTENDING WORSHIP: Please continue to be mindful of COVIDSafe practices as we gather, and to be mindful of our own health and vulnerabilities as well as those in our community. Please strongly consider wearing a mask in places, including church, where you feel you are not able to adequately maintain physical distancing.

The sacrament is administered in both kinds. You are welcome to receive in one or both kinds. We ask that you do not intinct (dip) the host.

Finally, this week's poem is a lengthy one by Denise Levertov. Levertov's mother was Welsh, and her father a Russian Hasidic Jew. Levertov wrote: "My father's Hasidic ancestry, his being steeped in Jewish and Christian scholarship and mysticism, his fervour and eloquence as a preacher, were factors built into my cells." I have cited Levertov's poetry before, and this poem on the apostle Thomas, explores Thomas' assigination as the Twin (Didymus), and also his call for proof. The poem takes us deep into Thomas' heart, and, if we are willing, deep into our own hearts and questions and fears and faith.

St Thomas Didymus

In the hot street at noon I saw him
a small man
gray but vivid, standing forth
beyond the crowd's buzzing
holding in desperate grip his shaking
teethgnashing son,

and thought him my brother.

I heard him cry out, weeping and speak
those words,
Lord, I believe, help thou
mine unbelief,

and knew him
my twin:

a man whose entire being
had knotted itself
into the one tightdrawn question,
Why,
why has this child lost his childhood in suffering,
why is this child who will soon be a man
tormented, torn, twisted?
Why is he cruelly punished
who has done nothing except be born?

The twin of my birth
was not so close
as that man I heard
say what my heart
sighed with each beat, my breath silently
cried in and out,
in and out.

After the healing,
he, with his wondering
newly peaceful boy, receded;
no one
dwells on the gratitude, the astonished joy,
the swift
acceptance and forgetting.
I did not follow
to see their changed lives.
What I retained
was the flash of kinship.
Despite
all that I witnessed,
his question remained
my question, throbbed like a stealthy cancer,
known
only to doctor and patient. To others
I seemed well enough.

So it was
that after Golgotha
my spirit in secret
lurched in the same convulsed writhings
that tore that child
before he was healed.
And after the empty tomb
when they told me that He lived, had spoken to Magdalen,
told me
that though He had passed through the door like a ghost
He had breathed on them
the breath of a living man –
even then
when hope tried with a flutter of wings
to lift me –
still, alone with myself,
my heavy cry was the same: Lord
I believe,
help thou mine unbelief.

I needed
blood to tell me the truth,
the touch
of blood. Even
my sight of the dark crust of it
round the nailholes
didn't thrust its meaning all the way through
to that manifold knot in me
that willed to possess all knowledge,
refusing to loosen
unless that insistence won
the battle I fought with life

But when my hand
led by His hand's firm clasp
entered the unhealed wound,
my fingers encountering
rib-bone and pulsing heat,
what I felt was not
scalding pain, shame for my
obstinate need,
but light, light streaming
into me, over me, filling the room
as I had lived till then
in a cold cave, and now
coming forth for the first time,
the knot that bound me unravelling,
I witnessed
all things quicken to color, to form,
my question
not answered but given
its part
in a vast unfolding design lit
by a risen sun.

Denise Levertov 1923-1997



Dean Katherine

Ps: Please share this email with others who would like to hear news of the parish.

To receive our weekly mailings, please contact the Cathedral Office

cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au to be placed on the email or mail out list.

The flowers in the Cathedral have been kindly donated -

by the Family in loving memory of
HEATHER RITCHIE



Chamber Music at the Cathedral

Enjoy an afternoon of beautiful chamber music for flute, violin, cello and piano-4-hands in Newcastle's Christ Church Cathedral. The program will include one of Joseph Haydn's charming "London" Trios, and two of Antonin Dvořák's Slavonic Dances. Also featured are two of Astor Piazzolla's evocative "Four Seasons in Buenos Aires", plus music by two of Ukraine's best-loved romantic composers: Reinhold Glière and Franz Doppler.

Jennifer StGeorge (flute)
James Ferguson (violin)
Anthea Scott-Mitchell (cello)
Anita Zielonka & Greg Archer (piano)

Adults \$20: at StickyTickets & at the door. School students free

<https://www.eventfinda.com.au/2023/chamber-music-at-the-cathedral/newcastle>

Loud Field



On Thursday this week, as part of the *Loud Sky* exhibition at the Lock Up, fields of ribbon flowers were installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and Christ Church Cathedral, as a reminder of all who are impacted by sexual abuse, and also as a sign of healing and hope.

Dr Rod Pattenden, one of the curators of the exhibition, is quoted in the Newcastle Herald, saying:

The exhibition is also a celebration of survival, Pattenden says.

"Despite the horror of abuse, these works visualise courage, containing elements of profound and great beauty," he wrote in his essay for the exhibition.

The exhibition's title comes in part from the Loud Fence movement, which began in Ballarat in 2016 and has spread around the world. Ribbons are tied to church fences as statements of protest and they act as visual portals for memory, loss and the celebration of life.

The flowers are the work of volunteers from across the community and the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and will be on display at both Cathedrals until the end of April.

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BACH by DARK

Sublime music in
a candlelit cathedral!

Susan Collins plays
the complete
Sonatas and Partitas
in four outstanding
concerts.

Wednesdays at 7.30pm
May 3 – July 26 – Sept 6 – Oct 25
Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle

Follow the QR code for tickets and information

www.newcastlecathedral.org



The Community Lunch Team wish you all a very joyous and Holy Easter and extend their gratitude to all those who so generously donated the Easter Eggs for our very appreciative guests, making their Easter Lunch with us a special occasion.



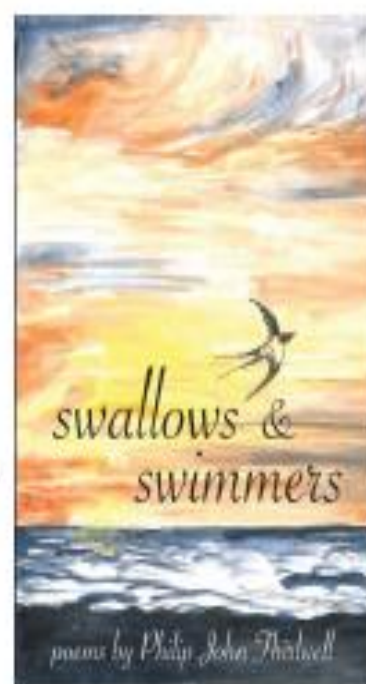
Cathedral Shop News

Now available

"Swallows and Swimmers" a book of poems by Fr Philip John Thirlwell

*I think that the birds
are a way of disclosing himself.
Sparkling fragments of creation,
flashes of beauty,
intimations of glory.*

\$10.00 per copy



Can you help?



A successful and rewarding mainly music session requires many essential team roles.

We **need** more team members to continue to provide this wonderful program.

Preferably available weekly or fortnightly
9:15 - 11:30am Thursday mornings during term time,
but flexible depending on role.

How can I help?



- + welcoming
- + directing traffic
- + providing morning tea
- + serving tea/coffee
- + chatting with parents
- + song leader/presenter
- + washing and drying up
- + and more!

We would love to welcome you as part of the team!
Please contact Veronica to chat about how to help.

✉ familyministry@newcastlecathedral.org.au ☎ 0482 027 207
f Christ Church Cathedral Families



PRINT AND PRAY

Participants will make their own Gelatine printing plate and experience the joys of using this form of monoprinting while engaging in prayerful reflection throughout the day.

The printing process is extremely simple, versatile and addictive. It is equally well suited for professional or novice printmakers, craft enthusiasts, professional artists, and children. You will need to bring an apron, morning tea and lunch.

Cost: \$25 for materials - participants will take home their own Gelatine printing plate. For further information contact Rose McAllister on rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Location: Corcoran Centre Cnr George & James St Morpeth, NSW 2321

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/print-and-pray-april-2023-tickets-595247941617> **When:** Thu, 27 Apr 2023 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM AEST



Eucharistic celebration
with LGBTIQ people, their families, friends and supporters
at St Mary's Church, 2 Bayview St, Warners Bay NSW 2282
6pm on Friday 21 April 2023
followed by a light supper.
For more information contact: LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

Donations for Flowers

To donate flowers *in memory of a loved one* or as a *thank-offering*, please advise Suzanne Evans on 4955 9170 and place your donation in an envelope listing the date for display and include a message and place in the wall safe. *Flowers are required for APRIL 23rd, 30th and MAY 14th, 21st, 28th.*



CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** from the Horbury Hunt Hall.

Thankyou to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate.

The next Community Lunch will be Sunday 23 April.

SOCKS for the **homeless!**

Please donate your **NEW SOCKS** where you see this sign.



Please remember if you can spare a little food for the CCC pantry and Samaritans it would be hugely appreciated.

**EUCCHARISTS at CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
and ST PETER'S HAMILTON**

CATHEDRAL

**8.00am and 10.00am
Monday – Friday 8.30am**

ST PETER'S

Tuesday and Thursday 11.00am



Newcastle Cathedral mainly music is a fun group for children aged 0 to 5 years and their parents or carers. Each session incorporates action songs and games that help to develop gross and fine motor skills, language and creativity.

The cost is \$5 per family –your first session is free!
10:00am to 11:30 every Thursday during school terms in the Cathedral.

Stewardship

Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the mission and ministry of the parish. With no opportunities for additional fund raising, your giving is greatly appreciated. In this time, the best way to exercise our stewardship, to support the work of the parish, is through electronic giving. Our stewardship is an expression of our thankfulness to God, offering as we have received.

Name: Electronic Giving Account BSB: 705-077 Account: 00040917

(please include all 8 digits) Please include your Initial & Surname in the reference line, if required. Please ask the sidespersons at the Cathedral or St Peter's if you would like a set of stewardship envelopes. If you would like information on how you can contribute to the Music Fund, Missions, and other ministries, please contact the parish office so we can share those details with you. Thank you for your generosity, which supports ministry now and in the future.

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

All services in the St Christopher Chapel. Please enter through the transept doors.

Monday 17 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton
Tuesday 18 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 19 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 20 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Mel Nelson
Friday 21 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 23 April 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL Third Sunday in Easter

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Preacher: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

10.00am: Choral Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

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6.00pm: Choral Evensong

Officiant: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *TBC*

ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning and Evening offices continue to be distributed online via **You Tube** and **Facebook**

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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Monday 17 April	6.00am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer The Reverend Angela Peverell
Tuesday 18 April	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Andrew Eaton The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Wednesday 19 April	6.00am 5.30pm	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Thursday 20 April	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Friday 21 April <i>Anselm</i>	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Janet Killen The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Saturday 22 April	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

We have taken measures to ensure that the Cathedral is a safe environment for all.

All who work with children or youth have completed Safe Ministry Training and all clergy, staff and volunteers are subject to strict employment measures such as working with children checks. The Cathedral is committed to being a place where survivors of abuse experience care and support. For a confidential discussion, please call or email the

Director of Professional Standards 1800 774 945

dps@newcastleanglican.org.au or survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au



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