



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle
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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 21 May 2023
Ascension Day



Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: The Reverend Gary Atherton

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Dear Parish Family

Thank you for your prayers last week, as I made my retreat. The retreat was lead by Archdeacon Rod Bower, following the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. It was one of the best retreats I have ever made. A number within the parish have expressed interest in similarly making this style of retreat, and Archdeacon Rod is very open to the idea of leading a retreat in this style later in the year. Please let me know if you would be interested.

I will be on annual leave for the next week and will return for our Pentecost celebrations on Sunday 28th May. For urgent pastoral concerns, please contact Fr Gary Atherton. Fr Gary's details are in the directory section of the pewslip.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, transferred from Thursday. I am delighted that we will welcome again Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt, to enrich our Eucharist at 10.00am. Please encourage others to join with you for this wonderful worship.

As a Parish Community we are committed to the ongoing work of being a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. This week I am especially aware of the hurt experienced by First Nations peoples. 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.

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.

PENTECOST: is Sunday May 28. Traditionally, we wear RED, symbolising that the Spirit of God is indeed with us!

SPRITUALITY GROUP: Resumes on Tuesday 23rd May in the St Christopher Chapel. More details are in the pewslip.

CAMERATA: The next concert in the Christ Church Camerata season is on Sunday May 28 (perfect for Pentecost). Details are in the pewslip. Tickets available at the door or online.

LIVESTREAM: I AM VERY EXCITED to say that the livestream is now fixed! Hopefully, the livestream of our Sunday morning worship will recommence from this weekend.

Please share this news widely, as I am aware of many people who have been missing this connection and worship. The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

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

ATTENDING WORSHIP: COVID-19 continues to spread through our communities, especially as we move into colder weather. 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 by Denise Levertov. I'm finding myself, at the moment, returning to favourite poets. Part of what makes them my favourites, is that their words never cease to challenge and move me. Levertov's beautiful poem on the Ascension invites us to consider the cost of the Ascension: "Can Ascension/ not have been/ arduous, almost, / as the return/ from Sheol, and/ back through the tomb/ into breath?" Another dying and rising to new life perhaps? Levertov challenges us with life and death woven together – the pain and joy of our being. This poem bears reading slowly, and perhaps a number of times.

Ascension

Stretching Himself as if again,
through downpress of dust
upward, soil giving way
to thread of white, that reaches
for daylight, to open as green
leaf that it is...

Can Ascension
not have been
arduous, almost,
as the return
from Sheol, and
back through the tomb
into breath?

Matter reanimate
now must relinquish
itself, its
human cells,
molecules, five
senses, linear

vision endured
as Man—
the sole
all-encompassing gaze
resumed now,
Eye of Eternity.
Relinquished, earth's
broken Eden.
Expulsion,
liberation,
last
self-enjoined task
of Incarnation.
He again
Fathering Himself.
Seed-case
splitting.
He again
Mothering His birth:
torture and bliss.

Denise Levertov 1923-1997

**With my thanks and prayers,
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.*

GYPSY

2.30pm, Sunday, May 28
Christ Church Cathedral

Deborah Humble (mezzo-soprano)
Zac Choi (violin)
David Banney (conductor)

DE FALLA Popular Spanish Folk Songs
DVORAK Songs My Mother Taught Me
BARTOK Roumanian Folk Dances
WEINER Divertimento No. 2
Music of Lehar, Brahms and Guastavino

CHRISTCHURCH CAMERATA
NEWCASTLE



Tickets (Online or at the Box Office)
\$40 (Adult), \$30 (Concession)
\$90 (Family), \$10 (School Student)
www.cccamerata.com.au



Music this Sunday

Gospel response

1st Choir only, unaccompanied

2nd and third time - choir, congregation and organ

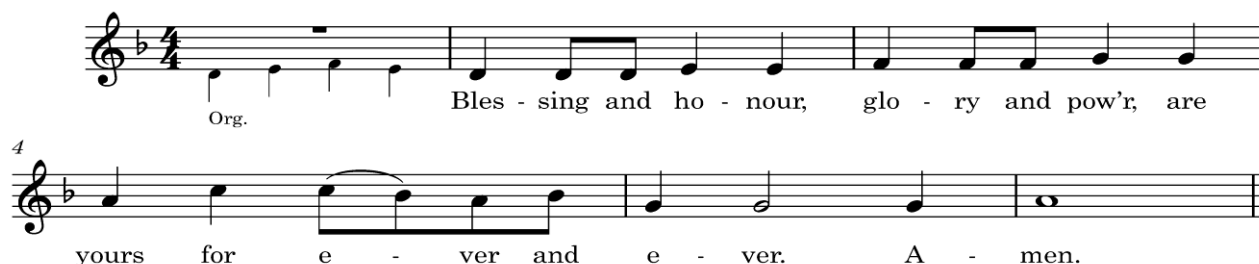
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1. Christ has died



2. Blessing and honour



Sunday, May 21 – Ascension

8AM – Eucharist

Organist – Keith Murree-Allen

Hymns – 228, 225, 497, 547

10AM – Eucharist

Organist – Keith Murree-Allen

Chris Duncan (violin), Catherine Strutt (piano)

Hymns – 228, 225, 497, 547

Setting – Celtic Mass (Banney)

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Marlow after Palestrina)

Anthem – Heyr himna smiður (Sigurbjörnsson)

Gospel response – No. 1 (D major version)

Acclamations – Easter

6PM – Evensong

Organist – David Drury

Hymns – 72, 232, 108

Preces and Responses – Neary/St Nicholas

Canticles – Drury

Anthem – Tebe poem (Chesnokov)

Psalm 68:11-20 (Goss)

About the music...

At our Choral Eucharist this Sunday morning we welcome back Chris Duncan and Catherine Strutt, ARIA-Award-winning musicians, and at the very top of Scottish fiddle music, both in Australia and internationally. Apart from the beauty that they will bring to our worship, this is a kind of musical ecumenism: the Golden Age of the Scottish fiddle was a time when all instruments were banned in worship in the Church of Scotland and consequently, there is very little religious music composed for the instrument. This Celtic Mass is based on a mix of Scottish and Irish folksongs - Scottish for the Gloria and Sanctus, and Irish for the Kyrie and Agnus Dei.

Continuing our discussions of why we sing what we sing in worship, some of the most important moments of music are also some of the shortest - the Gospel Alleluia, and the Acclamations ('Christ has died' and 'Blessing and honour') during the Great Thanksgiving - the long prayer said by the priest in preparation for communion. These come at high moments in the liturgy. The Gospel Alleluia prepares us for the reading of the gospel, which is the high point of the first section of our service (referred to as the Liturgy of the Word). The Gospels are not 'nice words about Jesus', but texts that are at once demanding, challenging and comforting - words that go to the centre of our faith. The Alleluia that we sing should majestic, inspiring and disturbing, preparing us to hear the reading.

The Acclamations come at high points in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. As we prepare for communion, the priest offers prayers of adoration and praise, including text that reminds us of what the Eucharist is all about. 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again' is the most concise creed that we could imagine, and should be sung with gusto. 'Blessing and honour' crowns the Thanksgiving prayer, and the 'Amen' with which it concludes marks the end of the prayer. The ringing of bells at this moment adds certain intensity and busyness. This is serious and wonderful, and, like all of the responses, let us sing it loudly!

SUNDAY MAY 28 2023

WEAR

RED

FOR PENTECOST



CONCERT BY *Candlelight*

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, NEWCASTLE
52 CHURCH STREET, NEWCASTLE

SATURDAY 27 MAY 2023, 5:00PM – 6:15PM

WITH CELEBRATED ARTISTS



LAURA CHISLETT - FLUTE



JOHN MARTIN - PIANO

IN COMMEMORATION OF GEORGE AUGUSTUS MIDDLETON
FIRST CHAPLAIN OF THE HUNTER REGION, 1821 - 1827

MUSIC BY: DONIZETTI, SCHUBERT, REINECKE,
TIUTIUNNIK & DOPPLER

TICKETS: \$35 (CONCESSION \$30)
www.trybooking.com/CGJHS
or scan the QR code, or at the Door



A CALL TO ALL KNITTERS AND CRAFT PEOPLE

As mentioned in the notices on Sunday, we have been extremely fortunate that a group known as Warm Blankets for Everyone have kindly included the Cathedral Outreach Programme as one of their charities. This group create beautiful rugs etc., from off cuts of fabric and left over balls of wool for the needy. If you have off cuts of non-shinny fabric, non-stretch, old school uniforms, cotton, denim etc. old blankets, polar fleece and balls of wool you no longer require the Community Lunch team would greatly appreciate these items.



A box can be found near our sock box in the Narthex of the Cathedral or at St Peter's or we can collect from you and these items will be delivered to Belmont for this valuable service.

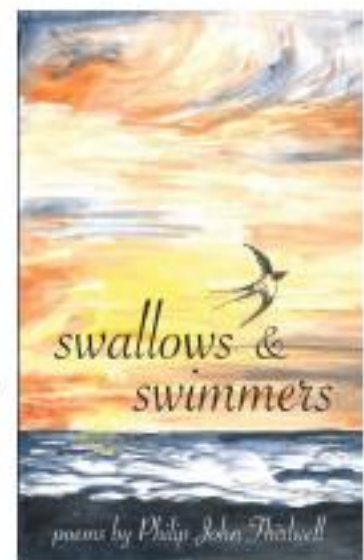
Cathedral Shop News

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



Electronic Giving

If you are one of the very generous people who donate electronically to the Cathedral, sometimes this needs to be "reset" with your financial institute. Several people have dropped off not knowing there was an issue with their bank.

Paint and Pray with Mary this May

27 May 2023



Join us this May as we honour and pray with Mary through the practice of painting and reflection.

Participants will be guided step by step to create their own Marian icon and invited into contemplation and prayer through this process.

You will need to bring an apron, BYO snacks and drinks for the afternoon.

Cost: \$35 for materials -participants will take home their own framed Marian icon.

Spaces are limited, booking is essential.

Time
2pm-6pm

Where
MacKillop Centre Charlestown

RSVP
24 May



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/paint-and-pray-may-2023-tickets-595235353967>



mn.catholic.org.au

Spirituality Group

Spirituality Group is meeting again, commencing on Tuesday 23rd at 5 pm till 6.30 pm in the Christopher Chapel, led by Rev Julia Perry studying, *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. All are welcome. Please contact Jane Smith at 0418647783 for information.

Newcastle University Choir PRESENTS

Howard Goodall's

Eternal Light

A REQUIEM

with English Romantic part songs

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UNIVERSITY
CHOIR
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SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

2.30pm – Great Hall, University of Newcastle

Adult **\$40** Concession **\$35** Student **\$20**
Tickets available at
www.TryBooking.com

www.newcastleuniversitychoir.org

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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 MAY28th.*

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The Cathedral Community Lunches Program continues 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 this Sunday 21 May.

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 22 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton
Tuesday 23 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 24 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 25 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Mel Nelson
Friday 26 May	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28 May 2023 AT THE CATHEDRAL Pentecost

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Preacher: *The Reverend Christian Ford*

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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Tuesday 23 May	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Scott Dulley The Reverend Sarah Dulley
Wednesday 24 May	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Angela Peverell The Reverend Kate Heath
Thursday 25 May	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd The Reverend Janet Killen
Friday 26 May	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin The Reverend Amanda Brockwell
Saturday 27 May	6.00am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton The Reverend Angela Peverell

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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