



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

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Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting
Weekly News Sunday 12 November 2023

Pentecost XXIV



Mary and Larry Beeston Tapestry, Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle. Photo credit: Judy Wotton.

Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

Preacher: *The Reverend Gary Atherton*

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralnewcastle/>

Dear Parish Family

This week's pewslip includes a pastoral letter from Bishop Peter on the subject of Voluntary Assisted Dying, and our Diocesan response to this. It's a long letter, as you would expect, regarding a topic of such sensitivity and importance, and I commend it to you. Additional copies are available at St Peter's and the Cathedral for you to take and share with others. Please contact myself or Fr Gary Atherton if you would like to discuss this in greater detail.

On Sunday 26th November we are having a combined Eucharist celebration at 9.00am. Please invite others to come along for a wonderful morning of worship. The St Nicholas Choir will be singing with us on that day. If you are able to help with morning tea on that Sunday, please contact Justina Gabriel.

As a Parish Community we are committed to the ongoing work of being a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. We are committed to the journey of *Makarrata* – reconciliation with 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...

NEWS: This is our parish pewslip. If you have news, or items for the pewslip, please send them to Sharon in the parish office. We love contributions!

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: COVID is on the rise again! The aged care residences in our parish now require us to take a RAT before attending, and wear masks at all times. 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.

LIVESTREAM: The Livestream is back! The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

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

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 about the parable we hear in this weekend's Gospel. In the cathedral we are blessed to have a magnificent tapestry, by Mary and Larry Beeston, of this parable. It is the cover image on the pewslip this week, and even more wonderful in person – and many thanks to the generosity of a parishioner who recently paid for it to be cleaned and rehung. Please take time to find the tapestry in the cathedral, and spend time sitting with this beautiful artwork.

Clever Maids

Face to face with our limits,
Blinking before the frightful
Stare of our frailty,
Promise rises
Like a posse of clever maids
Who do not fear the dark
Because their readiness
Lights the search.
Their oil
Becomes the measure of their love,
Their ability to wait—
An indication of their
Capacity to trust and take a chance.
Without the caution or predictability
Of knowing day or hour,
They fall back on that only
Of which they can be sure:
Love precedes them,
Before it
No door will ever close. *Thomas J. O’Gorman*

**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.*

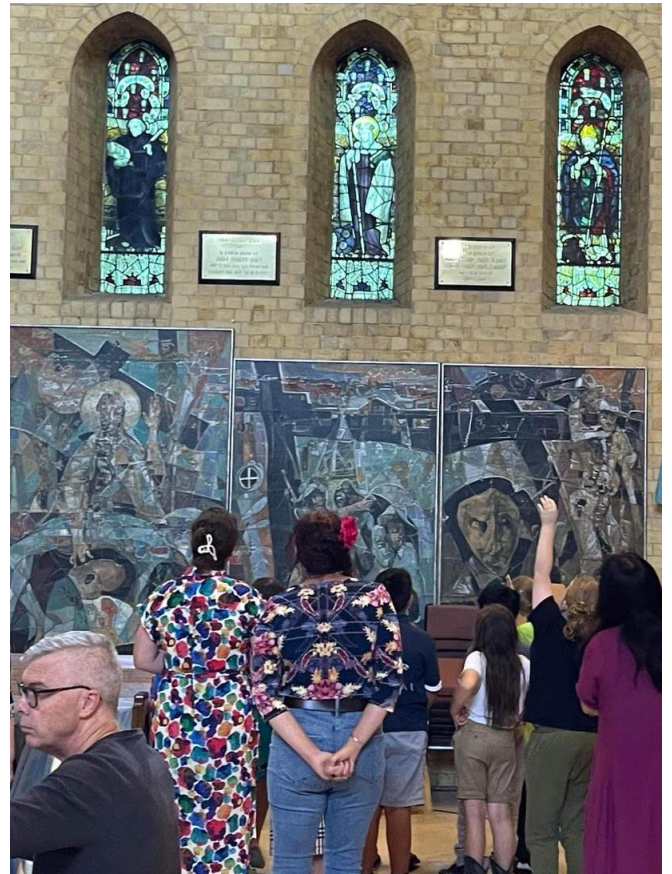
The flowers in the Cathedral have been kindly donated by-
Rosie and Keith Murree-Allen in loving memory of Rosie’s parents
KEITH and MARGARET (PEG) NOAKE
and Keith’s mother **GLADYS MURREE-ALLEN**



Families@Five!

On Saturday we had our monthly Families@Five service. It was full of colour and light! We learnt about St Hild and discovered how the stained glass windows remind us of the stories of many of those who have come before. Our candle prayers shone throughout the service. Veronica made yummy biscuits, and we iced them to look like stained glass windows.

Join us on Saturday December 2nd at 5.00pm for our pre-Christmas service "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and the wee donkey"!



Music this Sunday

8am - Eucharist

Hymns - 142, 212, 519, 231

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

10am - Choral Eucharist

Setting - Mass for four voices (Byrd), Gloria (Guy)

Psalm 78:1-7 (Mann)

Anthem – Day by day (How)

Hymns - 142, 212, 519, 231

Graeme Reynolds (trumpet)

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

6pm - Evensong

Preces and Responses - Smith

Magnificat and Nunc dimittis (Purcell)

Anthem - E'en so Lord Jesus (Manz)

Psalm 63 (Wilton)

Hymns – 637, 271, 411

Rosemary Ponnekanti (organ)

Music Notes

As the church year comes to an end (it begins again on the first Sunday Advent - Dec 3) we have a foretaste of scripture and music for Advent in our Evensong in the extraordinarily beautiful anthem 'E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come'. With a text composed by Ruth Manz based on a passage from the Book of Revelation, and music composed by her husband, Paul Manz, this work has a very moving story:

Paul and Ruth Manz wrote "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" in 1953 during a time when their three-year-old son was critically ill. Reflecting on the time, Ruth Manz reported, "I think we'd reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, 'Lord Jesus quickly come'". During this time, she had prepared some text for Paul for a composition based on the Book of Revelation. While at his son's bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition, which later became the current piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

11 November 2023, 11am, Civic Park , NEWCASTLE

Assistance for November 26th - FEAST OF THE KING

If anyone can help with morning tea on the 26th of November it would be much appreciated. Please contact Justina.

ROAD CLOSURES - NEWCASTLE CBD

The following road closures will be place on Sunday 12th November for the Sparke Helmore Triathlon.

- Wharf Road (Watt St to Nobbys Rd)
- Horeshoe Beach Rd
- Shortland Esplanade (Nobbys Rd to Newcastle Ocean Baths)
- Fort Drive
- Nobbys Road

There will be resident only access for Parnell Place, Stevenson Place and Telford Street.

Closures are expected to be in place until 12:00pm. Please follow the direction of police and traffic controllers.



Climate Change

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change is campaigning to include Climate Change in our environmental legislation as part of our moral duty to protect the planet and all living things.

Did you know that our present Environmental legislation doesn't mention Climate Change? If it did, it would be difficult to approve any new fossil fuels. Minister Plibersek is reviewing this legislation and will be making an announcement in December in advance of COP 28. We want her to change this legislation to save the planet.

ARRCC would like as many individually written letters as possible sent to Tania Plibersek in November to persuade her to demonstrate that she is serious about climate change. These are more powerful than internet petitions.

The letters only need to be short but they should be in your own words - we are having a letter writing afternoon tea to support each other in this task.

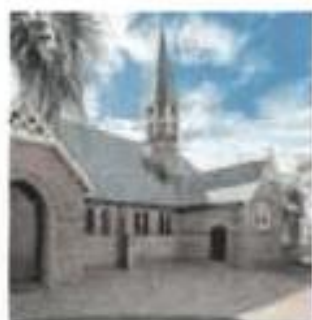
Please come on Tuesday November 14th 4.30 to 6. There will be tea, coffee and cake. I'll bring stamps, envelopes, paper and pens or you can bring your own. You don't need to stay for the whole time. If needed, we will have more than one session. Please pass this message on.

Here is the link to the ARRCC site if you want to write your letter or find out more about the campaign and what to say.

https://www.arrcc.org.au/epbc_act

If you write a letter at home, please let us or ARRCC know how many you post - they are keeping a running tally.

Look forward to seeing you then. Please get back to me if you have any questions. Best wishes, Ann Taylor



**St Peter's
Hamilton
Christmas
Get Together**



plus celebrating

Robert Whiteman's 80th Birthday

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Sunnyside Tavern

20 Broadmeadow Rd,

Broadmeadow NSW 2292

12.00pm for 12.30pm

RSVP: Jenny – 0499-983336

or

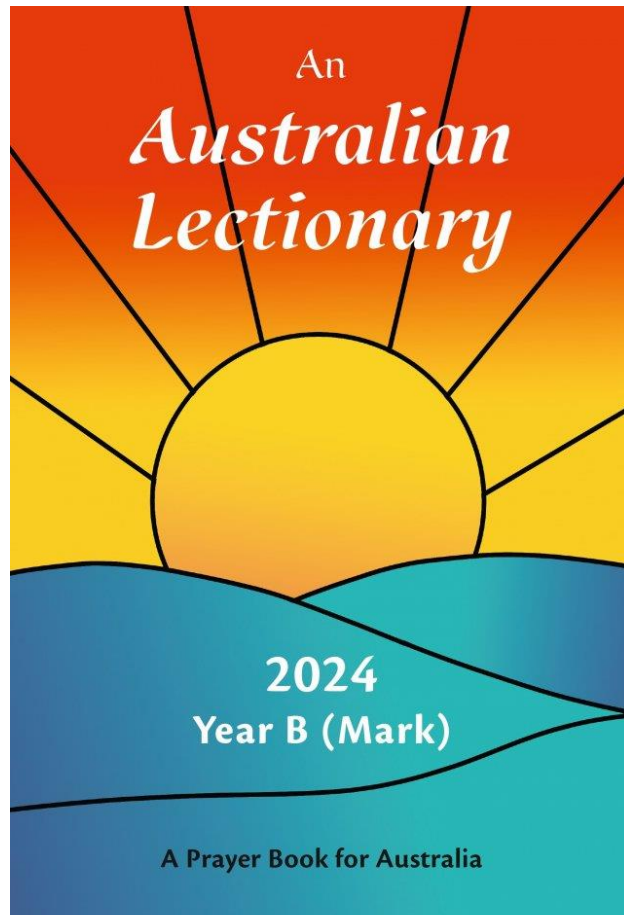
Trevor — 0423-422285

By 29-11-2023



2024 Lectionary

Available Now **\$15.50**



Confirmation?

Would you like to be confirmed?

Please contact Dean Katherine or Fr Gary for more
information.

Confirmation will be on Sunday 26 November 2023 at
9.00am.

It's time to book your table at trivia!

An exciting evening of entertainment and challenging questions is being planned and you don't want to miss out! Organise a table of 6-8 or send Sharon your numbers and I will collate a table for you. Please see the included flyer for more info. Bookings are made through the Cathedral office.

CHOIR
TRIVIA NIGHT
UK Tour Fundraiser

Saturday, Dec 9
6:00pm

\$20
per person
on tables of 8

For registration & further information
Cathedral Office 4929 2052
cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au

BYO
bribes in cash or card form
dessert or main dish for pot luck dinner
drinks - tea and coffee provided

Horbury Hunt Hall, Church St, Newcastle

ONE EUCHARIST SUNDAYS AT THE CATHEDRAL ALL AT 9.00AM

**NOVEMBER
26**

**Christ the King - Patronal Festival
Celebrate together at 9.00am.
Morning Tea afterwards.**

**DECEMBER
24**

**Sunday Morning - Advent 4
Eucharist at 9.00am.
Christmas Services in the afternoon.**

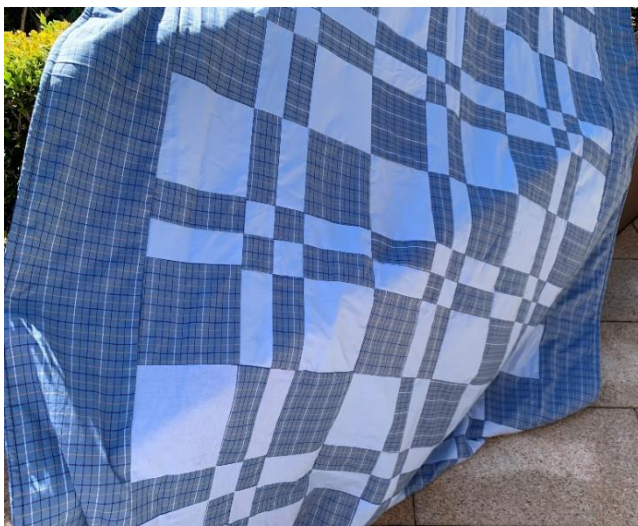
**DECEMBER
31**

**New Year's Eve - Sunday 9.00am.
Come and give thanks for all that has
been, and pray for the New Year.**



Cathedral things to remember...

Although the weather is warmer, it can be cold and damp for the homeless, please donate new socks if you can.



We are still collecting suitable material for the wonderful team who make beautiful blankets to comfort the homeless. Please leave material if you have any.

Donate to the Cathedral's restoration, buy and lay a paver for your furry friend. Contact the office for details.





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 December 3, 10, 17 and Christmas.*

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 Sunday 19 November.

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.

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



A PASTORAL LETTER FROM DR PETER STUART, THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE

Greetings to the Newcastle Anglican community,

I am writing to you all about voluntary assisted dying. In a few weeks, the law in New South Wales will change. NSW citizens will, in certain medical circumstances, be able to bring forward their death. This represents a significant change. For some it is welcome, for others this change is harrowing.

The teaching position of most world faiths expresses serious concerns about this practice. The Anglican Church of Australia has expressed its concern and opposition.

I know that the NSW Parliament considered these perspectives along with other input. It recognised that certain medical trajectories cause a person suffering that cannot be relieved. Suffering that a person considers intolerable. It resolved that it should be possible for those suffering in this way to be able to end their life.

The legislation mandates that their disease, illness, or medical condition must be advanced and progressive. It must, on the balance of probabilities, be likely to cause their death within six months (or within 12 months for neurodegenerative diseases like motor neurone disease).

A new way of responding to terminal illness will soon become part of the NSW way of life. Those who identify as Anglican in our community reflect the breadth of views on this that exist in the wider community.

It is my role as the Bishop to help the Anglican community of our region navigate this change. I have consulted with the Diocesan Council and others. I have been helped by the wisdom of nursing and care staff as well as clergy who regularly care for or minister to the dying.

We recognise that there will be people of faith and people we support who, faced with terminal illness, may contemplate, and proceed with voluntary assisted dying.

I am issuing pastoral guidelines to enable our clergy and workers to exercise a ministry of accompaniment. If their conscience allows them, our clergy and workers will offer care and ministry to these people and their families. They will walk alongside a person and their loved ones with empathy, hope, and consolation.

I am committed to ensuring there will be no withdrawal of care, spiritual care, or sacramental ministry. At the same time, I want to ensure that no one is expected to work in a way that their conscience does not allow. No one will be asked to provide care or ministry where they are uncomfortable doing so.

We recognise that a person contemplating these choices may reach out to explore their thinking. We believe that a person has the right to choose who they talk with. They may give or withhold consent to a conversation.

The voluntary assisted dying law requires operators of residential facilities like us at Anglican Care not to put obstacles in the way of a person freely seeking advice about their choices. However, we are able to withdraw from some aspects of voluntary assisted dying.

The Diocesan Council and I have decided that Newcastle Anglican and its staff will not —

1. participate in the Voluntary Assisted Dying request and assessment process,
2. participate in Voluntary Assisted Dying administration decision,
3. prescribe, supply, or administer a voluntary assisted dying substance, and/or
4. store a voluntary assisted dying substance.

Newcastle Anglican staff, including Anglican Care team members, are not permitted to participate in the voluntary assisted dying process.

People in our residential services are freely able to seek guidance and assistance from their General Practitioner and/or NSW Department of Health Navigator Service on voluntary assisted dying. If they meet the requirements of the legislation, they may be assisted to die in our residential facilities with the assistance of external medical practitioners.

I have reflected on all of this for some time. One of the most well-known psalms contains the words, “God, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me, you act to comfort me.”

Death is the inevitable reality we all face. In my pastoral work, I have accompanied people who experienced healing of relationships and the blessing of peace in their dying journey.

Some of the most significant moments of meaning, connection, and purpose have emerged for the person, their loved one, and me in these times. I have also witnessed very complex dying journeys.

Voluntary assisted dying will bring a change to the shape and pattern of dying. As a church that cares and as organisations that provide services, we are part of this change. My prayer is that we will all know God’s companionship especially when it is time to face our own death and the death of people we love.

My prayer is that our work and ministry to the dying will reflect the compassionate way of Jesus.

May Jesus, who has gone before us in dying and granting us eternal life, grace us with wisdom and insight.

Grace and peace,

Peter, Newcastle



Dr Peter Stuart

Anglican Bishop of Newcastle

**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 13 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Rev'd Gary Atherton
Tuesday 14 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 15 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 16 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Rev'd Mel Nelson
Friday 17 November	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	The Dean

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19 November 2023 AT THE CATHEDAL Pentecost XXV

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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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Wednesday 15 November	6.00am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
Thursday 16 November <i>Margaret of Scotland</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Janet Killen
Friday 17 November <i>Hilda of Whitby & Hugh of London</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Saturday 18 November	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd

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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