



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 Sundays 7 and 14 January 2024
Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord



Caption: Photo Credit Lawrence OP 6 January is the feast of the Epiphany, and this is a detail from a window by Christopher Webb in St Alban's Cathedral.

Services Today

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Dear Parish Family

Happy Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Epiphany!

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to our wonderful worship over the days of Christmas and the New Year. I am certain that it is a direct result of the encounter with the love of God through our worship over these days, that I have been approached by a number of adults seeking baptism. Please pray for those who are responding to God's action in their lives.

This is a two week pewslip. This weekend we keep the Feast of the Epiphany, and next weekend, the Baptism of Our Lord. A reminder that the Cathedral Office will reopen on Tuesday 16th January. During the office closure, please contact myself or Fr Gary directly – our contact details are in the pewslip.

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!

CATHEDRAL DAILY EUCHARISTS continue, and it has been lovely to be joined by visitors to the Cathedral over these days. Why not join us one morning too? Monday-Friday, 8,30am, except on Public Holidays.

SHROVE TUESDAY: It's an 'early' Lent this year, with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 14th February. This means that Shrove Tuesday will soon be here too! Information is in the pewslip – please mark the date now! Last year was so much fun!

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: COVID is on the rise again! 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: I'm aware we had problems with the Livestream last weekend. The easiest way to connect to the livestream (when it is working! 😊) 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 two poems, one by Polish poet Stanislaw Baranczak, and the other by Madeleine L'Engle, renowned American writer. If you do not wish to be discomforted, give Baranczak's poem a miss. Baranczak envisages a dystopian Epiphany, in which the Magi are agents of state oppression, rather than the signs of the liberating

nature of God's expansive love. L'Engle's beautiful poem, tells the story of Jesus' life up to the point of the Baptism by John. Both poems speak of Epiphanies in different ways, in which we 'know'.

The Three Magi To Lech Dymarski

They will probably come just after the New Year.
As usual, early in the morning.
The forceps of the doorbell will pull you out by the head
from under the bedclothes; dazed as a newborn baby,
you'll open the door. The star of an ID
will flash before your eyes.
Three men. In one of them you'll recognize
with sheepish amazement (isn't this a small
world) your schoolmate of years ago.
Since that time he'll hardly have changed,
only grown a mustache,
perhaps gained a little weight.
They'll enter. The gold of their watches will glitter (isn't
this a gray dawn), the smoke from their cigarettes
will fill the room with a fragrance like incense.
All that's missing is myrrh, you'll think half-consciously--
while with your heel you're shoving under the couch
the book they mustn't find--
what is this myrrh, anyway,
you'd have to finally look it up
someday. You'll come
with us, sir. You'll go
with them. Isn't this a white snow.
Isn't this a black Fiat.
Wasn't this a vast world.

Stanislaw Baranczak 1946-2014

Mary: after the Baptism

Yes, of course. On many days I doubted.
My faith grew out of doubt. The child was good
but other babies have been good. He shouted
when he was hungry, like any child, for food.
One simply does not think of the Messiah
cutting teeth, eating, and eliminating.
He springs, full-grown, in the great Isaiah--
God, servant, king. And I was waiting,
remembering in my heart the very things
that caused my doubt: the angel's first appearing
to me and then to Joseph; shepherds, kings,
the flight to Egypt. Remembering was fearing;

doubt helped. I had to face it all as true
the day John baptized him. Then he knew.

Madeleine L'Engle 1918-2007

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.



**As Summer is here (sometimes), please
think about bringing water with you to
church as it can get quite warm inside.**





We're closed!

The Cathedral Office will be closed
from Midday Wednesday 20th
December until Tuesday 16th January.
Emails and Telephone messages will
be checked regularly.

For urgent matters, please contact
Dean Katherine Bowyer
0407 201 693

Music this Sunday

Our Choir is enjoying a well earned holiday!

Shrove Tuesday

THE DEAN And MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL
OUTREACH PROGRAM

Invite you to attend

A SHROVE TUESDAY EVENING

“ENJOY DESSERT WITH US”

DATE: FEBRUARY 13th 2024 7pm – 9pm

VENUE: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

52 Church Street Newcastle

*An Extravaganza of Pancakes with all the trimmings *Bring your own wine (glasses will be supplied) *There will be Tea, Coffee and Fruit Juice *Magnificent Music creating a wonderful atmosphere *Wheelchair access. *Tickets available through the Cathedral Office or at the door *Lucky Door Prize

*All proceeds will go towards: “The Christ Church Cathedral Outreach Program”

ADULTS: \$20.00 CHILDREN: \$10.00



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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.



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

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 January 21 and 28
and February 4 and 11.*

CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

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 will be Sunday 28 January 2024.

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.

**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.

RECOMMENCING TERM 1, 2024



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 8 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Gary Atherton
Tuesday 9 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 10 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 11 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Friday 12 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean

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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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Saturday 30 January <i>Hilary of Poitiers</i>	6.00am	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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