



# 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 21 2024*

## Aboriginal Sunday



### Services Today

#### **8.00am: Eucharist**

Presider: The Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

#### **10.00am: Sung Eucharist**

Presider: The Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

#### **6.00pm: Sung Evensong**

Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

Reflection

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

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

## *Dear Parish Family*

And suddenly it's over halfway through January, and Ash Wednesday is less than four weeks away!

The office reopened this week, and the hum of parish life is returning after well earned breaks. It has been wonderful to welcome more people to our morning Eucharists at the Cathedral this week. Monday to Friday at 8.30am, it's a peaceful way to begin the day.

Our mainly music team are very excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to welcoming children and their parents and carers to the Cathedral in School term time. Please speak with Siobhan if you would like some more information.

This weekend we observe Aboriginal Sunday. You can read more about what this is, and why we're observing it, in the pewslip. Being a people of prayer and action is part of our commitment as a Parish Community 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.

**COMMUNITY LUNCH** returns on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January. This is an invaluable community outreach ministry. Thank you for your support. If you would like to find out more, or how you can assist, please speak with Suzanne Evans or Andy Traill.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** Families@Five returns for 2024 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 5.00pm, with our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Each year, we bless those beginning or returning to school or education, and we collect donations for Samaritans to distribute to families in need. ***Can't make it to the service?*** Don't worry – you can still contribute back-to-school supplies – please bring them to the office (during office hours) or leave in the container in the St Christopher Chapel.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** It's an 'early' Lent this year, with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This means that Shrove Tuesday will soon be here too! Information is in the pewslip – please mark the date now! Tickets available from the office, or after services.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** There will be three Ash Wednesday Eucharists in the parish on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the service times in the pewslip.

**LENTEN STUDIES:** I said last Sunday that Lent is a time for enrichment. There will be many opportunities for growth this Lent. There is information in the pewslip about a Lenten Study Group, and an online retreat, and more information will be coming as we come closer to Ash Wednesday. Plan now to set aside time to grow in faith.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Would you be willing to assist in welcoming people to worship? Nothing says welcome more than a smile and a friendly greeting. We need welcomers for all our Services. Please contact me or Sharon in the office (my mobile number and email are in the pewslip) and let me know at which service you can help.

**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've had problems with the Livestream in January. Hopefully these are fixed now. 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 by W B Yeats, a favourite poet of mine<sup>1</sup>, but this poem is new to me. Our gospel this weekend features the call of those fishing. This poem, about a fish, nets, and a fisher, seemed (seen with Scriptural eyes) to speak of our experience, at times, of resisting the call of God, or God's direction in our lives.

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<sup>1</sup> Wait. Aren't they 'all' your favourites, Dean Katherine? 😊



## ***The Fish***

Although you hide in the ebb and flow  
Of the pale tide when the moon has set,  
The people of coming days will know  
About the casting out of my net,  
And how you have leaped times out of mind  
Over the little silver cords,  
And think that you were hard and unkind,  
And blame you with many bitter words.

*William Butler Yeats 1865-1939*

**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](mailto:cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au) to be placed on the email or mail out list.*

***The flowers in the Cathedral today have been donated-***

**in memory of THE REV'D DR JAMES THOMAS RIGNEY,  
14<sup>th</sup> DEAN OF NEWCASTLE**

# *Music this Sunday*

**10am**

Mass for Violin and Piano (David Banney)

The Innocents (David Banney)

Prayer from String Quartet No 14 (Sculthorpe)

## **Music notes**

A very Happy New Year from all of the musicians, as we look forward to a year of musical riches in 2024. The choir will return in full swing at the beginning of February, but next week the choir will sing at the Eucharist, which will be the last Sunday for our beloved chorister and Family Ministry Coordinator, Veronica Butcher.

This week the music at the 10am service will give the congregation an unusual chance to reflect deeply on the texts of the Mass. Instead of singing the Mass, it will be a Mass for Violin and Piano, and you are encouraged to use the music as a guide to focus on the meaning of the texts that we sing every week. With a focus on Australian composers, the music for the Censing of the Altar comes from Peter Sculthorpe's 'Quamby' Quartet, named after Quamby Bluff in Tasmania, close to Sculthorpe's family home, and the scene of a massacre of indigenous people many years ago. During communion we hear 'The Innocents', a work dedicated to all survivors and victims of sexual abuse within a religious context and commissioned as a collaboration between Elizabeth Seysener - Clergy Abused Network, and Zimmerman Service Healing and Support - Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle through the Bishops Healing Fund'. The original version of this work, recorded by Susan Collins (violin) with electronic accompaniment, can be heard on Youtube, by following the QR code:



# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY  
5.00PM  
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
NEWCASTLE**

**PLEASE BRING SOME  
BACK -TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO  
DONATE.  
PIZZA AFTERWARDS!**

*Families@Five*  
[www.newcastlecathedral.org.au](http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au)  
**(02) 4929 2052**



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





# 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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February 14 2024

# Ash Wednesday

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle

8.30am Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes

St Peter's Hamilton

11.00am Eucharist and  
Imposition of Ashes

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# Jamberoo Abbey Online Lenten Retreat

Care for our hearts!  
Care for the earth!

## Borrowing Tomorrow

### ABOUT

Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* concerns himself with the state of the heart as he reflects on the destruction of our planet.

In this retreat we will be examining our lives and asking the hard questions in relation to how we care for our own heart which is reflected in how we care for our earth.

### COST

The cost of the retreat is \$200.00. We understand how difficult it is to make ends meet these days so do not hesitate to email if you are unable to manage the full cost.

### DATE

Retreat begins Sunday, February 18th and  
finishes Palm Sunday,

March 24th.

What is  
the purpose of  
our life in this world.

What need does the earth have of us? Pope Francis

Jamberoo Abbey  
Online Retreat  
with Sr Antonia Curtis OSB

### DETAILS

There will be one Conference each Sunday as well as suggestions to explore the contents of the talks. Short reading or story weekly. An Optional one off Zoom session with Sr Antonia is available for those who wish.

### CONTACT

Register online at:  
[jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats)  
You will also find many other online retreats on our website.





# Lenten Sermon Series 2024

## What was I made for? Baptism, Promises, and Me.

Sundays 6.00pm  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Newcastle

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

*TURNING TO CHRIST*

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

*REPENTING OF SIN*

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

*REJECTING GREED,  
FALSEHOOD AND  
INJUSTICE*

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

*RENOUNCING SATAN  
AND ALL EVIL*

SUNDAY 17 MARCH

*LIVING AS A  
DISCIPLE*

[WWW.NEWCASTLECATHEDRAL.ORG.AU](http://WWW.NEWCASTLECATHEDRAL.ORG.AU)  
(02) 4929 2052

## *What's been happening in January...?*

Well, quite a lot, actually!

At Christmas, you may have noticed that access to the path to the Cathedral Office was blocked. This was because a wall alongside the path was in danger of collapse.

Early in January, builders demolished and made safe the leaning wall, uncovering the Deanery coal store, from a time when heating and cooking was coal fired, in the process. You can see the remnants on your way to the office.

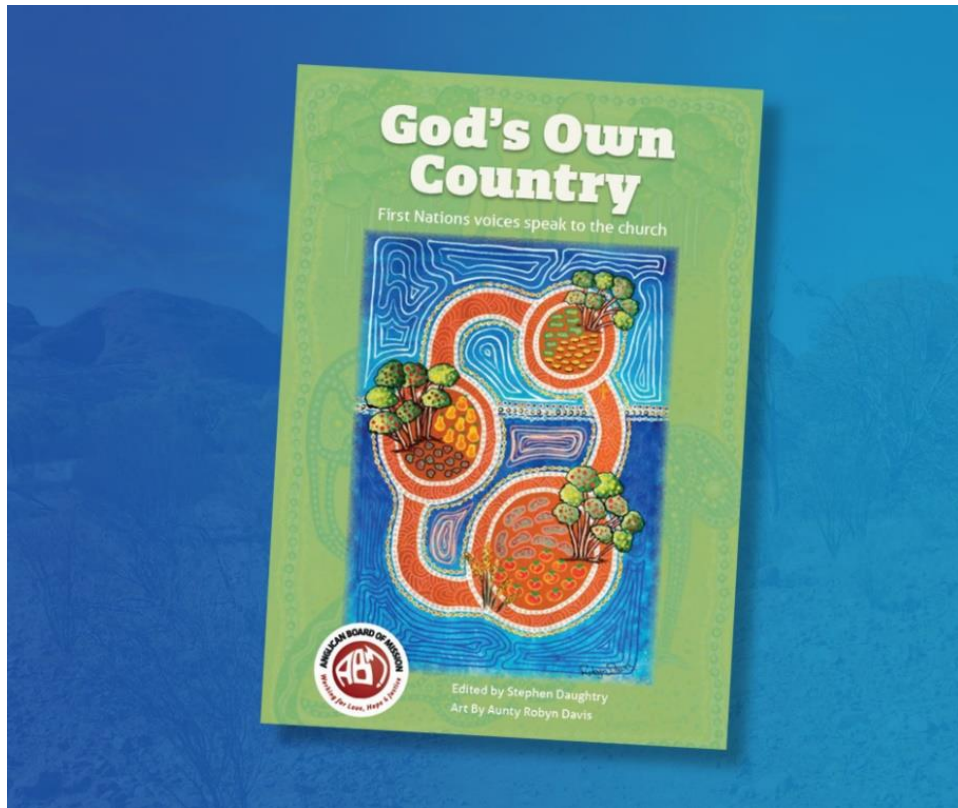
Stage two will involve assessment of the existing footings, and stage three rebuilding the wall. We are thankful that it appears that insurance may cover most of the cost.



The choir vestry has been repainted, as part of a project to enhance it as a rehearsal and preparation space. One of the challenges was that the light in the vestry was often very dim. Additional lights have also been installed, and the next step is to replace the amber glass with clear glass to enhance natural light.



# God's Own Country - ABM's Lenten Study for 2024 or anytime!



First Nations leaders and clergy from the Anglican Church, generously offer theological insights and personal reflections that help us to hear the VOICE of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of faith.

**Based on the Seven Days of Creation and with stunningly beautiful paintings by the Rev'd Aunty Robyn Davis, 'God's Own Country' is an essential, life-giving and challenging study.**

In our struggle to become an authentically Australian church, what better resource could we turn to than the voices of leaders who draw on vibrant Christian faith and a 60,000 year old understanding of God's relationship with the land and people of the country we call Australia.

Dig your fingers in to the soil of '**God's Own Country**', and discover more about the God we love and serve.

*Books will be available for individual purchase for \$12. An e-book option will also be available. A Study group will meet at the Cathedral on Tuesdays from 5.00pm.*

## ***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 February 4, EASTER DAY, April 7,14 ,21 and 28.*

## **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 January2024.***

## **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**

**Sunday - 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.

# *2024 Opening of Law Term Ceremonies*

**Morning Ceremonies**

**Monday 29 January 2024**

**Ecumenical Service**

9:00am, Christ Church Cathedral,  
52 Church Street, Newcastle



NEWCASTLE LAW SOCIETY

REGIONAL  
LAW SOCIETY  
— recognised by —  
THE LAW SOCIETY  
OF NEW SOUTH WALES

# 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of the Reverend Florence Li Tim-Oi

Join us at the 8.30am Eucharist on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the ordination of the Reverend Florence Li Tim-Oi, the first woman to be ordained in the Anglican Communion. Refreshments afterwards.



## NEWS

Celebrating the  
80th anniversary  
of the first  
Anglican  
woman priest



**About Florence Li Tim-Oi:** “When a priest could no longer travel from Japanese-occupied territory to preside for her at the eucharist, for three years Tim-Oi was licensed to do so as a deacon. Bishop R O Hall of Hong Kong then asked her to meet him in Free China, where on 25th January 1944 he ordained her ‘a priest in the Church of God’. He felt that this was as momentous a step as when the Apostle Peter baptised the Gentile Cornelius. As St Peter recognised that God had already given Cornelius the Baptismal gift of the Spirit, so Bishop Hall was merely confirming that God had already given Tim-Oi the gift of priestly ministry.

To defuse controversy, in 1946 Tim-Oi surrendered her priest’s licence, but not her Holy Orders, the knowledge of which carried her through Maoist persecution.”

<https://www.ltof.org.uk/litimoi-story/>



## **SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL**

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

Monday 22 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Gary Atherton
Tuesday 23 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 24 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 25 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Friday 26 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	NO EUCHARIST PUBLIC HOLIDAY

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2024 AT THE CATHEDRAL**

### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **8.00am: Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

#### **10.00am: Sung Eucharist**

**Presider:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** The Reverend Gary Atherton

#### **6.00pm: Sung Evensong**

**Officiant:** The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer

**Preacher:** Reflection

**You Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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

## 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.

**You Tube:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXyas2uhJUNOnDetOpPdUOg>

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

Monday 22 January Vincent	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Tuesday 23 January	6.00am	The Reverend Janet Killen
Wednesday 24 January Companions of Paul	6.00am	Archdeacon Arthur Copeman
Thursday 25 January CONVERSION OF PAUL	6.00am	The Reverend Angela Peverell
Friday 26 January	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Saturday 27 January John Chrysostom	6.00am	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell

**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](mailto:dps@newcastleanglican.org.au) or  
[survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au](mailto:survivorsupport@newcastleanglican.org.au)**



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## WARDENS

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