



Christ Church Cathedral

52 Church Street, Newcastle

and St Peter's Hamilton

148 Denison Street, Hamilton



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 7 April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter



Norwich Cathedral

Services Today

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: The Reverend Gary Atherton

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

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Dear Parish Family

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thank you again to everyone who contributed to the beauty of our worship over the Great Three Days (The Triduum), both at the Cathedral and St Peter's, concluding with joyous celebrations on Easter Day. You may have seen some of the coverage in the Newcastle Herald, and some snippets on NBN news. I am thankful that our local media knows they are always welcome and includes us in their media coverage.

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Low Sunday' - which is not a reflection on attendance figures, but rather the contrast to the 'Highs' of the previous weekend.

DAYLIGHT SAVING also ends this Sunday – so no excuses for missing church as we all get an extra hour in the morning 😊

CONGRATULATIONS to Kevin and Cathy Claydon who recently celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary!

I will be away from Thursday 11th April till Tuesday 16th April inclusive. I am attending the National General Synod Standing Committee meeting (I am the clerical Secretary) and then having a few days holiday.

As a Parish Community, we strive to be a safe, welcoming, inclusive, and affirming place for all. We all have a part to play in this ongoing work. 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!

FAMILIES@FIVE: is on Saturday at 5.00pm – a fun, relaxed communion service, that's very interactive! Perfect for the young and young at heart.

ANZAC: Our hearts and minds turn now to ANZAC commemorations. At midday on Sunday 21st April there will be Newcastle RSL ANZAC Commemoration service, including the lighting of the ANZAC Flame, and the Opening of the Field of Remembrance. All are welcome.

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: The impact of ongoing COVID is evident in our parish family. 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.

LIVESTREAM: Did you know? You can catch up on past sermons and services on the Cathedral YouTube channel, as well joining the livestream. The easiest way to connect to the livestream is through the cathedral YouTube channel:

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

Finally, this week's poem is a long poem by Denise Levertov. Dan Clendenin writes that "Levertov always had an affinity for Thomas the Doubter." Clendenin continues:

The Greek *Didymus* and the Aramaic *T'omas* both mean "the twin." In her poem, though, Levertov imagines Thomas identifying with a *spiritual* twin rather than with his actual biological "twin of my birth" (who is never mentioned in the gospels). She suggests that Thomas's spiritual twin is the desperate and doubting father in Mark 9:24: "I do believe, help my unbelief."

In Levertov's poem, long after Thomas had seen the healing of the little boy in Mark 9, the doubt of the father plagued him. "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."

(<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/essays/3558-doubting-thomas>)

St Thomas Didymus

In the hot 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.

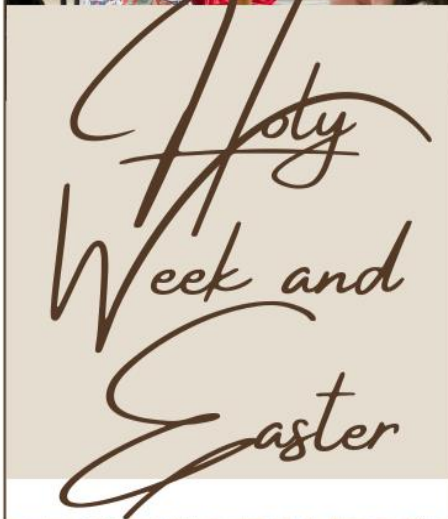
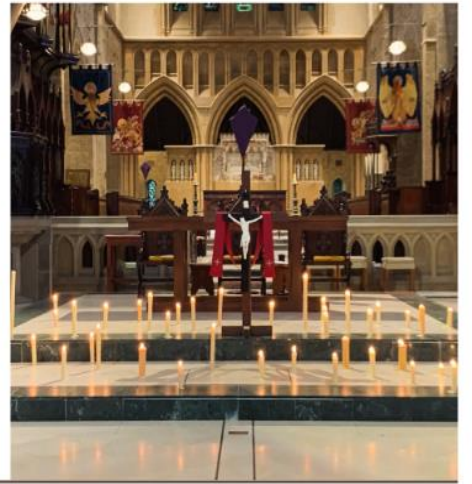
I needed
blood to tell me the truth,
the touch
of blood. Even
my sight of the dark crust of it
round the nailholes
didn't thrust its meaning all the way through
to that manifold knot in me
that willed to possess all knowledge,
refusing to loosen
unless that insistence won
the battle I fought with life

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)

**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.





Families@Five

Meeting Jesus on our way



Music this Holy Week

8am – Eucharist

Hymns 393, 381, 649 (tune 608), 378

10am – Choral Eucharist

Introit – Adoramus te (Noake)

Setting – Mass for Four Voices (Byrd)

Gloria from Missa Brevis (Palestrina)

Ps 133

Anthem – Ave verum (Mozart)

Hymns 393, 381, 649 (tune 608), 378

6pm - Evensong

371, 376, 380

Music notes

Our hymns this week celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, beginning with a melody that, in my opinion at least, is one of the greatest of all hymn tunes. The melody dates back to the 1600s but remains fresh thanks to ingenious rhythmic devices and a playful use of the C major scale. And after a six week fast (until last Sunday, of course), the hymn gives us plentiful opportunities to sing ‘Alleluia’!

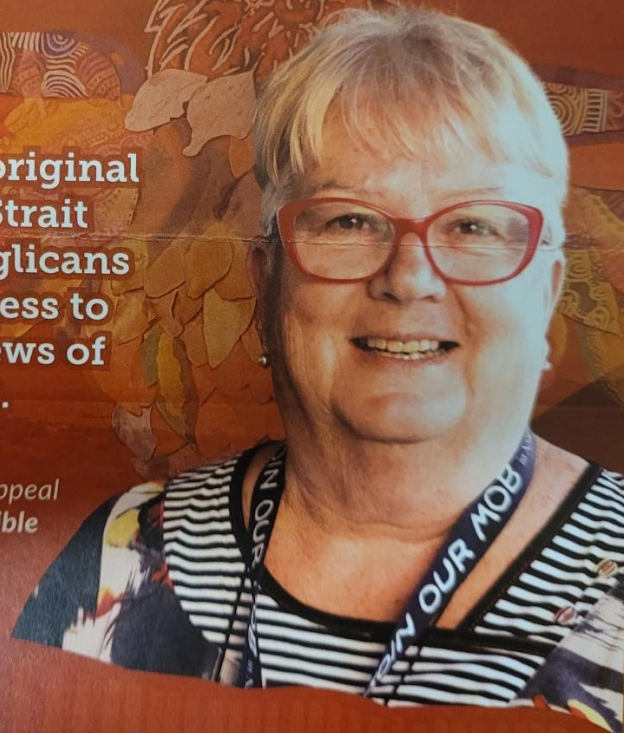
This week the choir marks the Anniversary of the death of Jenny Pickering, a beloved chorister, pianist, administrator, friend and family member to members of the choir and the congregation. Our introit is part of a setting of Adoramus te (We adore you, Lord Jesus) by Jenny’s father and a past Director of Music here, Keith Noake.

EASTER GIFT 2024



**Support Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander Anglicans
as they witness to
the Good News of
Jesus Christ.**

*Donations to this appeal
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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 April 21,
May 5, 12, 19 and 26.***

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 this Sunday 7 April 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

Sunday - 8.00am and 10.00am

Monday – Friday 8.30am

ST PETER'S

11.00am Tuesday and Thursday

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 8 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer	The Reverend Gary Atherton
Tuesday 9 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 10 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Bishop
Thursday 11 April	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Dean
Friday 12 April	8.00am - Eucharist	NO Eucharist TODAY

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ONLINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

The Weekly and mid-week Eucharists and the Morning office 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 8 April <i>Annunciation to the BVM</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin
Tuesday 9 April <i>William Law, Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Andrew Eaton
Wednesday 10 April	6.00am	The Reverend Janet Killen
Thursday 11 April <i>George Augustus Selwyn</i>	6.00am	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Friday 12 April	6.00am	The Reverend Canon Garry Dodd
Saturday 13 April	6.00am	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

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