



Christ Church Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton

52 Church Street, Newcastle 148 Denison Street



Welcome to worship today, especially all who are visiting

Weekly News Sunday 7 February 2021

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



Brass Eagle Lectern, Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle NSW

Today's

8.00am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Reverend Dr Julia Perry*

Preacher: *The Reverend Dr Julia Perry*

10.00am: Eucharist

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

Dear Parish Family,

This week Dean Katherine is taking time to travel to attend the installation of the new Dean of Griffith.

At a time when being physically distant can feel socially isolated for many - this poem which the Spirituality Group explored this week is a wonderful reminder of the sanctuary, love & welcome we receive and which we are sent to be in the world. Locum Dean Julia

A Blessing called Sanctuary

You hardly knew
how hungry you were to be gathered in,
to receive the welcome that invited you to enter entirely—
nothing of you
found foreign or strange,
nothing of your life that you were asked
to leave behind
or to carry in silence or in shame.

Tentative steps
became settling in,
leaning into the blessing
that enfolded you,
taking your place
in the circle
that stunned you
with its unimagined grace.

You began to breathe again,
to move without fear,
to speak with abandon
the words you carried
in your bones,
that echoed in your being.

You learned to sing.

But the deal with this blessing is that it will not leave you alone, will not let you linger
in safety, in stasis.

The time will come
when this blessing
will ask you to leave,
not because it has tired of you
but because it desires for you to become the sanctuary that you have found—
to speak your word into the world,
to tell what you have heard with your own ears,
seen with your own eyes, known in your own heart:

that you are beloved,
precious child of God, beautiful to behold,
and you are welcome
and more than welcome
here.

Jan Richardson The Sanctuary between us. 2021

With my thanks and prayers.

Locum Dean Julia

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.*

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 11 & 25



From the Cathedral's Director of Music Peter Guy... ..

Psalm 137 ponders the question "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?". Without diminishing the experience of the exiled Israelites, it seems that with each passing week this verse takes on more and more reality in our current context. Whereas the Israelites found themselves in a strange land geographically, we find ourselves in a strange land temporally; our physical surroundings are familiar, but the way we experience them and express ourselves are very strange indeed!

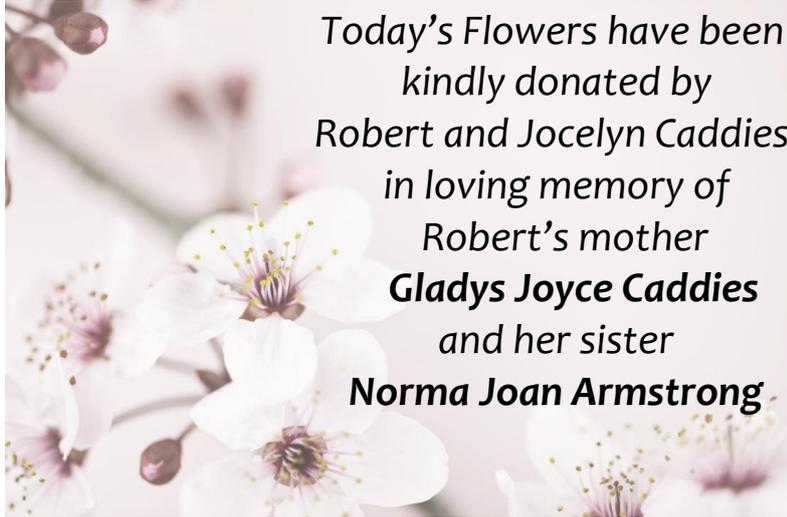
As I write this on Thursday morning, I'm preparing once again to meet with Scott Bevan from the Herald who continues to give us a voice in the media in support of our cause (hopefully there will have been an article in the Herald on Friday). I have had a conversation with a representative from NSW Health (again) this week who informs me that the senior advisors are (again) discussing the matter of singing, acknowledging that we are going to have to live with this pandemic for some time, and that simply restricting singing *ad infinitum* is not an acceptable long term solution. All of this gives me hope that we are (again) on a precipice of change...

St Augustine tells us that "one who sings, prays twice". In Kodaly's approach to music education, we aim to develop a student's "inner hearing": the skill of hearing notes and phrases in our head before hearing them aloud. Perhaps if St Augustine knew Kodaly, he might have said "one who sings in their head, prays twice". For now, we are confined to singing in our hearts and minds, knowing that the God who knows our innermost thoughts and the secrets of our hearts hears our unsung praises. And we continue to pray to that same God that we might soon be permitted to sing those praises aloud once more.

Mainly Music is currently in recess –

Please check our Cathedral Ministry Facebook page and our Cathedral Facebook for fun activities and resources you can do at home





SERVICES DURING THE WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

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

Monday 8 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Garry Dodd
Tuesday 9 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Wednesday 10 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Bishop
Thursday 11 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Fr Philip Thirlwell
Friday 12 February	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Dean

Please send any notices for inclusion in the pew sheet to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au by 9am on Tuesday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Transfiguration

8am: Eucharist

Presider: *The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean*

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The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer, Dean

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.

Missions in 2021

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Projects

During this year we will highlight the work of ABM in the Dioceses of Northern Territory, North Queensland and Torres Strait Islands. In July we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the “The Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands”. **Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” (Mark 12:29-31)**

Mission is the manifestation of Christ’s saving, forgiving, reconciling love. In our own land, reconciliation begins by listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are saying and discerning where God is at work. ABM’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects provide vital resources that contribute to a future of love, hope and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches and communities. ABM’s work is focussed on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the Anglican Church of Australia, especially by working closely with the National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC). Your support for these projects helps to raise up and equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and build platforms which enable their voices to be heard.



*Wontulp Bi-Buya College
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Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development. COVID-19 has brought about changes to the way Wontulp courses are delivered. All face to face teaching had to cease and the college was presented with the challenge of delivering appropriate remote learning opportunities to 131 students spread across Australia. Many students live in remote communities where there is little access to internet or computers. The small hard-working team of staff rose to the challenge and have been supporting all their students through a multi-stage plan to see every person have access to teaching support and materials needed. This included the move to online course delivery, regional visits by staff to provide training (where permitted), and the provision of college-owned devices that can be loaned out to students. In 2021 the college will continue in this mode of operation and needs your support to do so. Wontulp-Bi-Buya owns no buildings and operates from a converted church hall in Cairns. College principal, the Rev'd Canon Victor Joseph, is an important theological leader in the Anglican Church of Australia and leads the college with much enthusiasm and vision. **Please support Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in equipping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders:**

On-line giving Name: Missions Account

BSB: 705-077

Account: 00041087



CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY LUNCHESES: The Cathedral Community Lunches Program is continuing to offer a hot meal **every second Sunday at 12.30pm** as a 'take away' option from the Horbury Hunt Hall. **Thank you** to the dedicated volunteers who are ensuring this important outreach program continues to operate.

***The next Community lunch take away will be
Sunday February 14.***

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (January 27) NOTES

A summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2021

A combined meeting of the Cathedral Board and the Parish Council is planned for 13 February 2021. After this, information on our current financial situation, including the 2021 Budget, will be sent to parishioners ahead of the Annual General Meeting planned for March.

Dean Katherine is recommending that the Cathedral be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 3 pm to encourage visitors and tourists. Any parishioners wishing to volunteer to be a guide are asked to contact the office. This initiative may enable us to apply for a government grant, which will assist us with minor repairs to taps and toilets.

Council noted the moving farewells to The Reverend Angela Peverell at both services on 24 January by Lloyd Peake, Pam Brydges and Graham Vimpani. Please pray for Angela and the people of St Albans, Muswellbrook for her installation as priest-in-charge on 15 February. Gifts from the people of St Peter's and the Cathedral have enabled her to acquire a set of green vestments. Father Selwyn Dornan will be helping with Thursday services at St Peters.

Robert Sharpe summarized our current financial situation. We gladly welcomed a gift of \$8,224 from the Cathedral shop despite the intermittent lockdowns. Over \$14,000 was given for missions and drought and bushfire relief. Our offertory giving in 2020 was only \$5,613 less than the previous year. The net JobKeeper benefit was just over \$150,000. JobKeeper for the parish has now ceased.

The Reverend Dr Julia Perry will act as locum in early February and will also pick-up responsibility for the Spirituality group.



**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

The Samaritans

Food supplies at the Samaritans are running very low, any donations would be gratefully received. Items such as long life milk, cereals, pastas, noodles, canned meals and tinned fish would all be very welcome. With many thanks.



***Your used and mint postage stamps
are valuable to ABM because
we can use them to help fund mission.***

Please trim used stamps
with a 1 cm border around them, and
separate Australian stamps from overseas ones.

Stamp collections are also gratefully received.

Please leave your stamps at
the Cathedral or St Peter's Hamilton

QR Codes – Frequently Asked Questions

What is the QR Code?

QR codes are a common of electronic check-in system which operate like barcodes, with information that can be read by a smartphone camera.

Why do I need to use it?

It is a hygienic, contactless way of recording your attendance for faster contact tracing. At the moment, it is mandatory for attendees at weddings and funerals. We expect that it will soon be mandatory for places of worship.

How does the QR Code work?

Open your smartphone camera and point it at the code square. A notification should come up on the top of the screen on your phone, taking you to the Service NSW App. Login with your details and follow the prompts.

How do I get the App?

You can download the Service NSW App from the App Store.

I've checked in. It says I need to show a member of staff. What do I do now?

Please show your phone screen to a sidesperson, who will mark your name off the list if you have pre-registered or note your attendance for tally purposes.

Can I register multiple people on my device?

Yes. You can register dependents. If you register other people with you, if contact tracing is required, you will be contacted on behalf of these people.

I don't have a smartphone./ My smartphone doesn't recognise the QR Code. What do I do?

Please see one of the sidespeople who will record your attendance on the online form. Thanks for your patience as we learn the new system.

Do I still need to register to attend worship?

It's helpful if we have an idea beforehand about numbers attending services. We'd hate for you to turn up and for there not to be a space for you!

I forgot to check out! Is that a problem?

No. :)

What happens to my personal information?

Your information is sent directly to Service NSW. This means it is readily available for NSW Health to access if it becomes necessary.

Where can I find more information? This website is helpful,

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/customer-record-keeping/qr-codes> with a handy video at the end of the page. Please ask the Dean, the Sub Dean, a Warden, or a Parish Council if you have any concerns.

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** at **8.30am** and **5.30pm** each day.

We encourage you to share these resources widely during this time.

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Monday 8 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Nicole Baldwin The Reverend Dr Julia Perry
Tuesday 9 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Canon Janet Killen The Reverend Canon Michael Davies
Wednesday 10 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer Archdean Arthur Copeman
Thursday 11 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Andrew Eaton The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer
Friday 12 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Stephen Williams The Reverend Bryce Amner
Saturday 13 February	8.30am 5.30pm	The Reverend Amanda Brockwell Archdeacon Rod Bower

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

FACT SHEET No.6 SAFE ENTRY AND EXIT OF THE CHURCH BUILDING COVID-19 SAFE RETURN TO CHURCH FRAMEWORK STEP TWO

The **health and safety** of all workers, volunteers and participants attending our sites is paramount. The increase in the numbers of parishioners that are now able to attend sites brings some additional complexities in moving people safely into and out of our buildings.

Requirements of the Parish:

Entry

- ✓ The church site will not open until 15 minutes before the service. Any access to the site should remain closed until this time.
- ✓ On booking, parishioners must be advised that they should proceed directly to the entry point of the building and not to gather in the carpark or waiting area.
- ✓ A designated entry point should be established, and parishioners asked to social distance while moving into the building.
- ✓ An authorised representative must be designated to direct parishioners to their seats. This will ensure that social distancing is complied with and only the allocated seating is used.
- ✓ The parish must develop a plan to move parishioners safely into their allocated seating. This plan must include details of what order seats will be filled to avoid pushing past occupied seating.

Exiting

- ✓ At the conclusion of the service the Incumbent, Churchwarden or Authorised Representative must direct parishioners on how to safely leave the building.
- ✓ The whole congregation should not leave the building at the same time, small groups should be asked to leave with the groups closest to the exit point leaving first.
- ✓ The church site will be closed 15 minutes after the service. A reminder must be provided to leave the site directly after the service. This should be monitored by the Churchwarden or Authorised Representative.

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