



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 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord



Artist: David Zelenka

Today's Services

8.00am Eucharist

Presider: Reverend Gary Atherton

Preacher: The Dean

10.00am Eucharist and Holy Baptism

Presider: The Dean

Preacher: The Dean

6.00pm: Slow Church: Contemplative Worship

Officiant: The Dean

You Tube: <https://bit.ly/3TaQ4oZ>

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

Dear Parish Family

We begin the year with the sad news of the death of John Giles, much loved husband of Zeny. We give thanks for John's incredible faith and faithfulness, and all he has contributed to the Cathedral and wider Newcastle Community. John's funeral will be at the Cathedral on 22nd January. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

We also have begun the year with two baptisms and a wedding. This Sunday, very appropriately on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we welcome Isabelle in baptism during the 10.00am Mass. Please continue to pray for her and her family, and come and welcome her in person.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, and hopefully we will have internet, though we may not have telephones. ***If you need to contact the office urgently, please call my mobile***, otherwise, we will be checking emails as often as we can. (I'm using a workaround to send this email out!)

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU to everyone who joined in working bees at the Cathedral and St Peter's and everyone who gave generously of their time to decorate, arrange flowers, sing, read, play music, serve, welcome, and clean. It was a really wonderful celebration, with large attendances, and even greater joy! See the pewslip for a few photos.

Our Choir is enjoying a well deserved holiday, and will return on Sunday 2nd February 2025

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 work of Makarrata – Reconciliation. 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. If you have concerns or would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

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!

SLOW CHURCH On Sunday nights in January, with our choir on holidays, we are having 'Slow Church' at 6.00pm in the Cathedral. 'Slow Church' is a prayerful time of quiet, readings, prayer, poetry, music, and reflection. As we feel the pressure to rush back into things, Slow Church gives us space to slow down, rest, and reflect.

ABORIGINAL SUNDAY 19th January 2025

What is Aboriginal Sunday?

On January 26 1938, Aboriginal leaders including William Cooper, met for a Day of Mourning, seeking equality and full citizenship (though it would take another 30 years).

The Australian Churches were then asked to set aside the Sunday before January 26 as Aboriginal Sunday (previously called Aborigines' Day), a day for Christians to act in solidarity with Aboriginal peoples and the injustices being experienced.

The first Aboriginal Sunday is thought to have occurred in 1941, although it was referenced in a letter from William Cooper to John McEwen, Minister for the Interior written on 19 January 1938 and also referenced in the Herald (Melbourne) newspaper on 18 January 1939.

Today, the Common Grace movement encourages individual congregations to reclaim William Cooper's Aboriginal Sunday and each year provides free Church Resources developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders to equip churches and faith communities to act in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on the Sunday directly before January 26.

SHROVE TUESDAY Lent starts on 5th March with Ash Wednesday, so there's plenty of time to get into training for our fabulous Pancake Evening on Tuesday March 4th. See the pewslip for more information!

COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP: No one wants COVID for Christmas. 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: 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 became a favourite of mine as soon as I read it – and forgive me if I've shared it before. Madeleine L'Engle writes from Mary's perspective, reflecting on the life of Christ. It is powerful and beautiful, and I encourage you to savour it.

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.*

Music this Week

The Baptism of Our Lord

8am Eucharist

Hymns – 447, 516, 194, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 250

Dr Keith Murree-Allen, OAM, Organist Emeritus

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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.

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF THE PARISH



Thank you for your ongoing faithful financial support of the parish. Your regular offering enables and supports our ministries, as well as the essential work of maintenance. New packs of offertory envelopes are available at St Peter's and the Cathedral for those who would like to use them. Electronic offering (details in the pewslip) ensures that your support continues, even if you are away. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like more information, 49292052.

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.*

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 2, 9, 16 and 23.*



Cathedral things to remember...



No matter the weather, imagine not having a warm, dry pair of socks! Please donate new socks for the homeless. Find the tub at the back of the Cathedral. Many thanks.

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, (non-shiny) in the container at the back of the Cathedral. Thank you.



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

Contact the office for details.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE
CATHEDRAL PANTRY
WHEN YOU ARE ABLE
MANY THANKS**

You're Invited to join us

Aboriginal Sunday



19 January 2025

COMMON GRACE

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 Lunch will be Sunday 2nd February 2025.

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.

Please contact Siobhan for details on 0434 257 635



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For more information about ARRCC please email
ann@arrcc.org.au

SERVICES DURING THE WEEK
AT THE CATHEDRAL AND ST PETER'S HAMILTON

Monday 13 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 14 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist 11.00am Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral St Peter's Hamilton	The Rev'd Dr Julia Perry Fr Gary Atherton
Wednesday 15 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Bishop Sonia Roulston, Inland Episcopate
Thursday 16 January	11.00am - Eucharist	St Peter's Hamilton	The Dean
Friday 17 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

The Dean, and Members of the
Cathedral Outreach Program,
Invite you to attend:

**A SHROVE TUESDAY EVENING
“ENJOY DESSERT WITH US”**

DATE: March 4th 2025 7pm – 9pm

Adults: \$20.00 **Children:** \$10.00

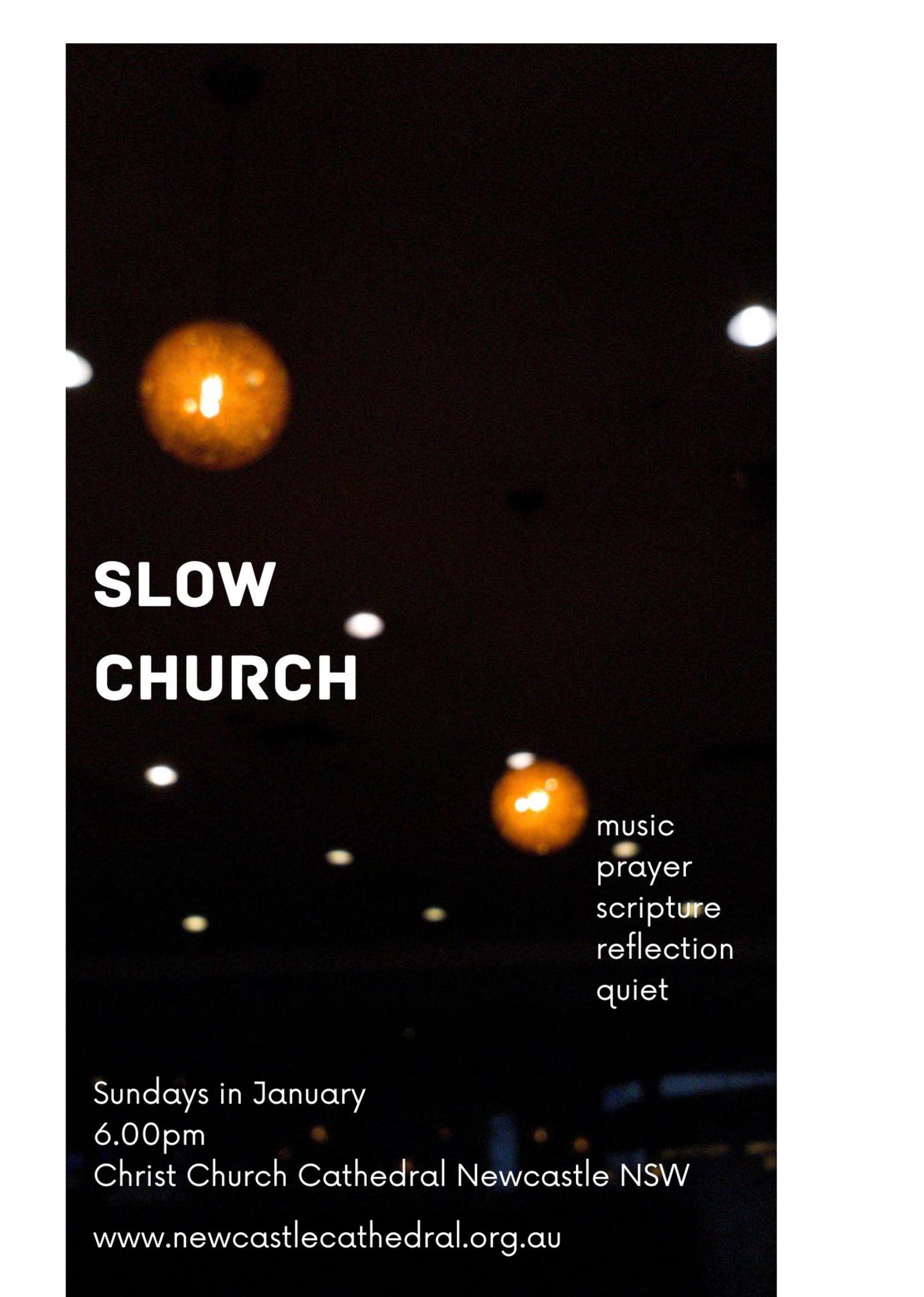
VENUE: CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
52 Church Street Newcastle

- *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
- *Wheelchair access
- *Lucky Door Prize

*Tickets available
via the
Cathedral Office
or at the door

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





SLOW CHURCH

music
prayer
scripture
reflection
quiet

Sundays in January

6.00pm

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**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19 January 2025
AT THE CATHEDRAL**

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Second Sunday after Epiphany**

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*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



JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY
EPIPHANY
8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY
ABORIGINAL SUNDAY
8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
8AM; 10AM; 6PM

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
8AM; 10AM; 6PM

*DAILY EUCHARIST AT THE CATHEDRAL
CHECK PEWSLIP FOR DETAILS*

*ST PETER'S HAMILTON
DENNISON STREET
11AM EUCHARIST TUESDAY AND THURSDAY*

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The logo for the Anglican Church Newcastle. It features a stylized yellow and orange cross to the left of the word "Anglican" in a large, bold, blue font. Below "Anglican" are the words "Church" and "Newcastle" in a smaller, red font.



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