



# 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 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



Photo: Peter Miller

## **Today's Services**

**8.00am Eucharist**

*Presider: The Bishop of Newcastle*

*Preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle*

**10.00am Eucharist**

*Presider: The Bishop of Newcastle*

*Preacher: The Bishop of Newcastle*

**6.00pm: Slow Church: Contemplative Worship**

**Officiant: The Dean**

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

# Dear Parish Family

Already it's almost the end of January – how did that happen? (But also, how good is the cricket?!).

This Sunday morning, Bishop Peter will be with us. I hope you have all taken the opportunity to respond to his invitation (below) to share something with him about the parish.

Bishop Peter has written:

*Dear friends in Christ,*

*I am looking forward to my visit to your parish in the morning of 26 January and the evening of 2 February.*

*As I prepare for my visit, I am trying something new. I am inviting parishioners to respond to a survey before I come.*

*You will find below, a link to an anonymous form. I won't know who fills it in. No one has to complete it. It is entirely optional.*

*I hope it might add a creative dimension to our time together.*

<https://forms.gle/Jzh2sYM66p2U3Yds6>

*We have many wonderful things going on the Diocese as we respond to Jesus' call to ministry and mission. I am looking forward to worshipping and praying with you. God bless, +Peter*

**The Parish Office has reopened**, and, *at the moment*, we have both internet and telephone (yay!). The telephone problem is not entirely fixed yet, but you are able to contact the office by phone again. Thanks for your patience!

This week is the final (for this season) Slow Church service. '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. Please join us for a breathing space before January ends.

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!

**RETURN OF THE CHOIR!** Our Choir returns on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, for the Feast of the Presentation. Please welcome them back at 10.00am, or 6.00pm for Evensong.

**EVENSONG** returns on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.00pm.

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

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!** This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with those who are starting or returning to study and education. Bring your backpack (or briefcase, satchel, or port) to the Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. There will be pizza afterwards!

**COVID AND ATTENDING WORSHIP:** 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 is by Marjorie Pizer. I cannot remember if I have shared this with you before, but it is certainly a poem which stayed with me when I first found it. This week, with the events of the world, and closer to home, I have been thinking much about resilience. I am not a big fan of the phrase 'What doesn't kill you makes you stronger', because oftentimes, what doesn't kill you leaves you debilitated and with lifelong trauma. Equally, the phrases "God sends us things to try us' or 'God doesn't give us more than we can handle' I believe are misguided statements which firstly place God as the agent of malevolence not blessing, and secondly, negate the presence of God in the midst of the suffering, which is part of our understanding of the crucifixion.

Pizer's poem speaks of the place of suffering in changing us, and also of the place of faith in our growing resilience. Like many throughout the world, I have been in awe of the sermon this week by the Bishop of Washington, the Rt Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde. May we, like Bishop Mariann, "be tempered like fine steel/ To bend but not to break."

### **Strength**

Inside, I am making myself strong.

I am weaving bands of steel

To bind my soul.

I am knitting stitches of suffering into my hands

To make them strong.

I am strengthening my mind

With the warp and weft

Of weariness and endurance.

I am binding my faith

With the bonds of psalms and songs

Of all who have suffered.

In time I will be tempered like fine steel

To bend but not to break.

*Marjorie Pizer 1920-2016*

**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.*

# *Music this Week*

**Jan 26 - Epiphany 3**

Gerard Nicholls, organ

Hymns -

160

269

275

217



DON'T MISS THIS!

## *Blessing of the Backpacks*

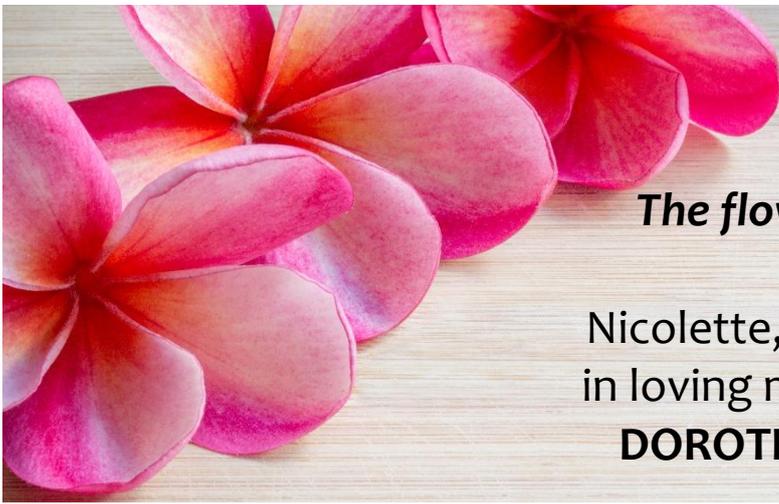


**5.00PM  
SATURDAY 1ST FEB**

**Christ Church  
Cathedral  
Newcastle**

[www.newcastlecathedral.org.au](http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au)

(02) 4929 2052



***The flowers in the Cathedral have  
been donated by  
Nicolette, Hilary and Andrew Thomas  
in loving memory of Hilary's parents  
DOROTHY and LIONEL THOMAS***

## 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*



Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 8 pm

**NEWCASTLE**  
**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

# VIVALDI

## CONCERTI VIRTUOSI

Concerto for Violin, Strings and basso continuo »Winter«  
Concerto A minor for Violoncello, String Orchestra RV 418

# MOZART

Serenade G major »A Little Night Music« KV 525

## TCHAIKOVSKY

»Pezzo Capriccioso« for Violoncello and String Orchestra

# PAGANINI

»Capriccio« for Violin and Orchestra

**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE**  
(Germany)

Sergey Didorenko \* **Violin**

Dmitrij Gornowski \* **Violoncello**



**Book here**

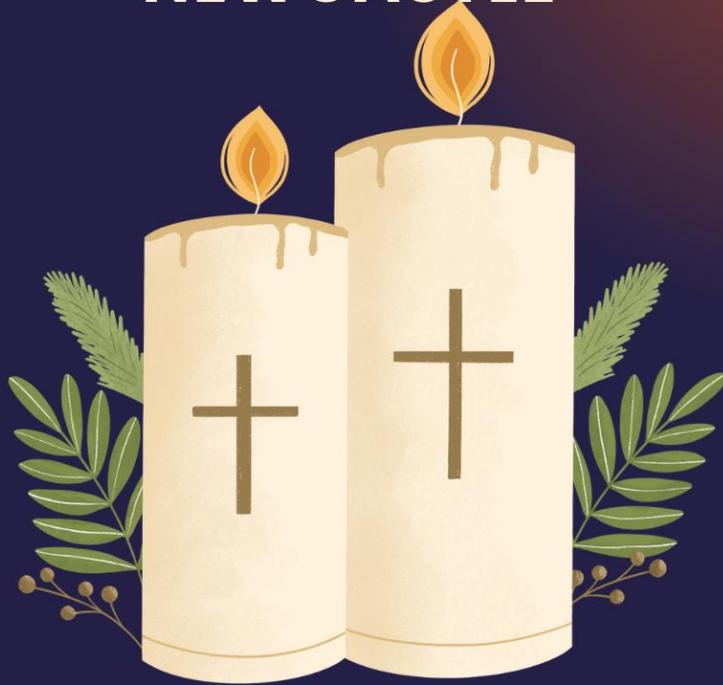


**Bookings at**

**[www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au)**

Tickets at the door (cash sales only) one hour prior to the concert

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
NEWCASTLE**



**CANDLEMAS  
THE FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION**

2 FEBRUARY 2025

8.00AM EUCHARIST

10.00AM CHORAL EUCHARIST

6.00PM CHORAL EVENSONG

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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”



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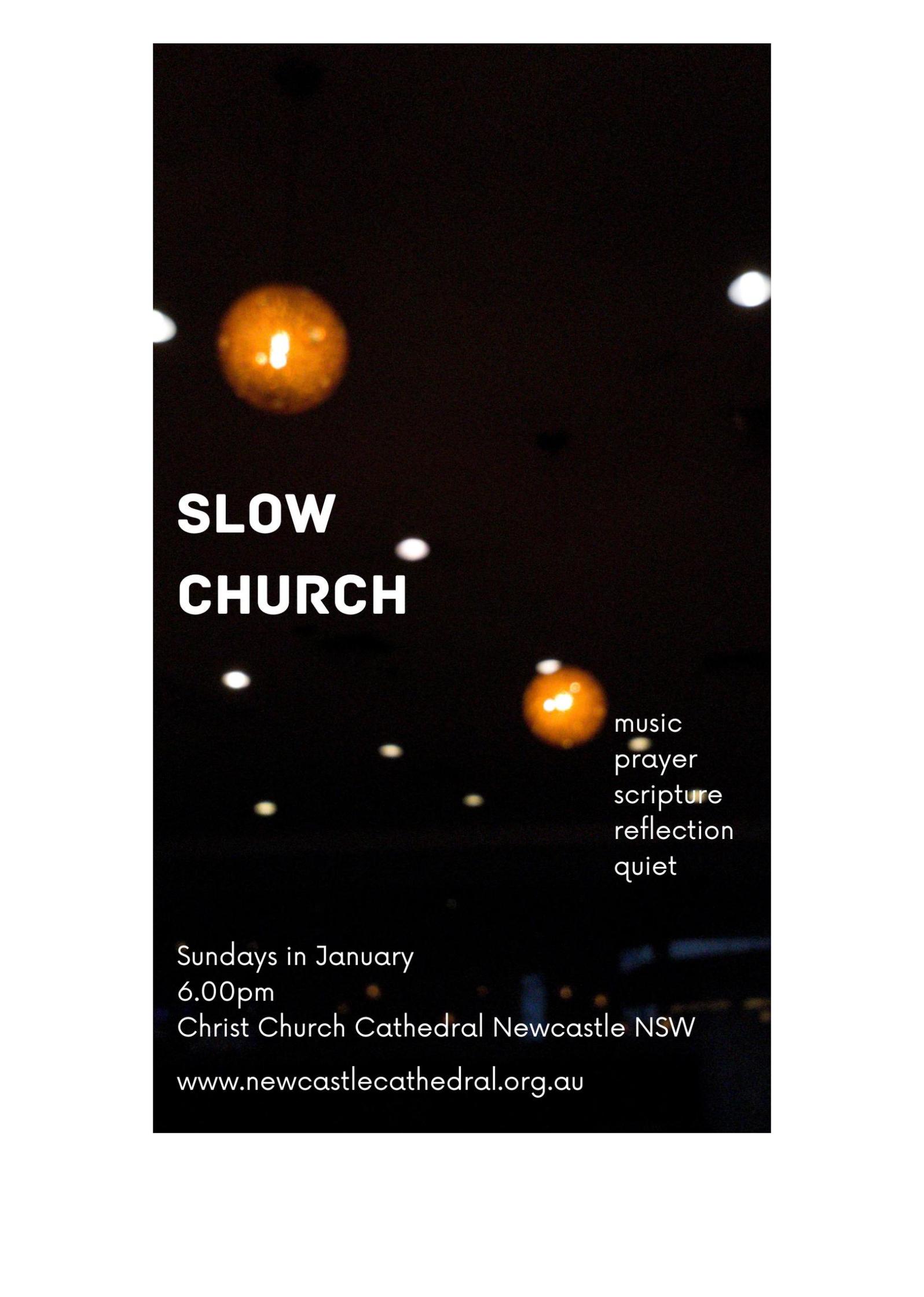
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
CHOIR** Inc.

**Under Construction supports mental health  
in the community. We are here for you.  
No previous experience necessary.**

**ISLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
180 MAITLAND RD, ISLINGTON**

**THURSDAY  
2:00-4:00PM**

**If you are interested please call Karen Harmon 0421 863 425  
Like us on Facebook - Under Construction Choir**



# **SLOW CHURCH**

music  
prayer  
scripture  
reflection  
quiet

Sundays in January

6.00pm

Christ Church Cathedral Newcastle NSW

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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.

## 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, 23 and March 2*



## **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**

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**



For more information about ARRCC please email  
[ann@arrcc.org.au](mailto:ann@arrcc.org.au)

**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.**

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

Monday 27 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am – Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Fr Gary Atherton
Tuesday 28 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 29 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	Bishop Sonia Roulston, Inland Episcopate
Thursday 30 January	11.00am - Eucharist	St Peter's Hamilton	The Dean
Friday 31 January	8.00am - Morning Prayer 8.30am - Eucharist	Christ Church Cathedral	The Dean

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 2 February 2025  
AT THE CATHEDAL**

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**8.00am Eucharist**

*President: The Reverend Gary Atherton*

*Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

**10.00am Sung Eucharist**

*President: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

*Preacher: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

**6.00pm: Sung Evensong**

*Officiant: The Very Reverend Katherine Bowyer*

*Preacher: The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart*

**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

**Dean's:** Peter Smith

**People's:** Ann Taylor, Ascha Saraswat and Mack Saraswat



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