



## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 27 OCTOBER 2024

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### Safeguarding

#### Our Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and MacKillop Parish have an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the foyer to the churches. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding via P 02 4979 1390 or E [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au)

For further information visit:

**Website:** [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)

**Complaints:** <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/making-a-complaint/>

### Liturgical Times

<b>Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles, Feast</b>			
<b>Monday 28 October</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
<b>TUESDAY of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Funeral Liturgy</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
		<b>Mollie Barlow</b>	
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Wednesday 30 October</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
<b>THURSDAY of the 30<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>Thursday 31 October</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
<b>ALL SAINTS, Solemnity</b>			
<b>Friday 01 November</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>
<b>The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)</b>			
<b>Saturday 02 November</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>			
<b>Saturday 02 November</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
<b>Sunday 03 November</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Charlestown</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Gateshead</b>

### Please Pray For:

**Sick:** Jenny Phillips, Derek Orrin, Anne Standing, David Ellis, Marie Bowe, Lucy Bridge, Sarah Williams, Helen Davies, Timothy Brown, Tim Gearing, Peter John Evans, Rosemary Davis, Jane Mcvicar, Pauline Williams, Emelia D'Aquisto, Margaret Wright, Emma Walsh, Cynthia McMahon, Otilie Marie Sheens, Glory Ivanfy, Brad Fitzsimmons, Archie Huxley, Jodie Bell (*Once the person is well again, would you kindly inform the Parish Office*)

**Recently Deceased:** Mollie Barlow

**Anniversaries:** Vincent & Valerie O'Sullivan

*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



# This Sunday's Scripture Readings

## First Reading

### Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy— both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Second Reading

### Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

### 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## Responsorial Psalm

### Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.)** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

## Gospel

### Mark 10: 46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

# News and Events

## Advent Program: Hope Reigns

In preparation for the next liturgical year, Evangelisation Brisbane have developed a new reflection resource for Advent called Hope Reigns. Br. Damien Price cfc has been their guest writer this year.

This resource has been created with groups and individuals in mind and there are easy to follow prompts for small group leaders to use on each of the Sundays throughout Advent. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion.

*Hope Reigns* is ideal as:

- ◆ Advent preparation
- ◆ A way of entering into the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope" beginning on Christmas Eve, 24 December
- ◆ A prayer guide for those preparing to be received into the Church
- ◆ Spiritual renewal for liturgical ministers and those engaged in the mission of the Church
- ◆ Assistance to those leading prayer and discussion groups
- ◆ A resource for individuals to use in prayer

If you don't wish to order a book for yourself by scanning the QR code in this bulletin, you can still purchase a book through the parish office by writing your name on the list at the entrance of the church by **Sunday, 3 November**. Books are \$5 each. Please place your money in an envelope with your name and the words "Advent Program" marked on it. Please place on either collection at Sunday Masses. Thanks, Fr Tony.

**GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT**  
Featuring reflections by Br. Damien Price cfc

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## Appeal for World Mission Day

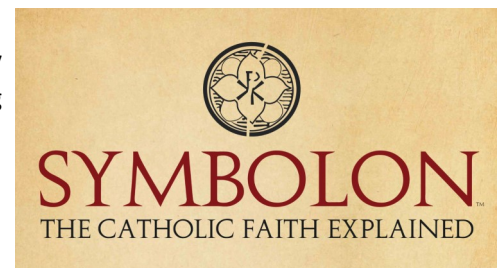
The envelopes from Catholic Mission seeking your generosity in supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy are still available at the entrance of both churches. Anyone who wishes to donate, please place your envelope on either collection at Sunday Masses.

## Review of Perpetual Day of Remembrance

The invitation from Bishop Michael to complete the Perpetual Day of Remembrance review survey was given to parishioners last Sunday. A few copies of his letter and the survey are still available at the entrance of both churches. Anyone who wishes to return a completed survey, please place in the marked box at the entrance.

## Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Following feedback from the very successful Alpha course that we conducted earlier this year, we will be commencing with the Symbolon program. Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide. Symbolon brings together some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world to guide you through the breadth and richness of the Catholic faith. Ideal for RCIA, Catechist training, Men's & Women's Groups, Bible Study Groups and more. Anyone who is interested in finding out more information regarding this program is kindly requested to attend the meeting on **Wednesday, 6 November, at 6:30pm** in the Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown. Please contact Curtis on 0477 106 108 to register your interest or for more information.



## Special Commemorative Mass: All Souls' Day

A special commemorative Mass will be held at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown, on All Souls' Day, **Saturday, 2 November 2024 at 9:00am**. You and your family are invited to the special commemorative Mass for your deceased loved ones, deceased either during the last twelve months or beyond. This will be a special time of prayer and blessing in remembrance of your loved ones. You will be invited to light a candle, representing the light of Christ, and promise of eternal life. For generations, Christian people have upheld this ancient practice of offering Mass for the faithful departed. I pray this may be of some comfort to you and your family, knowing that your extended family of MacKillop parish continues to keep you in our prayers and thoughts. **Morning tea will follow in the Function Room at St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown. If you are able, please bring a plate for sharing.** Fr Tony.

## Parish Prayer

Father,  
pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish;  
and grant us a new vision of your glory;  
a new experience of your power,  
a new faithfulness of your word,  
and a new consecration of your service,  
that your love may grow among us,  
and your kingdom come.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.



### First Holy Communion 2024

We request prayers from parishioners for the children (and their families) who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in Mackillop Parish this year. The rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, 7 November, at 6pm**, at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown and Mass for First Holy Communion will be held on **Saturday, 9 November, at 6pm**, at St Mary Immaculate Church Charlestown. Thanks, Fr Tony.



### Christmas Party & Feast Day Celebration - Tickets on Sale

Join us for a festive combined parish celebration on **8 December at 11:30am!** We will be commemorating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and celebrating Christmas with a delightful 3-course hot buffet lunch and live entertainment. For those who have indicated their attendance on the form at the entrance of the churches, tickets are now available for purchase from the parish office from **Tuesday, 29 October**. Registration for attendance closes **Sunday, 24 November**. The tickets are \$40 each and you can pay by cash or card.

#### Event Details

**Date:** 8 December

**Venue:** Function Room, St Mary of the Cross Parish Hub, Charlestown

**Time:** 11:30am

**Cost:** \$40 per person

Mark your calendars and get ready for a joyful occasion filled with food, fun, and fellowship. Stay tuned for more details!



## BAPTISMS

This Sunday we celebrate the baptisms of

KAI ASHER WHEATLEY

LEO BOHDI WHEATLEY

CHLOE TANYA CHRISTINE SHAW

HAZEL ELIZABETH SHAW



May the Holy Spirit lead them and guide them as they grow to become disciples of Christ throughout their lives.

## Holy Mass, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, First Rite Reconciliation and Rosary

Celebrated on Saturdays (EXCEPT the first Saturday of the month) at St Mary Immaculate Church, Charlestown. Holy Mass 9:00am-9:30am, Adoration and Benediction 9:30am-10:00am, and First Rite Reconciliation 10:00am-10:30am. Rosary prayed on the third Saturday of the month 10:00am-10:30am.

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal Peoples are Australia's first people and the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land in which we live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world. We are in the country of the Awabakal Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors.

## Welcome to New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish, and you desire to know more about it, please complete the 'Welcome Form' located at the back of the church and return it to the Parish Office in the envelope provided or contact the parish secretary at the Parish Office. **Please note, if needed, that there are 'Order of Mass' cards available at the entrance of the church to use during Holy Mass. These cards help you to understand the order of Holy Mass, as well as the responses for you to say. If you require any assistance, please see Fr Tony.**

## Function Room Hire

The Mackillop Parish Pastoral Centre Function Room Charlestown is available for hire. It comes equipped with a kitchen, multi media equipment and plenty of room for activities. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

## Mass Collections — Thank you

**The First Collection is for the support of the priests around the diocese:**

BSB: 066739

Account Number: 100018265

Account Name: CCF

Reference: Your Name

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Account Number: 100012059

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Reference: Your Name

## Local School Contacts

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Charlestown

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