**Bulletin Notices:**

**New updates**

1. **Advent 2024: Awaiting Hope**

We are called during this holy time to wait with hope knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. Awaiting Hope is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it.

To access the resource, go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/advent-christmas-1/>

1. **2024 Rosary Rally – The Public Rosary**

Join us as we pray for our nation. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (13 October 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer. In 2023, there were 180 groups registered to pray the Rosary throughout Australia. Everyone is invited. <https://fatima.org.au/public-rosary/>

When 11:30AM start on Saturday 12 October 2024

Where: Ken Lambkin Reserve Pacific Highway Belmont South

Enquiries: Joan 0476 636 750

BYO picnic afterwards. (BBQ facility available)

**Opportunities included in previous notices**

1. **Diocesan Resource Centre events**

To stay up-to-date with what’s happening at the Diocesan Resource Centre, visit the [Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle website.](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/library/)

1. **National Police Remembrance Service**

This year, Bishop Michael Kennedy is hosting the **National Police Remembrance Service in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Friday 27 September.** There will be a police march to the Cathedral beginning at 9.30 and the Service will begin at 10.00am. We encourage as many as possible from across the diocese to gather for this service as an expression of our support of and prayer for the members of the Police Force and particularly those who have died in the last 12 months. We look forward to seeing you there.

1. **Youth Alpha**

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

When: Starts Friday October 4th, 2024

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Location: Parish Hall @ 31 Vista Parade, Kotara NSW 2289

Contact: gabriel.logan@mn.catholic.org.au



1. **Wisdom of the Heart: Contemplative Workshop Series 2024**

This series is designed to energise and strengthen your spiritual journey and will suit both beginners and experienced practitioners of meditation and other disciplines. Workshops are held in a comfortable and peaceful local environment with access to parklands.

Saturdays 12 & 19 October, 9 & 16 November from 2pm – 5.30pm

Mercy Centre, 20 Union Street, Tighes Hill (Newcastle).

All 4 workshops in this series: $250 Waged or $200 Concession.

Individual workshops: $75 Waged or $50 Concession.

Workshop Series – wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au

1. **Revelation in the Old Testament**

The units from the Christian Formation Course are now being offered as short courses.

Over five weeks we will cover:

* The nature of God revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures
* The different types of literature found in the Hebrew Scriptures
* The cycle of biblical themes: creation, call, covenant, exodus, exile
* The call of the prophet
* Biblical prayer.

When: Tuesdays, 15th October - 12th November.

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre

Cost: $60

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christian-formation-course-unit-3-tickets-1003286967327>

1. **LGBTIQ Liturgy**

The LGBTIQ+ forum invites you to celebrate a Diocesan liturgy with LGBTIQ+ people, their families, friends and supporters at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**Date:** Friday 18 October

**Where:** 16 Tighes Terrace, Tighes Hill

**Time:** 6pm

**Contact:** LGBTIQ@mn.catholic.org.au

**Ongoing opportunities**

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)

**Useful Links**Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

* [Liturgy page](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/catholic-faith/liturgy) – regularly updated
* [Faith formation page](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/) – regularly updated
* [MNnews.today](http://mnnews.today) – Diocesan News Service
* [DoMN Library](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/library/)
* [Subscribe to DioUpdate eNewsletter](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/diocesan-e-news)
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