**Bulletin Notices:**

**New updates**

1. **Deacon Solomon Okovido’s Ordination**

If you cannot make it to Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday for Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido’s Ordination, the service will be livestreamed. You can access this through the Diocesan YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/@catholicdiocesemn/streams](http://www.youtube.com/%40catholicdiocesemn/streams)

Details are below:

**When:** 10am, Saturday 23 November 2024

**Where:** Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

1. **Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Thanksgiving Mass 2024**

Everyone is invited to give thanksgiving to the Lord for all that 2024 has brought during a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 13 December at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Michael has kindly accepted our invitation and will be joining our other priests while presiding over the Mass. We will also be gathering for Praise and Worship at 6:30pm before the Mass and all are welcome to part of this part of the celebration.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please contact Mary-Anne on 0402 918 375 or Wayne on 0466 631 394 for more information.

1. **Together in Spirit for Palestine & Lebanon**

You’re invited to join the community for an afternoon of reflective prayer and poetry for Palestine and Lebanon. It’s on Saturday 30 November, from 4pm to 6pm at Nobbys Beach Reserve, Newcastle. Please bring a picnic blanket, prayer rug or camp chair. For more information call 0432 640 482 or email diana\_ra01@hotmail.com

**Opportunities included in previous notices**

1. **Formation Film – December**

You are invited to the Diocesan Resource Centre for the December Formation Film event – *The Man Who Invented Christmas.*

In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble and desperate for a hit. Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and others to life in A Christmas Carol. Featuring acclaimed actors; Christopher Plummer, Miriam Margolyes, and Simon Callow.

When: 7 December 2024

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West

Time: 11am

Christmas Inspired Lunch Provided

Bookings via: <https://forms.office.com/r/HqdyiVSN8H> or call 02 4923 0682

1. **CatholicCare Christmas Hampers**

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning have started collected donations for their 2024 Christmas Hamper Drive. The team is hoping to spread Christmas cheer by gifting hampers to people who access their Community Kitchens and often go without over the festive period. If you would like to contribute, please drop off any of the following items to one of the listed locations below.

* Christmas puddings/cake & custard - Chocolates, lollies or candy canes
* Sweet or savoury biscuits - Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar
* Chips or popcorn.

CatholicCare office – 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield
CatholicCare office – 32-34 Pulteney Street, Taree | Coles Taree | Coles Stockland Forster

**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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