

## FROM THE RECTOR:

**There will be a Bible study** at 7.00pm on Thursday. We will continue to read *1 Peter 4* with a recap on "spirits in prison".

### Prayer points for the week:

- Messy Church
- Bishop's Election process
- mainly music
- Retired Friends

**Would anyone be able to assist** Harry Lainson with a lift to church on Sunday morning? If you could, please see the Rector.

### Parish Fete

Sorry for the confusion. It has been decided to hold the Parish Fete on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The date of the electoral Synod has yet to be fixed, and the usual date is best for many people. Whilst there is a slim chance that the Synod might clash, other dates mean that more people than the three synod reps would be unable to attend. Please accept apologies for the wavering on this, but we think it is better to fix the date now than waver in a few weeks' time.

*Fr Fergus*

**Messy Church – TODAY 4pm -6pm**

**A warm invitation is extended to all in the parish and their extended families.** The theme this time is: To tell the story of Moses and explore the theme of God's rescue.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak with Fr Fergus, Bev Lewis or Anne McGrath.

### **FROGS NIGHT OUT FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

Thank you to the 39 people listed to attend "*The Games Afoot*" at the Brunner Road Theatre. Dinner starts at 7pm with wine and soft drink. I suggest you arrive before 6.50pm so that you can pay the \$45 each and be seated comfortably. If you find you have a change of plan and you are unable to attend please ring me on 4943 5545. (Roy Hardy)

## NEWSLETTER ARRANGEMENTS

Many of our loyal readers will be aware that your humble editor (and his moving sub-editor) have sold our Kotara South home and are moving to Nelson Bay while our new house is built (it sounded like a good idea at the time). So for the next 9 or 10 months we will be commuting on Sunday mornings.

While your humble editor (and his patient sub-editor) can cut and paste the newsletter remotely, we don't feel like driving to Kotara South on Saturdays just to photocopy the Newsletter. Our wonderful emeritus editor (Fr Fergus) will be photocopying until the middle of next year (no, not constantly)...so the **Thursday 4pm deadline** is now a very firm deadline to allow your editor (and his by now exasperated sub-editor) time to email the Newsletter to Fr Fergus for Friday morning photocopying duty.

We expect normal service to resume around July 2018. (Unless someone else is desperate to volunteer??)

### **NEWCASTLE GOSPEL MUSIC MINISTRY ([www.ngmm.org](http://www.ngmm.org))**

There will be a Gospel music afternoon on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 2.30 pm at Newcastle Baptist Tabernacle, Cnr Laman and Dawson Streets, Newcastle.

The program will include solos, choir items and congregational singing of many of the great hymns of yesteryear. A free-will offering will be taken, with the total amount going to a Christian charity. More information available from Graeme on 4982 9968

### Prayer for Bishop electoral process

God our Wisdom and Light: You alone have power to bring blessing out of all our choices and to use all our actions for the building up of your kingdom; be with the members of our Bishop's Nomination Board as they take counsel for the future. Turn their hearts and ours to listen to your Spirit. Guide them in discerning faithful people for consideration as Bishop of this Diocese, and help us all to know your will for us at this time, and in all things to seek to give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen