

# St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26 February 2017 (Year A)

### Mass Times

Monday:	9.30am Mass at Harbourside Haven
Tuesday:	8.00am Mass
Wednesday:	12.15pm Mass involving the School 6.30pm Mass
Thursday:	9.15 am Mass
Friday:	9.15am Mass 11.00am World Day of Prayer at Beachside Fellowship, Taylors Beach
Saturday:	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

### Responsorial Psalm: Rest in God alone, my soul.

*In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. R*

*In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him.  
He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm. R*

*In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength, take refuge in  
God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts  
before him. R*

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**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia,  
The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart  
Alleluia!

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### Introduction into the Gospel of Matthew - on today! 9.45am - 11.45am

Facilitated by Vivienne Williams of the Diocese Adult Faith Education Office. It will involve viewing parts of a recent film version of Matthews Gospel. Please come along and join us!

### SRE Teachers Required!

More SRE Teachers are urgently required if the Parish is to continue to provide lessons to young children in State Schools within our Parish. Even if you are not able to commit for a full year, we still require teachers as a back up for when people are on holidays or are ill.

Training and support will be available to anyone who is interested. Teachers are required on either a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in the afternoon. Please give this urgent request your prayerful consideration and if you can assist, please see Fr Kevin or call the Parish Office.

### **NEXT WEEK:** First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19 Gospel: Mt 4:1-11

Next week's readers:

Sat: L Latham & B Myers Sun: Sr C Norman & J Graham

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:  
WEDNESDAY, 1 MARCH AT 12.15PM & 6.30PM**



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour".

You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home.

### A Message from Sheilah:

*"Thank you for your generous thoughts and prayers at this time, every message has been gratefully received. Treatment and rest is our current focus but you are never far from our thoughts."  
Sheilah Carey and Family*

Please pray for... **Deaths:** Roseline Springsteen, Lynne Young, Caridad Anolin **Anniversaries:** Elaine Godfrey, Lourdes Alvarez, Andres Quinajon, Jose Gacutan, Darinka Gauta, Marin Skoljarev

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**Ash Wednesday Rosters** - Thank you to those who have put their names on the roster list. We still need a 2nd Reader for the 6.30pm Mass. Please contact the Parish Office, if you can assist.

**Fr Rob Galea and comments about the Royal Commission** - Fr Rob Galea has been ordained a priest for 6 years. He is a priest of Sandhurst Diocese, Victoria. Fr Rob is a gifted musician, singer and composer. Apart from producing music albums, Fr Rob has more recently been producing brief 5-6 minute YouTube Clips on a variety of themes on church teaching, and applying faith to life matters. Very recently, Fr Rob released a 4 minute vimeo sharing his frank and open personal reaction in response to recent Royal Commission findings about abuse in the Catholic Church. Fr Rob's vimeo is called "Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church". It may be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thatsworship>. Contact the Parish Office for assistance if needed. (Please view some other vimeos eg. the one explaining the Eucharist, the other Relationship with God - these recently used for those who attended the Special Ministers reflection session).

**Lent Season 'Flash Mob' get together** - It may be a beneficial exercise each week of Lent to have eg. on Friday evenings, an informal meeting at a local pub or club... for participants to watch two, 5 minute videos (on a PC) produced by Fr Rob Galea, with informal sharing after each for 5-10 minutes. Have a look at a couple of his videos eg. "What is Sin... and a Protein Shake" or "No Greater Love" or "God Does Not Make Rubbish..". Would you like to be involved in this different Lent time exercise? Contact Fr Kevin this week. Thanks.

**Thank you letter received from the Good Sams Foundation** - We have received a thank you note from the Good Sams Foundation for the money donated from the Special Christmas Collection. The letter stated *"I have just been informed of the generosity extended by the Parishioners of St Michael's. We have received an amount of \$2,111.36 to assist in the funding of our Good Samaritan mission in the Philippines. I understand that this money was collected at Christmas Masses. How generous of the parishioners to make this contribution to the Philippines mission when so many families have their own financial pressures to bear. We are deeply touched and profoundly grateful. Please convey our sincere thanks to all"*. A copy of the letter is on the back noticeboard.

**Special Ministers of Communion:** Thank you to all who attended one of the sessions recently. We appreciated your time and involvement in these sessions. **For those who were unable to make any of the sessions**, Fr Kevin will be grateful to arrange another time in order that you may receive the information provided at the group session. Please contact the Parish Office this week to make a time.

Holy Water Bottles and Old Palms now being collected.  
Please leave them in the tub in the Church foyer.

**YOUTH**  
**IGNITE**

#childrensliturgy

Youth Ignite - the Parish Children's Liturgy of the Word is on during Mass every weekend during the School Term.

All ages are welcome!

**Lenten Groups** - There are three sheets on the back middle table for you to add your name to if you would like to join a Lenten Group starting this week. The program for this year is from the Diocese of Wollongong and it is called "Hope". The books are \$8 each and are available from the Holy Goods Store. If you have already joined a Lenten Group (sheets on back middle table) your book is available for collection from the Holy Goods Store with your name on it.

**Pink Morning Tea for International Women's Day** on Wednesday, 8 March 10am to 12 noon at Cnr Industrial Drive and Avon Street, Mayfield. You are invited to celebrate International Women's Day and to support women affected by breast cancer and gynaecological cancers. Wear Pink!! Enjoy a wonderfully delicious morning tea. Gold Coin Donation. All proceeds to the Cancer Council. RSVP by 3 March Ph: 4968 2511 or [admin@hwc.org.au](mailto:admin@hwc.org.au). Flyer on noticeboard.

**Music Ministry** - Mr and Mrs Philip and Bernadette Matthias have kindly agreed to visit our parish and provide a music ministry workshop in St Michael's Church on Saturday, 25th March from 4pm - 5.30pm. Parish musicians and those who assist with singing are invited to participate. Philip and Bernadette will assist in our two masses on 25th/26th March. Fellow parishioners are welcome to come.

**World Day of Prayer** on Friday, 3 March, 11am at Beachside Christian Fellowship, 43 Shearwater Drive, Taylors Beach. This year is "Praying for the Philippines".

**Weekday Rosters** for March are now available.

**LOW GLUTEN** communion bread is available. Please speak with the Computer Operator if you would like to be given this bread at Communion.

**This week's church roster reminders:**

**Readers: 25th** C Anderson & J Busch **26th** T Burgin & Sonia Cary  
**Ministers of Communion: 25th** C Aquilina, C Bergsma, K Bushnell, T Campbell, M Carstairs, A Ciba, C Crowe, M & P Douglas & 2 needed  
**26th** T Passfield, B Redmond, D & H Ryan, P Sayer, K & M Schiemer, H Sertori, P Sinclair, S Timbs, T Tobin



**SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR 2017:** Last weeks poor box collection was \$265.85. Thank you for your ongoing support of the needy via a coin in the boxes at the doors of the Church.

**Our National Charity for 2017** - Good Samaritan Housing Brisbane

**Our International Charity for 2017**

A Crèche for Infants in Phnom Penh, Cambodia