

St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 28 January 2018 (Year B)



Monday:	8.00am Mass
Tuesday:	7.00am Mass
Wednesday:	No Mass
Thursday:	10.00am Funeral Mass for Gabriella Pana
Friday:	9.15am Mass
	11.00am Funeral Prayers for Brian (Tim) Mooney
Saturday:	9.15am Mass
	11.30am Funeral Prayers for Phillip Kennedy
	5.00pm Reconciliation
	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

NEXT WEEK: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mk 1:29-39

Next week's readers: Sat: B Myers & M Stedman

Sun: Sr C Norman & P Pidcock

Please pray for...

Deaths: Brian (Tim) Mooney, Cira Bel-Toro, Phillip Kennedy, Patricia O'Grady, Frank Geraghty

Anniversaries: Margery Murphy

Holiday Reminder



As the tourist season is upon us, it is even more important that everyone leaves the church car park through the school gates. Please do not exit via Sproule Street.

We are also reminded to be mindful of the residents in Sproule St. Thank you.

Lent! Around the Corner, Ash Wednesday - 14th February!

Weekly faith sharing, reflection in small groups will be made available again this Lent. A Lent 2018 book called "Surrender" has been provided to be used as a basis for such sharing. They will draw upon the Sunday Gospels of Lent.

A copy of "Surrender" is available for you to look at after Mass. Small groups of perhaps, 8-10 will meet each week during the day, or evenings commencing from Sunday, 11th February.

Pope Francis 'Laudato Si' - on Ecology and Climate Decline in Quality of Human Life

"Many cities are huge inefficient structures, excessively wasteful of energy and water. Neighbourhoods are congested, chaotic and lacking in sufficient green space. We are not meant to be inundated by cement, asphalt, glass and metal, and deprived of physical contact with nature..." (Art. 45).

"The human environment and the natural environment deteriorate together: we cannot adequately combat environmental degradation unless we attend to causes related to human and social degradation. In fact, the deterioration of the environment and of society affects the most vulnerable people on the planet... the gravest effects of all attacks on the environment are suffered by the poorest" (Art. 48).

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

The Parish 'Poor Boxes'

The Parish 'Poor Boxes' are situated near doorways. Each year our Parish nominates an International and National Charity to support by contributing to the Poor Boxes over the year. This year the International Charity is a new project to help provide some essential needs to those poorest families whose child attends the Lavalla Boarding School for children with disabilities. This school has about 110 pupils, and is situated in Takhmuu, south of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The National Charity for this year is the DARA Van together with Orange Sky Laundry which is located in Anna Bay and provides a nutritious hot meal, toiletries, shower facilities and an opportunity to have clothes washed and dried for those in our community who are experiencing "homelessness" in all its forms.

The service is weekly on a Monday night from 6pm -8.30pm.

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The Ordination of Bishop Elect Brian Mascord - There are a number of arrangements for those who wish to attend the ordination of Fr Brian Mascord as Bishop of Wollongong and to gain entry into the Entertainment Centre. The full details are on the back noticeboard.

Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers are parishioners who freely give of their time and provide instruction, encouragement and share prayer with Catholic Children in our Local Government Primary Schools. **Theirs is a work of love!** If you would like to find out more information about becoming an SRE teacher or would simply like to attend a class to see if you think it is for you, please see Fr Kevin.

The **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Mass** is on Friday, 2 February at 9.15am. Bring your candles with you to Mass and join in the Blessing of the Candles.

Ash Wednesday Rosters - on the back middle table are sheets for the 7.00am and 10am Masses. A first reader is required for the 10am Mass if you can assist please. Thank you to everyone who has offered assistance.

Volunteer Document Requirements - The more recent Government Legislation has required all Institutions to provide greater accountability for matters relating to safety and child protection issues. The Diocesan Volunteer Coordinator, Brodie Clark will be available at our Parish on Sunday, 18 February from 9.45 am - 11.30am. We encourage all parishioners who assist the parish in any volunteer capacity to attend on this morning. Brodie will begin with a short explanation of the volunteer forms and relevant checks that are required to be completed by parish volunteers and can answer any questions you may have. Brodie will then be available to assist you to complete the forms. If you wish to complete your forms on this day, you should bring with you a Working With Children Check **if you have one**, and 100 points of ID. We strongly urge you to make the time on the day to stay and complete the forms and ID check. A morning tea will be provided.

(Only parishioners working with children within the parish require a Working With Children Check. If you have any queries regarding the Working with Children Check, please see Alison in the Parish Office.)

This week's church roster reminders:

Readers: 27th S Hickey & D Maricic 28th D & G Mann

Ministers of Communion: 27th C Crowe, K Davis, M & P Douglas, S Faragher, A Fox, T Howe, J Howell, K Locke, T Maricic, C McCarthy 28th D Ryan, P Sayer, K & MT Schiemer, H Sertori, P Sinclair, S Timbs, P & T Tobin, M Went, A Young

Change over of Rosters starting Thursday this week:

Cleaning Roster Team 2 - G Mehan, C Daniel, C Crowe, P Gilmour

Altar Society Group 2 - M Colley, L McIntosh

Visitors: we hope you enjoy your stay with us.



Your participation in our community gives us **life and joy**. As such we would invite you to make a contribution in the visitors envelopes provided on the seats and place them on the second collection. Your assistance with this request is gratefully appreciated.

St. Michael's Parish Finance Committee

A meeting will be held in the Church on Thursday, 8 February at 11.00am for the World Day of Prayer. This year the World Day of Prayer is on at St Michael's Church on Friday, 2 March at 10.30am. The World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year. More than 170 countries participate in this annual day of celebration which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions sharing together in God's word and worship. The annual theme for 2018 is "All God's Creation is Very Good - Suriname". If you are interested in being involved with the preparations for this day, please see Sr Cath.

Help Needed to Cater for the World Day of prayer that we are hosting. It is anticipated that there will be about 100 attendees. If you are able to assist with setting up and catering for the lunch, please contact Sr Cath on 0439 699 914 or Carol Crowe on 4981 3978.

Chrism Mass on Tuesday 27 March at Sacred Heart Cathedral - a mini bus will be available to take parishioners to the Chrism Mass. We will be stopping at Williamtown McDonalds on the way for dinner. The bus will leave St Michael's Church at 4.45pm and return approximately 9.30pm. **Numbers are limited! There are 5 spots left on the bus.** If you are interested in joining us to attend the Chrism Mass, please add your name and details to the sheet on the back middle table. The bus is free. Attendees will purchase dinner for themselves at McDonalds if they wish. Dinner will be purchased for any children who attend.

Day of Prayer & Fasting - 10th February, Spectrum Church
About 3 years ago the heads of various Christian denominations in Canberra gathered together, and led prayers of repentance for Christian unity. They prayed that the unity of Christians in Faith and Love would be a witness helping all Australians know the love of Christ.

There will be a local day of Prayer and Fasting for the above intentions at C3 Spectrum church on Sat 10th Feb, 10.00am - 4.00pm. Fr Kevin will lead the prayer on this day from 11.30 - 12.00 noon. You are encouraged to come along during 11am - 12.00 noon are at anytime during the day.

Message from Caritas Australia - a letter of thanks to St Michael's Parish was received this week for the \$4,447.00 the parish collected at Christmas Masses and forwarded to Caritas to help with famine relief in Africa.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

30 Jan	5.30pm	Finance Team Meeting
	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
8 Feb	11.00am	World Day of Prayer Meeting
9 Feb	9.15am	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
10 Feb	10am-4pm	World Day of Prayer C3 Spectrum
14 Feb	7am & 10am	Ash Wednesday Masses
18 Feb	9.45-11.30am	Volunteer Coordinator Meeting
2 March	10.30am	World Day of Prayer