

# St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4 February 2018 (Year B)



Monday:	11.00am Funeral Mass for Ellen Mathieson
Tuesday:	8.00am Mass
Wednesday:	No Mass
Thursday:	9.15am Mass - School Opening Mass
Friday:	9.15am Mass with Anointing of the Sick
Saturday:	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

(This Saturday, 10 February, is the Day of Prayer and Fasting at Spectrum Church. It commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm. Members of all Christian Communities are urged to attend part of this day. It expresses contrition and repentance for Christian disunity, and prays for a new united witness to Christ and His love to our nation. Fr Kevin will attend and assist during the 11.30am - Midday time slot.)

**You are invited to the Farewell of Bishop-Elect Brian Mascord** on Sunday, 18 February at 4.30pm at the Southern Cross Hall, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. RSVP required: [www.bitly/mascordfarewell](http://www.bitly/mascordfarewell).

### **NEXT WEEK:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

Next week's readers: Sat: S Ryan & R Ryan

Sun: E Robertson & **2nd Reader Needed** (please contact Parish Office if you can assist)

*Please pray for...*

**Deaths:** Ellen Mathieson, Estrella Quitariano

**Anniversaries:** Beryl Cook, Patrick Breen, Sheila Breen, Avelino Quinajon

### Pope Francis 'Laudato Si'

"Ecological culture cannot be reduced to a series of urgent and partial responses to the immediate problems of pollution, environment decay and the depletion of natural resources. There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational program, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generates resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm.

Liberation from the dominant technocratic paradigm does in fact happen sometimes, for example when co-operatives of smaller producers adopt less polluting means of production, and opt for a non-consumerist model of life, recreation and community". (Art. 111-12)

### Are you interested in deepening your Catholic faith?

During Lent, the Faith Formation committee will be leading a weekly session aimed at helping us deepen our understanding of our faith. The 6 sessions will be held every Monday evening of Lent, beginning on 19th February, from 7.00 - 8.30pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the Church.

Topics covered will include *In Search of God, Prayer, The Bible: The Word of God, The Bible and the Church, The God of Revelation and Sin and Forgiveness*. The sessions are also open for anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith.

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

### Day of Prayer and Fasting

The Day of Prayer and Fasting is happening as a combined churches event at the Spectrum Church on this coming Saturday, 10th February. It goes from 10am to 4pm. Its purpose is to pray! To pray as an expression of repentance for Christian disunity, and to pray that together in faith the churches may help many more Australians experience the love of Christ. I have accepted the invitation to participate, and will assist in part of the prayer program from 11.30am - 12.00 midday. Fellow parishioners, you are encouraged to also give some time to pray, and fast, and to share some time at Spectrum Church if you are able.

Fr Kevin

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## 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.

**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.

**Name Badges** are now ready to be collected from Holy Goods Store.

**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 Williamstown McDonalds on the way for dinner. The bus will leave St Michael's Church at 4.45pm and return approximately 9.30pm. **There is 1 spot left on the bus. Please keep the form on the back middle table updated if you are not attending.** The bus is free. Attendees will purchase dinner for themselves at McDonalds if they wish. Dinner will be purchased for any children who attend.

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

**Readers: 3rd** B Myors & M Stedman **4th** Sr C Norman & P Pidcock

**Ministers of Communion: 3rd** C McCarthy, L McIntosh, M Monin, S Pasquale, M Robinson, S & R Ryan, M Stedman, B Tubman, N Tucker, J Villanueva **4th** A Basti, S & T Burgin, A Cunningham, J Eves, J & H Hope, S Hughes, C Klum, G Mann, H Noble

## Sunday, 18th February - 9.45am - 11.30am Volunteer Documents Sign Up Day

On this day the Diocesan Volunteer Co-ordinator is visiting our parish. Government legislation has now required all institutions - including Church communities - to ensure greater accountability relating to safety, and child protection issues.

Our parish have many members whose various works of service/ministry all come under the legislative heading of 'volunteer'. Yes, even counters of our collections or our Special Ministers of Communion or Readers come under the heading of volunteer.

In these days with such emphasis on ensuring peoples well being in Work, Health and Safety (WHS) related issues, legal requirements are more comprehensive and insistent. It is a good thing that as a parish we begin the new year by attending to what is required, and have it behind us. Ms Brodie Clark's visit is for the purpose of helping us and guiding us so that we achieve our goal of completing the required documentation.

Documentation often requires that we present some forms of identification. In regards to our Volunteer Documents, we will each need to provide 100 points of ID. If you bring these along, this will enable you to complete the documentation on that morning. It would be good if most are able to do this on the 18th. The back area of the Church will be re-arranged to provide seating and tables. (Tea/Coffee will be available).

100 Points of ID: (must include 1 photo ID)

Birth Certificate or A Current Passport	70 points each
<b>AND</b>	
Driver's Licence/Permit	40 points each
Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card/ Healthcare Card	25 points each
Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card	25 points each
Council Rates Notice	25 points each
Seniors Card	25 points each
Credit/Debit Card	25 points each
Bank Statement/Passbook	25 points each
Utility Bills (eg. telephone, gas, water)	25 points each

For further information for the 100 points of ID, please see the back noticeboard.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

#### February

8	11.00am	World Day of Prayer Meeting
9	9.15am	Mass with Anointing of the Sick
10	10am-4pm	World Day of Prayer C3 Spectrum
12	9.30am	Mass at Harbourside Haven
14	7am & 10am	Ash Wednesday Masses
18	9.45-11.30am	Volunteer Coordinator Meeting
20	6.00pm	Social Group Meeting
22	10am	Mass at Muller St Aged Care

#### March

1	5.30pm	Parish Finance Council Meeting
	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
2	10.30am	World Day of Prayer