

# St Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30 September 2018 (Yr B)

### MASS TIMES

Monday:	8.00am Mass
Tuesday:	8.00am Morning Prayer at Sr Cath's house
Wednesday:	No Mass
Thursday:	9.15am Morning Prayer at Sr Cath's house
Friday:	No Mass
Saturday:	9.15am Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	8.30am Mass

### Social Justice Sunday

#### A Place To Call Home

(Australian Bishops 2018/19 Social Justice Statement)

Copies of the Statement are available at doorways. The Bishops draw upon Jesus' parable of the 'Good Samaritan' to explore our Christian responsibility and response to the inability of more and more Australians to access secure and affordable housing or accommodation. The Statement is very informative and it also provides a challenge to us both personally and in parish communities to engage in actions which contribute to helping some of the many who are homeless or struggle to maintain secure housing. What can we do?

### CELEBRATION OF ST MICHAEL'S FEAST DAY



Please join us after Mass today for a shared morning tea to celebrate St Michael's Feast Day - and to give thanks for the good things that have happened in the parish.

### Reception of Sacraments of Initiation

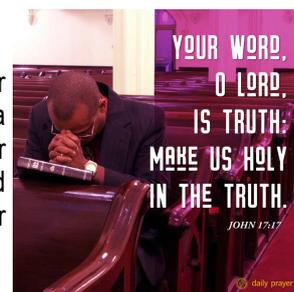
This weekend we welcome the adults and young people who have been preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. We welcome Vaughan Staples who is receiving Conditional Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Welcome to Richard Wiltshire and Celeste Reyna who will be received into the Church, Confirmation and Holy Communion and also to young Annabelle Johnson who will also be Confirmed. It is an occasion of joy to welcome them into the Parish Community. Our thanks to the little RCIA Team (Sr Cath Norman, Dr Angelo Fortune and Pauline Bakaric) for assisting in preparations.

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'*

Today's Gospel passage is broken open by reading what has come before - the Transfiguration and Jesus, after coming down from the mountain, healing a child because his disciples were unable to because of their lack of faith. Jesus' frustration with his followers is evident. They just don't seem to get this message. Their doubts and insecurities infect others. In their unbelief they deny the possibility that God works through everyone who believes, not just a chosen few.

How often do our insecurities, our jealousy, our desire to be a part of the inner circle, whatever that may be, hold back us and others? There is room enough for all in God's house.



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**Church Repairs** - This week on Tuesday the renovations will commence. The building company who has secured the contract to do the work are Newcastle based group called Insight Building Services, the director is Luke Finlay. Firstly Insight Building will be looking at the removal of the partition wall and then addressing the matter of the enlargement of the community and adjoining storage room - for tables chairs, other items. More details will be provided in coming weeks but the laying down of the carpet will be last item that will occur in the project. The Builders will be working in such a way that they will aim to keep the church available for weekend Masses. The Church will not be available for weekday Masses. In the event of a funeral, Rev Kesh of All Saints Anglican Church has kindly indicated that we can make use of All Saints Church for funeral services during the next month.

**October is the month of the Holy Rosary** - Parishioners are invited to pray a decade of the Rosary prior to our celebration of Masses during the month of October.

*"With the rosary the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty in the face of Christ and to experience the depth of his love... The contemplation of Christ has incomparable model in Mary..." St John Paul II*

**2018 Two Bishop's Dialogue** - will be held on Tuesday, 23 October, 6.30 - 9.00pm at St Aloysius School Hall, 24 Heritage Drive, Chisholm. Light refreshments will be provided. An opportunity to gather as an Ecumenical and Interfaith community, with both Bishop Peter (Anglican) and Bishop Bill (Catholic). Both Bishops invite you to join them in conversation to address: How do we reach out to the community? What can we do together to fill the missing gaps? RSVP by 17 October. Please contact Jenny Harris at the Diocesan Offices P: 4979 1111 or E: [jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au).

**Christian Formation Course** - Sacramental Life - Oct/Nov and Liturgical Life - Nov/Dec 2018 at Newcastle West.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: Gen 2:18-24  
2nd Reading: Heb 2:9-11  
Gospel: Mk 10:2-16*

*Next week's readers:  
Sat: R Ryan & S Ryan  
Sun: J Eves &  
K Schiemer*

*Please remember in your prayers:*

**Deaths:** Monica Holmes, Sr Joan Adams rsm, Betty Moroney

**Anniversaries:** Michael Moroney, Donald Cunningham, Albert Noonan, John O'Shea



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

**Readers:** 29th M Stedman & B Myors 30th E Robertson & T Burgin  
**Ministers of Communion:** 29th S Faragher, J Feenan, A Fox, S Hickey, T Howe, J Howell, K Locke, D & T Maricic, A Watt, M Went  
30th A Young, A Basti, S & T Burgin, J & H Hope, S Hughes, 4 needed

**Monthly Roster Changeovers:**

**Church Cleaning for Oct:** Cancelled due to building works  
**Altar Society for Oct:** M Colley & L McIntosh

# UPCOMING DATES

**Welcome to the Plenary Council 2020** - Together, we are on a journey of listening to God by listening to one another. We invite all Australians to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Your voice is needed - join in! Speak boldly and with passion, listen with an open and humble heart. With faith and guided by God's Holy Spirit, we journey together, toward the future.

St Michael's Parish will begin the journey to the Plenary Council the first weekend in October. Each week an explanation and further details of the process which we will follow will be given at Mass and in the parish bulletin. In mid-November we will give a report to Bishop Bill of the themes emerging from our conversations within the parish when he undertakes visitation in the parish in November.

**Two possible parish social events** - there is a clipboard on the back middle table with an opportunity to add your name to two possible social events. One is a day trip to Tea Gardens on the ferry leaving at approx. 11am, having lunch at the pub and a church tour. The other is a Sunset Cruise on Imagine Cruises on a Friday night. The cost is approximately \$46 and includes food. Drinks at own expense. If enough interest is shown it may take place in November. If you are interested in either event, please add your name to the clipboard as soon as possible to enable the events to be organised.

**SRE Inservice Training for Child Protection Update** - on 24 October 10am - 12.30pm in the Presbytery. If you are attending, please register by emailing Loretta at: [loretta.heffernan@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:loretta.heffernan@mn.catholic.org.au)

**October Reminders:**

- 1st 8.00am Mass
- 2nd 8.00am Morning Prayer at Sr Cath's House
- 3rd 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting in Presbytery
- 4th 9.15am Morning Prayer at Sr Cath's House
- 4th 5.30pm Care For Our Common Home in Presbytery
- 4th 6.30pm Youth Leadership Training in Presbytery
- 6th 9.15am Mass
- 11th 10am Mass at Muller St Aged Care
- 20/21st Catholic Mission Appeal

**Christian Meditation is on  
Fridays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.  
Everyone is welcome!**