

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



SIXTEENTH IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 21 JULY 2024

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation:

Saturday
4.00pm - 4.45 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8.30 am

Exposition and
Adoration
One Hour before Mass

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	5.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Anthony Nguyen
Phone: 0420 401 025

PARISH DEACON:
Dcn Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:
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Parish Office Hours
9.30 am to 3.00 pm
Wednesday to Friday
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**ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:**
Ms Helen Bourne
Office: 4981 1111

COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

Please be assured that we are doing all we can to ensure our gatherings are as safe as possible:

- Please do not enter the church or other parish buildings if you are unwell. This includes meetings/gatherings.
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- HOLY WATER is now available and is changed regularly.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Communion host can be received in the hand, and on the tongue with care. Since the latter is deemed high risk, please proceed to the Priest or Deacon only and at the end of the line.

MASS CHANGES

Fr Anthony is currently on holiday. This weekend we have Fr Dr. Dennis Rochford celebrating Mass. Fr Anthony will be back for Mass on Thursday.

MASKS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

2023/2024 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

New Planned Giving Envelope packs for 2023-2024 are available to pick up from the church this week. New givers are always welcome. Automated Credit Card and Debit Card forms are available. Any enquiries please contact the Parish Office.

ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who roam the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

MEDITATION GROUP



Christian meditation is the process in which we take time to become aware of our infinite potential in the context of the Christ event. Christian meditation is on every Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Meditation gives us access to the Father through the Spirit of Jesus, who lives in our heart'

**ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - NELSON BAY
PROMOTES SAFEGUARDING, WHICH INVOLVES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PROACTIVE, COMMON SENSE AND PRACTICAL IDEAS THAT ENSURE THE
SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

BISHOP MICHAEL SILVER JUBILEE OF THE ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Michael Kennedy invites the People of the Diocese to join him in celebrating his 25th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood at a concelebrated Mass commencing at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton on 14 August 2024. Other priest and deacon jubilarians will be acknowledged at the Mass. All are welcome.

FR. BOB SEARLE 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE

Fr. Bob Searle invites you to celebrate his 50th Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood with Mass at St Mary Immaculate Church, 11 Milson St, Charlestown on Saturday 24th August at 10.00am followed by brunch in the parish pastoral centre. All are welcome.

WOMEN OF THE WELL - WEEKEND RETREAT - 9TH TO 11TH AUGUST 2024

The Women of the Well retreats are designed to help you create space in your life to listen to the spirit's whisper and connect with other like-minded women. The next Women of the Well retreat will be happening at The Hermitage, Mittagong from 9 to 11 August. We want to ensure our retreats are accessible to all, as such we set our fees to cover just our costs for your food & accommodation. Thanks to our partnership with the Sisters of St Joseph, we are able to offer these subsidised rates to first-time retreatants. If this cost is a barrier, please contact us.

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Visit www.womenofthewell.com.au or email info@womenofthewell.com.au for more information.

SUBSCRIBE TO DIOUPDATE

Want to stay up-to-date with things happening across the Diocese? You should sign up for the DioUpdate!

It's a weekly newsletter full of inspiring stories, important news, and events happening across our Diocese. Sign up for it here: www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/dio-update-newsletter

E-BULLETIN

To subscribe to our weekly Parish Bulletin Email, send an email to: stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au



MASS TIMES APP

Whether you're at home or travelling, the Diocese's mobile app shows you churches and Mass times near you. If you're looking to attend a special Mass in your Parish, or you're just not sure about upcoming Mass times near you, simply searching in the app by your location allows you to find service times in your area.

**NEXT SUNDAY
17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B**

First Reading
2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm
The hand of the Lord
feeds us; he answers
all our needs.

Second Reading
Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel
John 6:1-15

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently Milan Longin, Maxwell Bethune, Andre Perrine, Tracy Jordan and Svetko Radman and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kath Went, Frederick Charles Dunn, Lucia Iglich, Maliqaya Morales, Les Wright, Lucy and John Wright, Philip Smith, Edmund (Ted) Belcher, Grace Handayan Jones, Virgilio 'Biyo' Vinluan, and for the sick in our parish Peter Dobson, June Rigger, Justin Fox, Patricia Gurney, Johny and Alexander Vella, David Campbell, Peter Campbell and for all affected by COVID.

Masses will be offered on request. Due to privacy laws, names of the sick and deceased can only be put in the bulletin with the permission of the immediate family.

Names on the Sick List will be removed after 4 weeks unless otherwise advised.

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16 July 2024

To the People of the Diocese, Staff of the Diocesan Offices and Agencies, Schools, Parishes, Clergy and Parish Leaders

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At the end of last year, I advised you of a review and changes in two of our important Diocesan teams, Religious Education & Spirituality and Pastoral Ministries. I am pleased to now advise that following regular discussion and discernment over the last several months, the Implementation Committee has provided their final report to me.

First, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Implementation Committee for their participation and commitment to this important work. In particular, their dedication to listening to the people of our Diocese and their engagement with the teams involved throughout the process is to be especially acknowledged.

Additionally, I would also like to thank the Religious Education & Spirituality and Pastoral Ministries teams for their patience and contributions. The contents and recommendations were discussed with each team prior to the report being finalised and I thank the members of these teams for their input and feedback.

Importantly, the report acknowledges and considers the change in leadership following the recent resignations of the leaders of each of these teams. Similar to all other team changes under the *Many parts. One body. One mission.* initiative introduced by Bishop Bill Wright, it was agreed that the best outcomes are achieved when the new leaders can work with their teams in consultative ways to implement the recommendations for change.

Thus, the report contains a number of recommendations that the new Director of Mission & Evangelisation (who leads the Pastoral Ministries Team) and new Head of Religious Education & Spirituality will be tasked with implementing with their teams.

The recommendations also include a review of the Governance relationships and statutes at a Diocesan level, and once reviewed, a reconstituting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. That Pastoral Council will then be tasked with finalising the Diocesan Synod and developing a Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Work on this will begin soon, and it will take however long is required for us to ensure we achieve the best plans possible for our Diocese.

To ensure the direction and momentum is maintained, the Implementation Committee has agreed to remain in place and will continue to meet on a regular basis to monitor progress.

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Our approach to mission and evangelisation is shaped through the many contributions and views shared during this process, and I thank everyone who has walked this journey with us and offered their views and experiences.

I look forward to the work of our new leaders as we continue focusing our missionary efforts, supporting our Diocese, our clergy, our parishes, our people and those beyond, and defining our path forward as a community of Christ's disciples.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol followed by the letters 'M' and 'K' in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

Bulletin Notices:

New updates

1. Bishop Michael Kennedy invites the People of the Diocese to join him in celebrating his 25th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood at a concelebrated Mass commencing at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton on 14 August 2024. Other priest and deacon jubilarians will be acknowledged at the Mass. All are welcome.

Opportunities included in previous notices

2. 2024 Magdalene Award Presentation

The 2024 Magdalene Award Presentation will take place in the Toohey Room at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West, following 9:30am Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 28 July. Should you wish to attend, RSVPs close on Friday 19 July, and can be submitted to kate.crncevic@mn.catholic.org.au

3. Season of Creation: Wonder – Weaving – Healing

Join Catholic Earthcare and their Season of Creation Convocation for three special events in September.

- Thurs 12 and Fri 13 September - online keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences
- Sat 14 September at Diocesan Resource Centre - hear about and discuss regenerative projects within and beyond our diocese and consider how we can contribute. Morning tea and lunch supplied as part of registration.

Information/Registration at: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165

4. Women of the Well – Weekend Retreat – 9 to 11 August 2024

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5. aMeN caMiNo – Seasons of Creation Weekend Retreat

Join us for an aMeN caMiNo weekend experience during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. This caMiNo is suitable for both beginners and experienced walkers. It offers a one- or two-day experience on September 7th and 8th.

For more information visit our website: mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/faith-formation/amen-camino

6. aMeN caMiNo Community Walk

We invite you to sample the aMeN caMiNo experience through this Community Walk.

When: Saturday 17th August 2024.

Time: 8am-11am

Where: Walk begins at Merewether.

Register your interest here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/w3tX1w69t3>

Ongoing opportunities

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream

Useful Links

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Faith formation page](#) – regularly updated
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service
- [DoMN Library](#)
- [Subscribe to DioUpdate eNewsletter](#)
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BISHOP
Michael Kennedy

Invites the

Staff of the Diocese, Its Agencies, Schools and Parishes

To join him for Mass to celebrate his
25th Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood

On Wednesday, 14 August 2024
Concelebrated Mass at 11am in Sacred Heart Cathedral

The Mass will also acknowledge all this year's Jubilarians

Bishop Michael Malone, 60 years

Fr Robert Searle, 50 years

Fr John Tobin, 40 years

Fr Terry Horne, 25 years

Deacon Lawrence Caelli, 25 years

Deacon John Taylor, 25 years

"Let it be done to me according to your word"

