

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 6 OCTOBER 2024

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

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	5.00 pm
Wednesday	9.15 am
Thursday	5.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Anthony Nguyen
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PARISH DEACON:
Dcn Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:
Mrs Dianne Maricic
Parish Office Hours
9.30 am to 3.00 pm
Wednesday to Friday
Phone: 0401 233 650

**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 OF ANOINTING

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick will be held this Friday, 11th October 2024.

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY LEAVING COLLECTION

I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME (Mt. 25:36)

This weekend our parish have a special collection for Catholic Prison Ministry in Cessnock Correction Centre. Your support and generosity will ensure that our Deacon Gerard can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals inmate and families facing loneliness, illness, pain and grief. Buckets are available at the entrance of the Church.

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



The light and glory of God are to be found in our own hearts, if only we would learn to be still and silent. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Be still long enough, and you will hear God's voice'

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

2024 ROSARY RALLY - THE PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us as we pray for our nation. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (13 October 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer. In 2023, there were 180 groups registered to pray the Rosary throughout Australia. Everyone is invited. <https://fatima.org.au/public-rosary/>

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Enquiries: Joan 0476 636 750

BYO picnic afterwards. (BBQ facility available)

ROSARY CARDS

October is the month of the Rosary. Rosary Prayer Cards are available at the Church entrance.

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTION 2025

The ideal companion for the 2025 Holy Year. This edition has been prepared for Australia and New Zealand and contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Designed to help you keep the word of God close to your heart in daily life. A life-changing companion to nourish you, help make God's Word the foundation of your life, and empower you to pray, to live and to share your faith with others.

- Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible.
- Liturgical information of the day, including feasts and memorials of saints.
- Space to note down personal reflections, and important events.
- Produced in flexi-cover format with attractive colour designs.

To order, please write your name and number copy in the provide clipboard at the entrance of the Church.

SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH MEANS...

Saint Michael's Catholic Church Nelson Bay hold that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded. In line with the Safeguarding Policy of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, our parish have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and committed to safeguarding all who interact with the parish through our activities, ministries and services, especially children and adults at risk.

NEXT SUNDAY

**28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B**

First Reading
Wisdom 7:7-11

Responsorial Psalm
Fill us with your love, O
Lord, and we will sing
for joy!

Second Reading
Hebrews 4:12-14

Gospel
Mark 10:17-30

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Nancy Newton and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sheila Ann Featonby-Cole, David Mendoza, John Scott, Michael Mulvihill, Emma Judalena Wall, Erlinda Vinluan, Harold Carey, Benjamine Moores, Maligaya Morales, Carmen Chetcuti, Michael Moroney, Enid Coker and for the sick in our parish Sabrina and Mario Locantro, Anna Tan, Eduardo Vicedo, Jason Young, Peter Dobson, 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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TRUTH & PEACE

A GOSPEL WORD IN A VIOLENT WORLD

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2024-2025



Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti

O God, Trinity of love,
from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love.
Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus,
in his family of Nazareth,
and in the early Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel,
discovering Christ in each human being,
recognising him crucified
in the sufferings of the abandoned
and forgotten of our world,
and risen in each sister or brother
who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty,
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,
so that we may discover anew
that all are important and all are necessary,
different faces of the one humanity
that God so loves.

AMEN.

A Prayer for Peace

You are invited to join with the Catholic Communities Australia wide to pray for Peace on Monday 7th October

Loving Father,

Our community prays for peace in our time.

We pray for those who suffer at the hands of those who bring war and violence, longing for the day when, as Isaiah prays:

“The wolf will live with the lamb, the panther lie down with the kid, calf, lion and fat-stock beast together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like the ox. The infant will play over the den of the adder; the baby will put his hand into the viper's lair. No hurt, no harm will be done on all your holy mountains’. (11:6-9)

We hold before you, Lord, the innocent victims of violence: the men, women and children whose homes are lost, whose security is abandoned, whose futures are uncertain and whose homelands are torn and destroyed in times of war.

We stand, Lord, with the peoples of the birthplace of your Son, our Saviour, and pray for the softening of hardened hearts, the forgiveness of wrongs, and an end to vengeful acts so that all peoples may live in peace, together.

We pray for human dignity lost to war, the blindness that fails to see the human face in an enemy, and the common createdness of each one in your image, Father.

We pray for those whose lives are cut short in times of war.

We pray for peace and an end to war.

May your healing and peaceful breath, Lord, rest in places of conflict so that your world may know only peace, the peace your Son came to bring.

We make this prayer,

Amen

Bulletin Notices:

New updates

1. Diocesan Resource Centre events

Address: Diocesan Resource Centre, Corner of Tudor & Parry Streets, Newcastle West

- **Story Time:** Stories, songs, rhymes & craft for children from birth to 6 years.
 - 4 October 10.15am - Edward the Emu - REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/2SCTi9fiFM>
 - 1 November 10.15am - Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge - REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/MSCAZL8ejN>
- **Formation Friday:**
 - 4 October 1pm to 2pm - Pope Francis - The Letter - REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/yqm1Z2tJAH>
 - 1 November 1pm to 2pm - Communion of Saints - REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/1jBEVh2ctj>
- **Book Club:** Come along and discuss your current read!
 - 19 October 11am at REGISTER AT: <https://forms.office.com/r/3mqnJJuBBs>
- **Human Library:**
 - Insights into Catholic Mission - 25 October at 10:15am REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/X1f5xM55Eu>
- **BBI Short Course:** Catholics Faith & Science
 - 28 October & 4 November 4pm to 5.30pm REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/8wYqgDUbcm>
- **Formation Films:**
 - The Miracle Club (Lourdes & St Bernadette) 2 November 11am REGISTER AT:
<https://forms.office.com/r/1jyjLH5GsB>

2. Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade

On the first Saturday of every month, you are welcome to join the Hunter Men's Rosary Crusade at 10.30am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The group meets after the 9.15am Mass and Novena, and Reconciliation is offered too.

Opportunities included in previous notices

3. Scone Parish Secretary

Scone Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary, 14 hours per week. Hours are flexible and can be worked across Tuesday to Friday. To apply, find the vacancy advertised on the Diocese website under Careers: www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions We encourage anyone across the Diocese who is interested in the role to apply. Please contact Fr Graham Fullick for any further information about the role on (02) 6545 9911 or 0477 720 270.

4. Public Rosary – Greta and Branxton

St Catherine's Church Greta on Saturday 12 October from 10.00am. As this is an outdoor event, please bring along a chair should you need to be seated during the Rosary.

St Brigid's Branxton on Saturday 12 October from 5.30pm around the statue of Mary in the grounds of the old St Brigid's School.

5. Advent 2024: Awaiting Hope

We are called during this holy time to wait with hope knowing the joys of what is to come with the arrival of Christ. Awaiting Hope is a Diocesan resource that invites all members of the community to gather a circle of people – family, friends, colleagues, ministry teams to reflect mystagogically on the Advent Gospels. This is an opportunity to encounter Christ where we are, to pay attention to what Christ reveals in the scripture and the living tradition of our faith, to share this, to connect it to our life now and to be changed by it.

To access the resource, go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/advent-christmas-1/>

6. 2024 Rosary Rally – The Public Rosary

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7. Wisdom of the Heart: Contemplative Workshop Series 2024

This series is designed to energise and strengthen your spiritual journey and will suit both beginners and experienced practitioners of meditation and other disciplines. Workshops are held in a comfortable and peaceful local environment with access to parklands.

Saturdays 12 & 19 October, 9 & 16 November from 2pm – 5.30pm

Mercy Centre, 20 Union Street, Tighes Hill (Newcastle).

All 4 workshops in this series: \$250 Waged or \$200 Concession.

Individual workshops: \$75 Waged or \$50 Concession.

Workshop Series – wisdomspiritualityservices.com.au

8. Revelation in the Old Testament

The units from the Christian Formation Course are now being offered as short courses.

Over five weeks we will cover:

- The nature of God revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures
- The different types of literature found in the Hebrew Scriptures
- The cycle of biblical themes: creation, call, covenant, exodus, exile
- The call of the prophet
- Biblical prayer.

When: Tuesdays, 15th October - 12th November.

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre

Cost: \$60

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christian-formation-course-unit-3-tickets-1003286967327>

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
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