

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 3 NOVEMBER 2024

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.

I love you Lord, my strength

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
Phone: 0420 401 025

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.

HOME COMMUNION REFERRALS

If your loved one is sick or cannot attend mass and would like regular Home Communion, please complete the Caring Group Referral form at the entrance of the church or contact the parish office on 4981 1069 or email:

stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

CARITAS

For the month of November, we would appreciate your support in promoting the Caritas Australia's Crisis Appeal and Christmas Global Gifts with your community. Caritas Australia is also pleased to share a free Advent resource which is available to download.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/parish-materials/advent-parish/>

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of Caritas Australia.

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

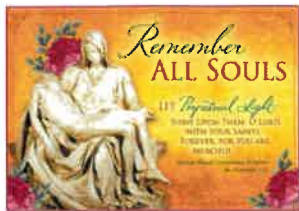


Christian Meditation is simply openness to the Spirit who dwells in your heart and mine. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Meditation is simply uncovering the love of God in our hearts'

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

NOVEMBER MASSES IN HONOUR OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



Throughout November, we shall remember the faithful departed, you are invited to place their names on the envelopes provided and they will be remembered at each Mass throughout the month (we shall not read individual names during Mass) and their names written in the Book of Remembrance, will place on the altar from All Soul day and remain throughout November. Please write your name clearly, we will do our best to include all the names in the Book of Remembrance.

WELCOME TO SAINT MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday, 3rd November 2024 we welcome:

Kayla Gulcin GUNER and **Tori Vera POGGIOLI** Receiving new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism, and the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Reception of **Glen Raymond ARNDELL** into Full Communion with the Catholic Faith.

Harry Samuel POGGIOLI Receiving new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism.

The Parish of St Michael's Catholic Church congratulates and welcomes our new Catholics.

DEACON SOLOMON'S ORDINATION

Deacon Omeiza Solomon Okovido will be ordained priest by Most Reverend Michael Kennedy on Saturday, 23rd November 2024 at 10am in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. And his Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, 24th November 2024 at 11am in St Francis Xavier Church, 40 Ernest St, Belmont. Please keep Solomon in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood! All parishioners of the diocesan community are invited to come together to celebrate this important occasion.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - IN LOVING MEMORY...

On Sunday, November 17, at 8:30 AM, St Michael's Catholic Parish will be holding a Mass of Remembrance to honour and pray for the souls of parishioners and family members who have passed away.

Following the Mass, there will be a gathering around the Columbarium to offer our prayers for our brothers and sisters who Rest in Peace with Christ and waiting for resurrection. We hope you can join us.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards are now available at the Holy Goods Store. A pack of eight (8) cards are \$3.00.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2025

The Columban Art Calendar is a 2025 iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2025 marks the 103rd edition. Price: \$10.00 per calendar. Please purchase and pay at the piety store.

NEXT SUNDAY

**32ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B**

First Reading
1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm
Praise the Lord,
my soul!

Second Reading
Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel
Mark 12:38-44

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: **Christopher Thompson, Denis McNamara, Joe Fenwick, Victor Villanueva** and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: **Fr Thomas Francis Kennedy, David Mendoza, Percy Gatt, Lino Deanoz, David Dempsey** and for the sick in our parish **Sabrina and Mario Locantro, Anna Tan, Eduardo Vicedo, Jason Young, Johny and Alexander Vella, David Campbell and Peter Campbell.**

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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Bulletin Notices:

New updates

1. You are invited...



The Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
and the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle cordially invites

Parishioners of the Diocese


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by
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Mass of Thanksgiving
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Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Luncheon

- The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Women's League will be hosting the Annual Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday, 14 November at St. Paul's Church, Rutherford at 12pm. The luncheon will follow at Telarah Bowling Club on Clarke St, Telarah at 1.00pm. Lunch is \$40.00 per person (we can cater for dietary requirements, let us know when you book in).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Please RSVP for the luncheon to either of the contacts below by Wednesday 6 November. Payment for the lunch will also be required before the event date. Please contact Colleen ph. 0427 327 611 or ccanny4@bigpond.com or Margo ph. 0439 758 211 or bimnan4@bigpond.com

Opportunities included in previous notices

3. CatholicCare Christmas Hampers

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning have started collecting donations for their 2024 Christmas Hamper Drive. The team is hoping to spread Christmas cheer by gifting hampers to people who access their Community Kitchens and often go without over the festive period. If you would like to contribute, please drop off any of the following items to one of the listed locations below.

- Christmas puddings/cake & custard
- Sweet or savoury biscuits
- Chips or popcorn.
- Chocolates, lollies or candy canes
- Tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar

CatholicCare office – 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield

CatholicCare office – 32-34 Pulteney Street, Taree | Coles Taree | Coles Stockland Forster

4. Christian Meditation

You're invited to join the WCCM Meditation Community for their next event on Saturday 30 November. It starts at 9.30am at the Diocesan Resource Centre. Morning tea is provided. Donations of \$10 are appreciated. Contact Anne for more info by emailing annecuskelly@hotmail.com or phoning 0407 436 808.

5. Formation Films at the Diocesan Resource Centre

On Saturday 2 November, everyone is welcome to join us as we watch, *"The Miracle Club"* at the Diocesan Resource Centre for our next Formation Films event. The movie follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar, outside Dublin, who win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. Register now! <https://forms.office.com/r/1jvLH5GsB>

6. 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.
 - 1 November 10.15am - Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge - REGISTER AT: <https://forms.office.com/r/MSCAZL8eiN>
- **Formation Friday:**
 - 1 November 1pm to 2pm - Communion of Saints - REGISTER AT: <https://forms.office.com/r/1jBEVh2ctj>
- **BBI Short Course: Catholics Faith & Science**
 - 4 November 4pm to 5.30pm REGISTER AT: <https://forms.office.com/r/8wYqgDUbcm>

7. 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/>

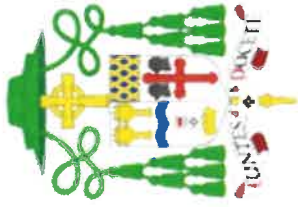
Ongoing opportunities

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](#)
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