

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C 29 DECEMBER 2024

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

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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 9.15am
Thursday 5.00pm
Friday 9.15am

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen
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PARISH DEACON:

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Mrs Dianne Maricic
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
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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:

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church. This is a special collection to support the sick and retired priests of our Dioceses of Maitland-Newcastle. Thank you for your generous support.

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

THANK YOU

Our Christmas celebrations were filled with joyful spirit. Thank you to everyone who made this holy occasion so special. We thank all who cleaned and prepared the church so beautifully; Readers; Welcomers, Computer operators; Extra Ordinary ministers and a lady who donated beautiful flowers as a gift from her family past and present. Also, to everyone who came and brought their families along for our Christmas celebrations, may God bless all this goodwill.

31ST DECEMBER & NEW YEARS MASS

Celebrate the New Year with us!

Tuesday 31st December 2024, New Year Eve Adoration begin at 4.00pm followed Mass at 5.00pm.

Wednesday 01 January 2025, New Year Day, the solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Adoration begins at 8.00am Mass at 9.15am.

Come and start the year in the presence of the Lord.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Be safe on the roads, at the beach in the pool and wherever you travel. Happy holidays and we look forward, in friendship as a faith family in 2025.

COME AND VISIT OUR NATIVITY SCENE

We invite you and your family to come forward after Mass to visit our Nativity scene.

'Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord'

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We have two regular collections in the parish each weekend.

The First Collection goes to a common fund Maitland Clergy Central Fund (MCCF) and is used to support the bishop and all the Priests (active and retired) in the Diocese. Donations for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Easter and Christmas Dues also go to the Maitland Clergy Central Fund.

The Second Collection (Church Account) stays in the parish to meet all our expenses. Rents, envelopes, regular direct debits, tap'n'go and other donations (unless explicitly stated) go to the Church Account. What is it used for? All parish running expenses, including parish ministries e.g. SRE program; insurance; liturgical costs; rates, electricity and water; repairs and maintenance; wages and superannuation, office expenses. etc All other special collections go to the charity or activity that is advertised when we have the appeal.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity to our parish. Your efforts greatly respected. Remember that it is Our Parish, and together we are its Stewards.

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Maria Grill, Fr Joseph Truong OP, Ivica Kulvsic and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Anna Tin Nguyen, Ilmas Grace Blair, Con Merlino, Lina and Dominic Merlino, Giuseppe and Pina Pasquale, Tomazina Ophelia, Davey Graham, Setna and James Mulvihill, Mulvihill Famil deceased, Culligan Family deceased, Karen Draddy, Leeanne Doran, Katrina Douglas, Peter Corcoran, Jack Doran, Joy and Nicholas Doran, Queenie Hillary, Neville Crowe, Rubena Hanlon and for the sick in our parish Sarina 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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NEXT SUNDAY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12