

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 28 June 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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 NO MASS
Friday NO MASS

NURSING HOME MASSES

Every First Thursday
10.00am Regis Aged Care Corlette.

Every Second Wednesday
10.30 am Uniting.
Muller Street
Salamander Bay

Every Third Thursday
10.00am Harbourside
Shoal Bay.

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
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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 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.

THERE IS NO MASS TUESDAY 30.06.26, WEDNESDAY 01.07.26, THURSDAY 02.07.2026, FRIDAY 03.07.2026

FR ANTHONY'S ANNUAL LEAVE

I will be away on Annual Leave, for a trip to Vietnam. This will be a special opportunity for me to reconnected again with Viet Nam culture which I left when I was young, I sincerely thank Fr. Arthur Cook and Fr. Dennis Rochford for being willing to cover our parish while I am away. Thank you for your prayers and support. With blessings.

WINTER IS WITH US....

With the arrival of colder weather, the possibility of developing colds and flu increases. A quick reminder to all parishioners that when you are unwell it may be a wise and generous move NOT to attend Mass, at least not without taking some precautions to ensure you don't share your cold and flu with other parishioners.

MEDITATION



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.

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.

**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.
SAFEGUARDING PROMOTION: FOR ALL SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS WITHIN THE
PARISH, PLEASE CONTACT: FR. ANTHONY, DEACON GERARD AND
DIANNE MARICIC.**

CATHOLICARE. 2026 MAKE A DIFFERENCE APPEAL

CatholicCare Social Services Hunter-Manning has launched its 2026 Make a Difference Appeal, and we need your help. Each week, CatholicCare serves more than 1,000 meals through our Community Kitchens, providing a warm meal, connection and support to people experiencing hardship across our region.

Supporting the vulnerable is at the heart of our Church's mission, and every donation helps CatholicCare continue this vital work.

Donations made before 30 June are tax-deductible.

Please consider making a gift today and help make a difference in the lives of local people.

www.mycause.com.au/makeadifferenceappeal2026

NAIDOC Week 2026 (5-12 July)

Join us for the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony as we celebrate this year's theme, "50 Years of Deadly"- marking five decades of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence, strength, culture, and leadership. Following the ceremony, a community procession will make its way to Foreshore Park for the on an. on Awabakal Newcastle NAIDOC Community Festival. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is proud to support this important event and invites all to come together to celebrate, listen, learn, and walk alongside First Nations peoples in the spirit of reconciliation. When: Monday 6 July 2026, 8:45AM

Where: Civic Park, Newcastle Register: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/2026-naidoc-weekcommunity-festival/>

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT 2026: TO BE HUMAN

Friday 17 July - Sunday 19 July, Camp Elim Forster The Young Adult Retreat returns this year, inviting young adults aged 18-35 to explore what it means To Be Human and fully alive in this life and for eternity. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, build lasting friendships, and connect with other young adults from across the Diocese.

Featuring expert speakers from around NSW and Australia, a dynamic and engaging program, praise and worship, and the sacraments, this promises to be a transformative weekend.

Register: <https://ALIVEYA26.eventbrite.com.au>

NEXT SUNDAY 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God

Second Reading

Romans 8:9. 11-13

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

PRAYERS PLEASE

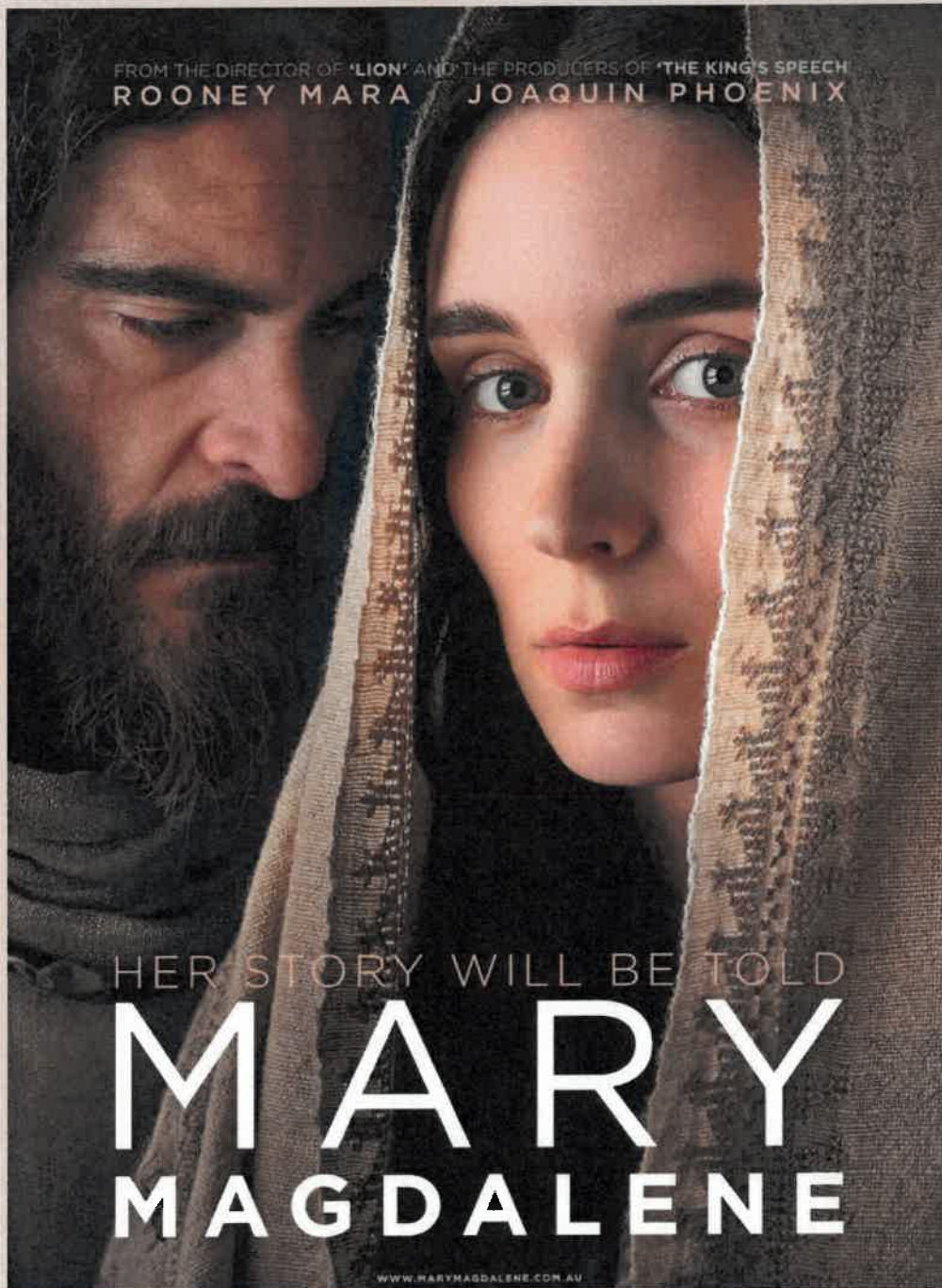
In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: **Maria De Stefano and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mladen Beretin, Robert Coote, Cornelius Ryan, Robert Paton, Thomas Mulvihill and for the sick in our parish: Stephen Ogilvie, Peter Collins, Ron Finch, Damien Brinley, Robyn Harris, Lorraine McCourt, Justin Fox, Joe Garreffa, Brenda and Brian Tucker, Sarlic Trumbli, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Anna Tan, Johnny and Alexander Vella and David 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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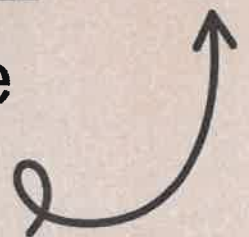
Saturday 4 July 2026

11.00 am

Morning Tea & Lunch Supplied

Book Here

or call 0409033449



Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia’s local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine

Image	QR Code for printed bulletins/newsletters
 <p>The banner features the Caritas Australia logo in the top left corner. The main image shows a blue metal structure, possibly a shelter or storage unit, with several cardboard boxes stacked in front of it. The text 'Ukraine's humanitarian needs continue as support remains vital.' is centered on the right side. At the bottom, there is a dark grey bar with the text 'DONATE NOW – caritas.org.au/ukraine' and a small QR code on the right.</p>	 <p>A large, square QR code that, when scanned, likely leads to the Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal website.</p>