

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2 August 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

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

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

The following information is to assist parishioners and visitors:

Face masks are available at the church entrance.

Hand sanitiser is available at the church entrance.

Holy Water is available and changed regularly.

Please take your bulletin home with you after Mass.

There are two collection plates during Mass. Thank you for your continued support. The following option is available:

The First Collection supports Diocesan Clergy.

The Second Collection supports our Parish.

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.

Regis Age Care Mass, Thursday 6 August 2026 at 10.00am

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.

'Meditation is about a deep conversion of heart'.

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

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026

Historically, holy days of obligation were special occasions on which Catholics were obliged to attend Mass. Catholics were also encouraged to refrain from any work or involvement with commerce on these days. In May 2001, with permission from the Vatican, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference decided that in Australia, the Catholic faithful should observe the following as holy days of obligation - **ALL Sundays of the year, Christmas Day, and The Assumption (August 15 – the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary).** For Parishioners to observe The Feast of the Assumption, Mass will be Celebrated **SATURDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026 at 8.00am.**

THE MAGDALENE AWARD 2026

The Magdalene Award recognises a woman whose life embodies leadership, service in ministry, and authentic engagement with both parish and community.

The winner of the 2026 awards was Meryl McCosker, Meryl is a parishioner at St. Paul's Gateshead and regularly volunteers at the Stella Maris Seafarer Centre in Wickham each week.

CONGRATUALIONS also to

Pauline Bakaric – St. Michael's, Nelson Bay

Sr Cath Norman – St. Michael's Nelson Bay

Being nominees in this year's awards.

A full list of nominees and images can be found on the website here:

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/news/recognising-women-in-our-church/>

HUNTER PEACE GROUP 2026 HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATION

Saturday 8 August, 11am-1pm, Tighes Hill Peace Park (opposite Tighes Hill TAFE College, Maitland Rd).

Speakers: Bevan Ramsden, Doug Hewitt and Alison Harwood. **Entertainment:** Newcastle People's Chorus and Matthew & Cathy. Food will be available. Contact Hunter Peace Group: hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com or phone Lynda: 02 4952 9346; 0476 884 200.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday 4.00pm – 4.55pm Mass at 5.00pm; Wednesday 8.00am – 9.10am Mass at 9.15am; Thursday 4.00pm – 4.55pm Mass at 5.00pm; Friday 8.00am – 9.10am Mass at 9.15am. Saturday 4.00pm – 4.55pm Vigil Mass at 5.00pm and Sunday 7.00am – 8.25 am Mass at 8.30am. Take time to step away from the busyness of life and rest in prayer, silence, and the presence of Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant us
your salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-23

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: **Nikola Guljar, Marko Antunovic, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Zvonimir Milanja, Djuro Feliks, Keith Staples, Faustino and Rufina Bandilla, Allan Small, Frederico and Elmer Quinajon and for the sick in our parish: Solomon Keys, Ben Hughes, 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, Johny 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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The Magdalene Award recognises a woman whose life embodies leadership, service in ministry, and authentic engagement with both parish and community. The winner is chosen as she exemplifies these qualities through a ministry marked by quiet humility, unwavering faithfulness and generous service.

The winner of the 2026 awards was Meryl McCosker from St Paul's, Gateshead (Mackillop Parish).

Meryl was nominated for her involvement in Synodal processes that reflects a leadership style built on listening and accompaniment rather than authority.

We recognise all of the wonderful nominees in this year's awards:

- Ann Patteson – St Brigid's, Raymon Terrace
- Astrid Hartcher – St Brigid's, Raymond Terrace
- **Sr Cath Norman – St. Michael's Nelson Bay**
- Diana Dolan – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- Deborah Gwynne – St Joseph's, Toronto Parish
- Dorothea Mary Norman – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Tighes Hill
- Franca Sibert – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- Hulita Kolo – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- Jan Peeters – St. Stephen's, Tea Gardens
- Janelle Dixon – St Parick's, Lochinvar
- Jennifer Garrett – St Brigid's, Raymond Terrace
- Joy Cork – Wallsend-Sortland Parish
- Lidia Izquierdo (Cofre) – St Stephen's, Tea Gardens
- Marianna Nadalin – Corpus Christi, Waratah
- Meryl McCosker – St Paul's, Gateshead
- Monu Pifeleti – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- Naomi Smith – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- Olga Rufo – Holy Trinity, Blackbutt North Parishes
- **Pauline Bakaric – St. Michael's, Nelson Bay**
- Teresa Chapman – Corpus Christi, Waratah
- Wendy Armstrong – St Therese, New Lambton

Images can be found on the website here:

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Join Us for a Day of Prayer, Pilgrimage and Celebration

Join us at Mary MacKillop Place on Saturday 8 August as we celebrate the Feast Day of **Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**.

Throughout the day, visitors are invited to participate in Masses, visit **Mary's Tomb**, explore the Museum, enjoy family-friendly activities, connect with the Josephite community and take part in a range of special Feast Day experiences.

Whether you are joining us in person or online, all are welcome to share in this day of prayer, pilgrimage, reflection and celebration.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/8Wf6Qoyl9uY>

The Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

You're invited to join us at Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Event Information

- **Date:** Saturday, 8 August 2026
- **Location:** Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney
- **Cost:** All events are free
- **Welcome:** All are welcome
- **Gates open:** 7:00 am
- **Gates close:** 7:45 pm

Visitor Information

- **Masses:** 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm
- **Livestream:** 10:00 am Mass
- **AUSLAN:** 10:00 am, 1:00 pm Masses
- **Chapel:** 7:30 am – 7:30 pm
- **Cafe:** 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Museum:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28



AUGUST 2026

1st August: First Saturday Devotion 10:30am–12:30pm
Special Prayers for the Sick, SOMERSBY NSW

8th August: First Friday Service, CHATSWOOD NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm–8:30pm
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, 94 Archer St, Chatswood

Friday 14th August 5:30pm–Sunday 16st August 4:00pm
Growth Retreat, SOMERSBY NSW

For bookings: 0451 318 173 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

17th August: 3rd Monday Service, WALLSEND NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm–9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie Street, Wallsend

21st August: 3rd Friday Service, EPPING NSW
Healing Prayer Service, 6:00pm–8:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, Epping

30th August: Last Sunday Service 9:00am–4:00pm
One Day Worship Pilgrimage, SOMERSBY NSW
Praise and Worship, Preaching the Word, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED, BYO LUNCH

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HUNTER PEACE GROUP

PEACE JUSTICE FRIENDSHIP

Est: 2016

2026 HIROSHIMA DAY COMMEMORATION

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

11AM – 1PM

TIGHES HILL PEACE PARK

(OPP TIGHES HILL TAFE COLLEGE, MAITLAND RD, TIGHES HILL)

- *Speakers: Bevan Ramsden IPAN - AAAC*
- *Doug Hewitt: Christians for Peace*
- *Alison Harwood: Demilitarise Newcastle*
- *Speaker from newly formed Peace Group in the Blue Mountains.*

✚ *Newcastle Peoples' Chorus will entertain us.*

✚ *Matthew & Cathy will sing peace songs*

✚ *Food will be available.*

"It has always amazed me that after the world leaders saw the devastation that the exploding of atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused they did not say in unison " never again"; instead many said "build more powerful ones, test them in various locations across the globe and stockpile as many as we can - and cause long lasting damage to the people and their land -

SHAME ON THEM ALL"

Come and join us - we'd love to see you there.

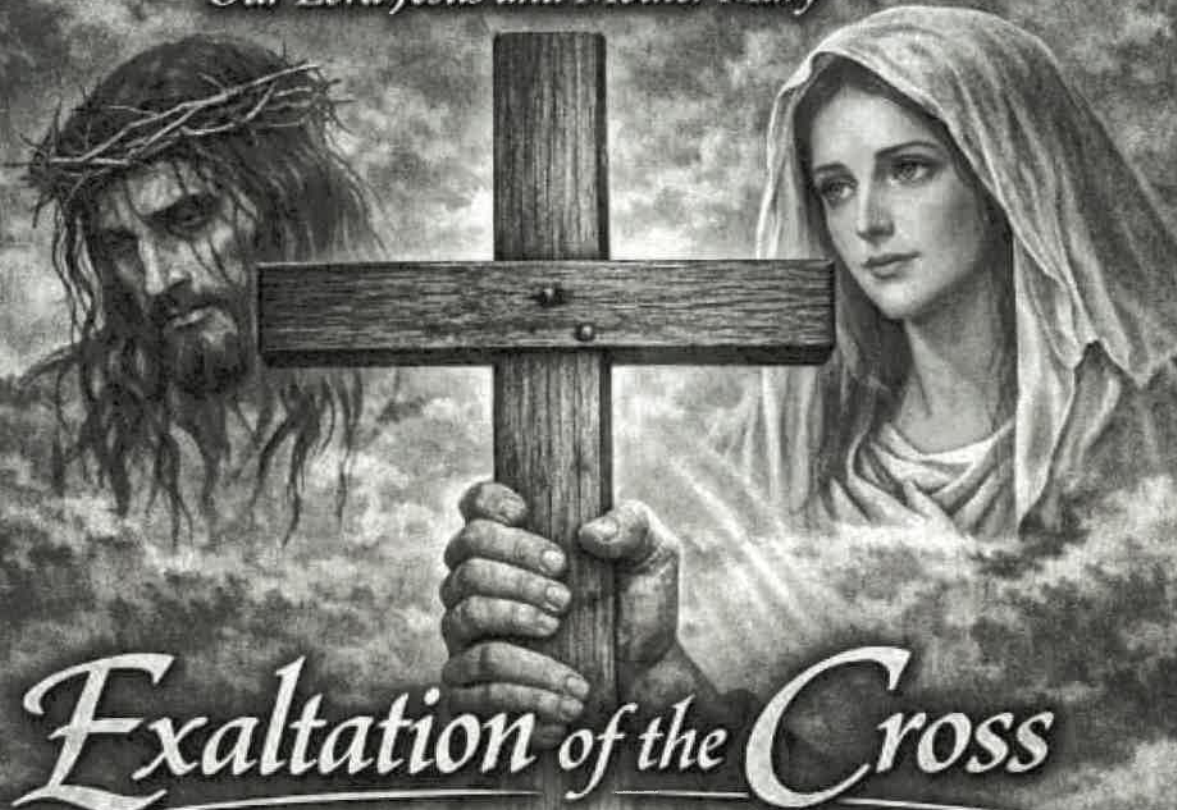
Hunter Peace Group - email: hunterpeacegroup.2016@gmail.com

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HUNTER MENS CAMINO

*March the Streets of Newcastle for
Our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary*

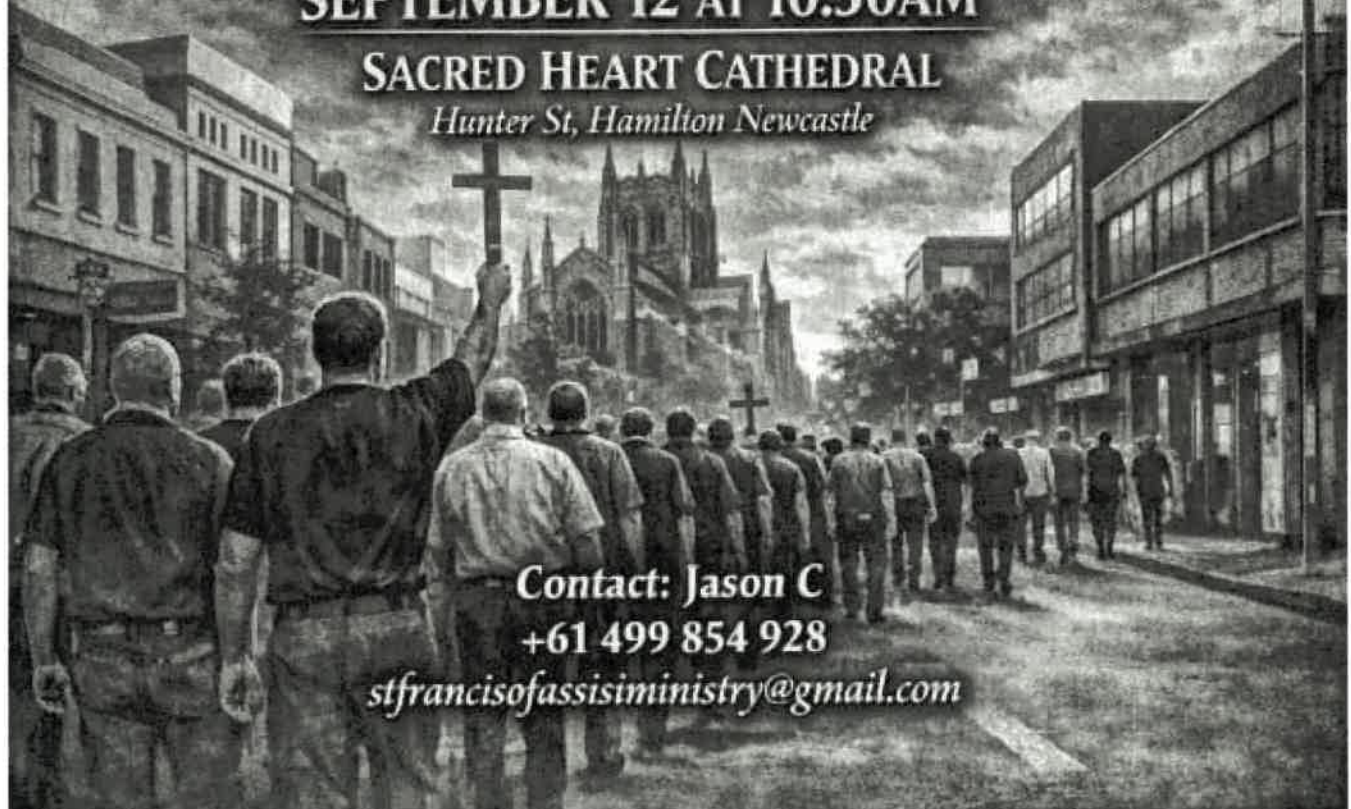


Exaltation of the Cross

SEPTEMBER 12 AT 10.30AM

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

Hunter St, Hamilton Newcastle



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