

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9 August 2026

**We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

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
Office: 4981 1111

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.

ANOINTING MASS

Mass with the Anointing of the Sick – Friday, 14 August 2026 at 9.15 am. All
are welcome.

**Mass at Uniting Nursing Home Muller Street, 12 August at
10.30am**

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**.

ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC MISSION

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV we are proud to be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis (September 8-14). During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. See the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and we are looking forward to host. Learn More: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/st-carlo-acutis-relic-mission/>

WHY TICKING “CATHOLIC” ON THE CENSUS MATTERS FOR OUR DIOCESE

On 11 August, Australians will complete the five-yearly Census of Population and Housing, a snapshot the Australian Bureau of Statistics uses to track how the nation is changing, socially, culturally, and economically. For the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, the results will help shape how we plan and support Catholic life across the region for years to come.

Among the questions asked is one about religion. The question asks nothing about whether someone believes in God, attends Mass, or is formally engaged with a faith community. That's not its purpose. For many Catholics across our Diocese, faith remains part of their identity even if they're not regularly at Mass, and we are encouraging Catholics to tick the box that reflects that, a simple act that helps ensure our parishes, schools and social services are properly recognised and resourced.

MASS AT THE STELLA MARIS/MISSION TO SEAFARERS CENTRE

Thursday 27 August 2026, 5:30pm, 96 Hannell Street Wickham.

Join us for the celebration of the Eucharist, on the last Thursday of each month in the Seafarers chapel.

**NEXT SUNDAY
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations
praise you!

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Peter Dinh Hoang Nguyen, Boris Satara, Dorothea Wright, Nikola Guljar and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Melva Driver, Natividad Aricheta, Bruno Garreffa, Zvonimir Milanja, Djuro Feliks, Keith Staples, Faustino and Rufina Bandilla, Allan Small, Frederico and Elmer Quinajon and for the sick in our parish: Gloria Reyes, 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, 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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VINEYARDS CATHOLIC PARISHES PRESENTS

TESTIMONY & BIBLE STUDY

with Charbel Raish



FRIDAY 14 AUGUST | 6:15pm - 9pm

"HOW ISLAM LED ME BACK TO CHRIST"

Charbel Raish was born into a Catholic home. But, in the last 6 years of school, he was influenced and challenged in his faith by Islamic friends. In his final year, he struggled to make a choice. He visited a mosque to give his life to Allah and Muhamed. But God wasn't done with him yet.

SATURDAY 15 AUGUST | 9:30am - 4pm

BIBLE IN A DAY

Bible In A Day reveals the "big picture" of Scripture by showing how the key narrative books tell the story of salvation from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church today.

- Session 1: Foundations (Early World & Patriarchs)
- Session 2: Freedom (Exodus, Desert, Promised Land)
- Session 3: Kingdom (Kingdoms, Exile, Return)
- Session 4: Fulfillment (Maccabees, Christ, Church)

Donations are welcomed to support the speaker.

Please register for catering purposes.

*For more info,
contact Yvonne -
0450323206*



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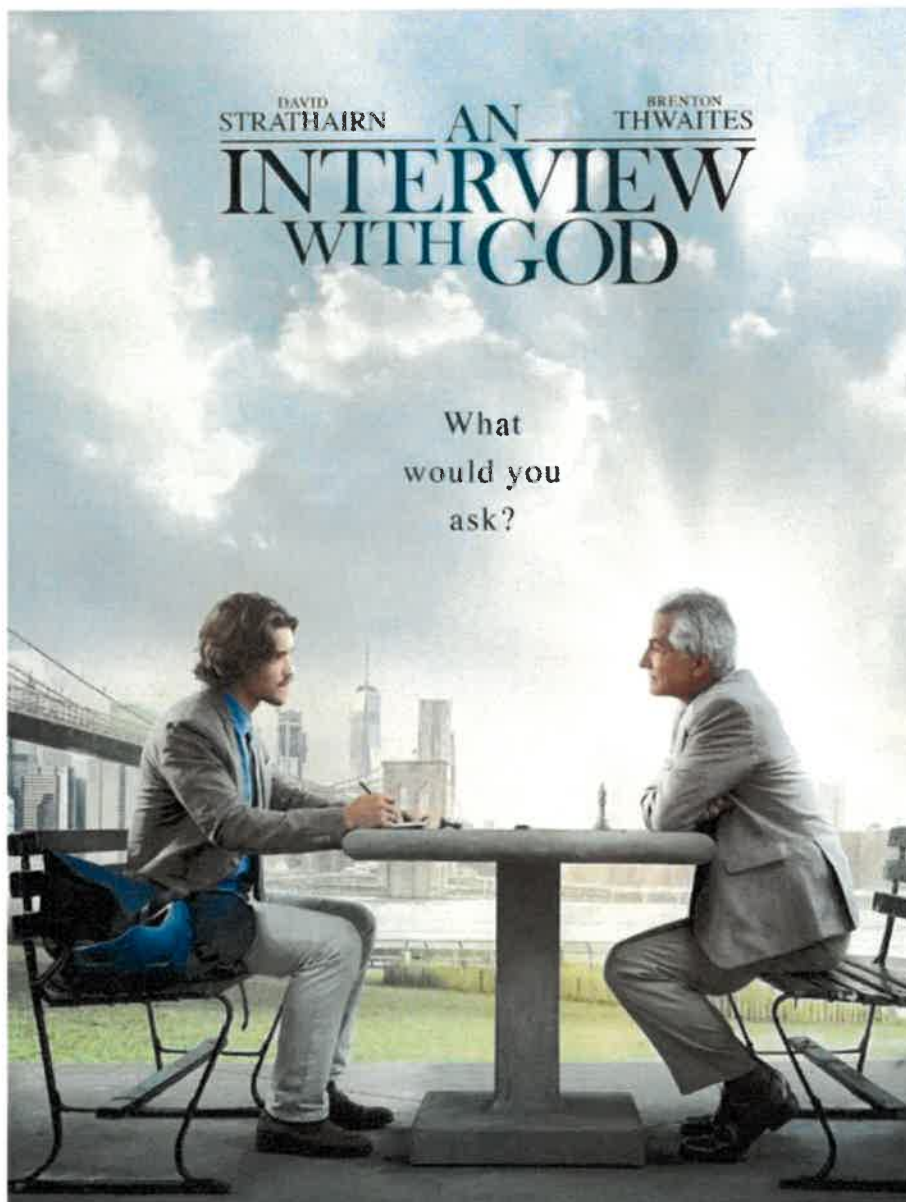
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Diocesan Resource Centre

Saturday 5 September 2026

11.00 am

Morning Tea & Lunch Supplied

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HOW DOES FAITH GUIDE

THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A MORALLY CRAZY WORLD



GUEST SPEAKER:
FR ANTHONY COLOMA

12PM, WEDNESDAY

26 AUGUST

DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

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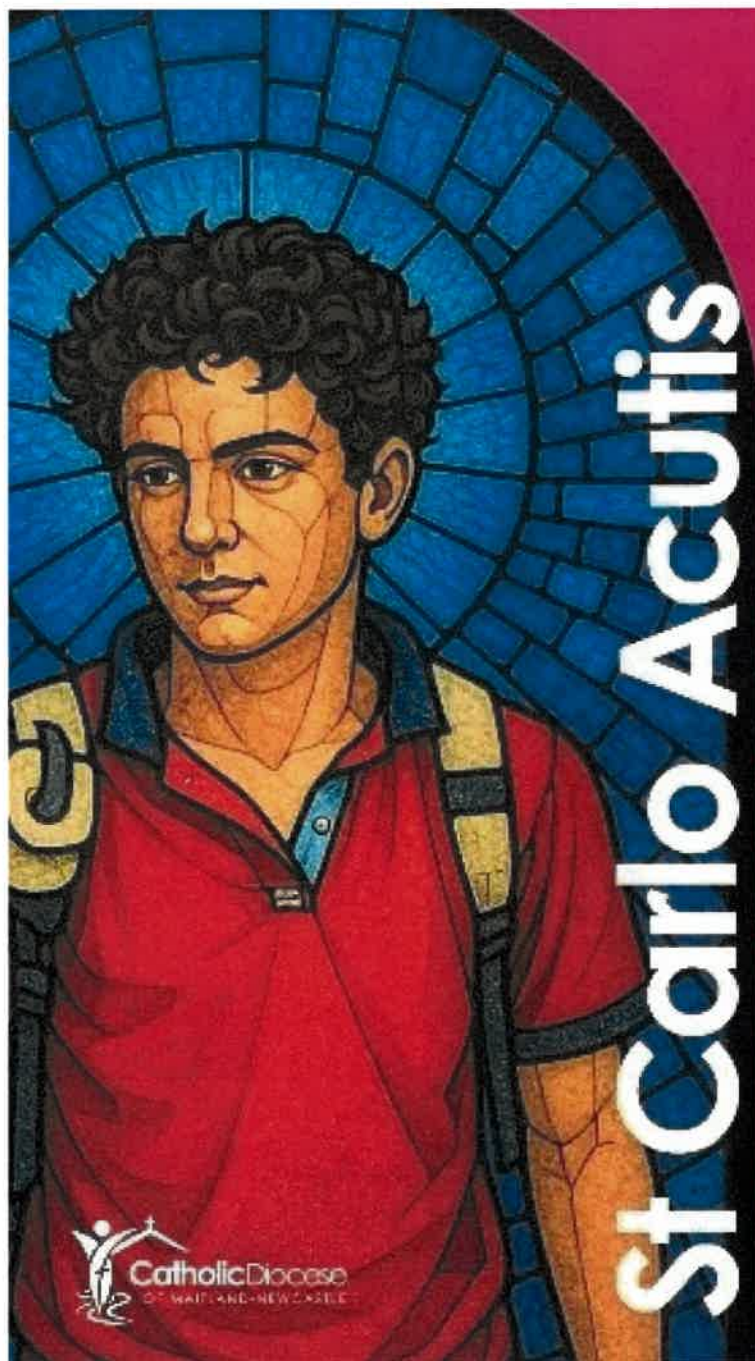


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St Carlo Acutis

Major Relic Mission

8 SEPTEMBER TO

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation.

This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church.

The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission. [Read more here.](#)

We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code.

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance and Banking. We are also seeking new members for our Community and Wellbeing, CCF and Education boards.

These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.