

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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First Sunday of Advent Year A 30 November 2025

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Let us go rejoicing to the house 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 5.00pm
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 5.00pm
Friday 9.15am

NURSING HOME MASSES

Every Second Wednesday
10.30 am Uniting
Muller Street
Salamander Bay

Every Third Thursday
10.00am Regis Age Care
Corlette.

Every Forth 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 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.

ANOINTING MASS

The next Anointing Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 5th December at the 9:15am mass.

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located on the left-hand side in the piety store. It is designed to be used by everyone.



ATTENTION PARENTS

An adult must accompany children to use the restroom. The safety of your child is very important to us.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTERS ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are welcome to help us with the Christmas liturgy roster - Christmas Eve Masses, Wednesday 24th December at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Christmas Day Masses, Thursday, 25th December at 7.00am and 8.30am. If you are interested to be rostered for these special Masses please write your name on the clipboards provided at the entrance of the Church or contact the Parish Office by phone 4981 1069 or email to stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au We appreciate your great contribution and willingness.

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 AND DIANNE MARICIC

VINNIES CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

With the approach of Christmas, the St Vincent De Paul Society are once again asking for your assistance for those in our community who are in need. Our Christmas Giving Tree is a reminder to us all that Christmas is a time when we need to open our hearts. We are asking for gift card donations from Coles, Woolworths and Aldi to be placed under the tree. These donations will be placed in our Christmas hampers and given to those families who are finding it difficult to make ends meet.



We continue to accept donations this weekend. Your generosity has been overwhelming in the past and Vinnies is most appreciative of the support given to us by the parishioners of St Michael's. It allows us to ensure that many families will experience a happy and holy Christmas.

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australia for over a century. The 2026 calendar is the 104th edition! Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries. The Columban Art Calendar serves as a practical tool encouraging prayer, planning, and participation in the Church's mission throughout the year. \$10.00 per copy. Purchase and pay at piety store.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

† Christmas Vigil – Wednesday, 24th December 2025, 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

† Christmas Day – Thursday, 25th December 2025, 7.00am and 8.30am.

TOURS OF REFURBISHED PARISH SCHOOL

The staff will be running tours of the school after Masses on the weekend of 13th and 14th December for the Parish. They will have sausage sandwiches on the Saturday night and bacon and egg sandwiches on the Sunday as a little thank you for the inconvenience of the build. If you would like to attend if you could please place your names on the board down at the entrance of the Church near the Holy Goods Store.

SIMBANG GABI MASSES

Join with our Filipino Associations as they commemorate and host Simbang Gabi during December at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Opening Mass will be held on Monday 15th December at 7pm. 841 Hunter St, Newcastle West. Bring a plate for a shared supper after each Mass.

Mass Celebrants & Homilists

WHEN: December 15 Fr Anthony Coloma; December 16 Fr Darryl Mackie; December 17 Fr Joyce Sebastian; December 18 Bishop Michael Kennedy; December 19 Fr Anton Perera; December 20 Fr Gregory Barker; December 21 Fr Sabu Pulimalayil; December 22 Fr Joseph Figuardo; December 23 Fr Niel Olano.

NEXT SUNDAY

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his
time, and fullness of
peace for ever.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Robyn Fitzalan and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jim Eves, Lynnel Paton, Eamonn McRory, Mr & Mrs Flynn and Family and for the sick in our parish: Brenda and Brian Tucker, Damien Brinley, Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Artemia Sheather, 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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Parish Bulletin Notice – December 2025

Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas.

This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity.

Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>

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Give a gift. Change a life.

Each card you buy is a life-changing donation to Caritas Australia, helping to make the world a little bit better, every day.

Shop online at globalgifts.org.au



Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross



Representatives from our migrant communities are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy for Prayer and Conversation.

When: Friday 19th December

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Where: Victor Peter Suite

841 Hunter Street,
Newcastle West.

Cost: Free

RSVP: Via QR code (Eventbrite)

Additional Information

On Sunday the 21st December the Migrant Cross will stop at a further 3 communities in celebration.

- 9:30am - Ukrainian Catholic
- 11:15am - Syro-Malabar
- 6:00pm - Vietnamese

If you have further questions
please email
mission@mn.catholic.org.au

For more information
& registration
scan the QR code

