

# Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 1 DECEMBER 2024

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.  
**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul**

### 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	5.00 pm
Friday	9.15 am

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen  
Phone: 0420 401 025

#### 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

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: [stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au)

### ANOINTING MASS

Due to the conclusion of the end of the school year of St Michael's Catholic School, therefore, the Anointing mass will be celebrated on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024. All are welcome.

**NO MASS ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

### 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



The light and glory of God are to be found in our own hearts, if only we would learn to be still and silent. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*'Be still long enough, and you will hear God's voice'*

**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**



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**  
St. Michael's Catholic Church  
Nelson Bay

**Tuesday, 24 December 2024**  
**CHRISTMAS VIGIL**  
**5.00pm and 7.00pm**

**Wednesday, 25 December 2024**  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**7.00am and 8.30am**

### SCHOOL CARPARK CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKENDS

The school car park will be closed for TWO (2) WEEKENDS - Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th; Saturday 21st and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December; The carpark will reopen again in time for Christmas Masses. Please follow the directions of carpark attendants. We apologise for your inconvenience.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Will you be by yourself on Christmas Day? Would like to join a group of parishioners sharing lunch on Christmas Day here at St Michael's? If you would like to come or bring a friend, please leave your name/s and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church. If you require transportation, could you tick the box on the sheet.



#### NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

**First Reading**  
Baruch 5:1-9  
**Responsorial Psalm**  
The Lord has done  
great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.  
**Second Reading**  
Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11  
**Gospel**  
Luke 3:1-6

### PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: **Virgilio "Biyo" Vinluan, Lynell Paton, David Mendoza, Jim Eves, Rose Lukey, Ana Bicanic, 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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## Bulletin Notices:

### New updates

#### 1. 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

Please join Bishop Michael Kennedy and the Federation of P&F Associations for the 25th Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning. The Mass will be a celebration of inclusion and diversity, where everyone's unique and God-given gifts will be acknowledged. After Mass, you are invited to stay for supper, where you will have the opportunity to connect with friends, old and new. Mass will be celebrated to ensure everyone feels welcome, including if that means there is wriggling and noise amongst the pews!

Tuesday 3 December, 5pm  
Sacred Heart Cathedral  
Supper will follow at 6pm

### Opportunities included in previous notices

#### 2. Newcastle Catholic Charismatic Thanksgiving Mass 2024

Everyone is invited to give thanksgiving to the Lord for all that 2024 has brought during a Thanksgiving Mass on Friday 13 December at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Michael has kindly accepted our invitation and will be joining our other priests while presiding over the Mass. We will also be gathering for Praise and Worship at 6:30pm before the Mass and all are welcome to part of this part of the celebration.

Refreshments will be served afterwards. Please contact Mary-Anne on 0402 918 375 or Wayne on 0466 631 394 for more information.

#### 3. Together in Spirit for Palestine & Lebanon

You're invited to join the community for an afternoon of reflective prayer and poetry for Palestine and Lebanon. It's on Saturday 30 November, from 4pm to 6pm at Nobbys Beach Reserve, Newcastle. Please bring a picnic blanket, prayer rug or camp chair. For more information call 0432 640 482 or email [diana\\_ra01@hotmail.com](mailto:diana_ra01@hotmail.com)

#### 4. Formation Film – December

You are invited to the Diocesan Resource Centre for the December Formation Film event – *The Man Who Invented Christmas*.

In 1843 London, author Charles Dickens finds himself in financial trouble and desperate for a hit. Dickens relies on real-life inspiration and vivid imagination to bring Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and others to life in *A Christmas Carol*. Featuring acclaimed actors; Christopher Plummer, Miriam Margolyes, and Simon Callow.

When: 7 December 2024

Where: Diocesan Resource Centre – 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West

Time: 11am

Christmas Inspired Lunch Provided

Bookings via: <https://forms.office.com/r/HqdyiVSN8H> or call 02 4923 0682

### Ongoing opportunities

1. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)

### Useful Links

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Faith formation page](#) – regularly updated
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service
- [DoMN Library](#)
- [Subscribe to DioUpdate eNewsletter](#)
- [Aurora Magazine articles online](#)

25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 5PM

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON



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**Mass | 5pm- 6.00pm, Supper | 6.00pm-7.00pm**

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hunter Street, Hamilton

RSVP not required, for more information or specific requirements contact

Lizzie Watkin to discuss your needs

[lizzie.watkin@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lizzie.watkin@mn.catholic.edu.au) or ph 0404 005 036

The Federation of P & F Associations hosted its first Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning in 1999. Over the years, the Mass has remained a valued opportunity for everyone to come together in celebration of the diverse gifts and talents of each and every student, which undoubtedly enrich our Catholic school communities.

The Federation's Diverse Learning Needs Working Party has a proud history of advocating for our Catholic Schools to be places of welcome and support for children who perceive and interact with the world in diverse ways. As such, its annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning is one of welcome and inclusivity; everyone is encouraged to attend and feel comfortable to be themselves!

This year, the Federation is grateful to have Bishop Michael Kennedy and the communities of Newcastle's Inner City Schools lead the celebration.

**This celebration is intended to be inclusive of all in our community to come and enjoy. To help facilitate this, the Federation has ensured there is disabled parking and amenities onsite, supper will cater for people with a range of dietary requirements.**

