

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23 August 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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	5.00pm
Friday	9.15am

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
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

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

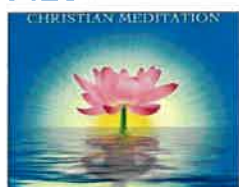
The Communion host can be received in the
hand, and on the tongue with care. Since the latter is deemed high risk, please
proceed to the Priest or Deacon only and at the end of the line.

NO MASS ON TUESDAY 25.08.26; WEDNESDAY 26.08.26

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.

WELCOME FR DENNIS ROCHFORD MSC

We warmly welcome Father Dennis to our parish community this weekend as our celebrant for Mass. We thank him for leading us in worship and sharing the Eucharist with us.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

Bishop Michael Kennedy has announced the Diocesan pilgrimage to South Korea and Japan for young people aged 16-35 next year. World Youth Day with Pope Leo XIV will be an enriching experience of pilgrimage for young people which has a profound impact on their relationship with Jesus, their prayer life, their lived mission and their relationships with others. Join us for the Reception of the Relic of WYD Patron Saint Carlo Acutis on September 8 and a WYD Launch Event featuring early information about this exciting opportunity.

Learn More: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wyd27-world-youth-day-launch-tickets-1997423687017?aff=oddtcreator>

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 (8-14 September). 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/>.

SEEKING CASUAL GROUNDS PERSONS

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking dependable, proactive, and community-minded individuals to join our school teams as casual Grounds Persons. These essential roles help ensure our school environments are safe, clean, and welcoming for students, staff, and visitors. If you take pride in your work, enjoy being outdoors, and want to contribute meaningfully to a vibrant school community, we would love to hear from you. As a Grounds Person, you will play a key role by maintaining grounds and gardens to a high standard, general building upkeep and minor repairs, cleaning of outdoor areas, and managing the opening and closing of school premises. We are looking for individuals who can work independently, manage maintenance programs effectively, and demonstrate a strong understanding of current Work Health and Safety requirements. For more information you can email any enquiries to: aaron.campbell@mn.catholic.edu.au or telephone him on 0476 209 818.

NEXT SUNDAY

**22 Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for
you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Robert Crowe, Peter Dinh Hoang Nguyen, Dorothea Wright and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Des Ryan, Anna Franof, Melva Driver, Peter Millet, Dinka Vuica, Dolores Reyes Catindiq, Nestor Efren 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, 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 JOY OF CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A MORALLY CRAZY WORLD



GUEST SPEAKER:
FR ANTHONY COLOMA

12PM, WEDNESDAY

26 AUGUST

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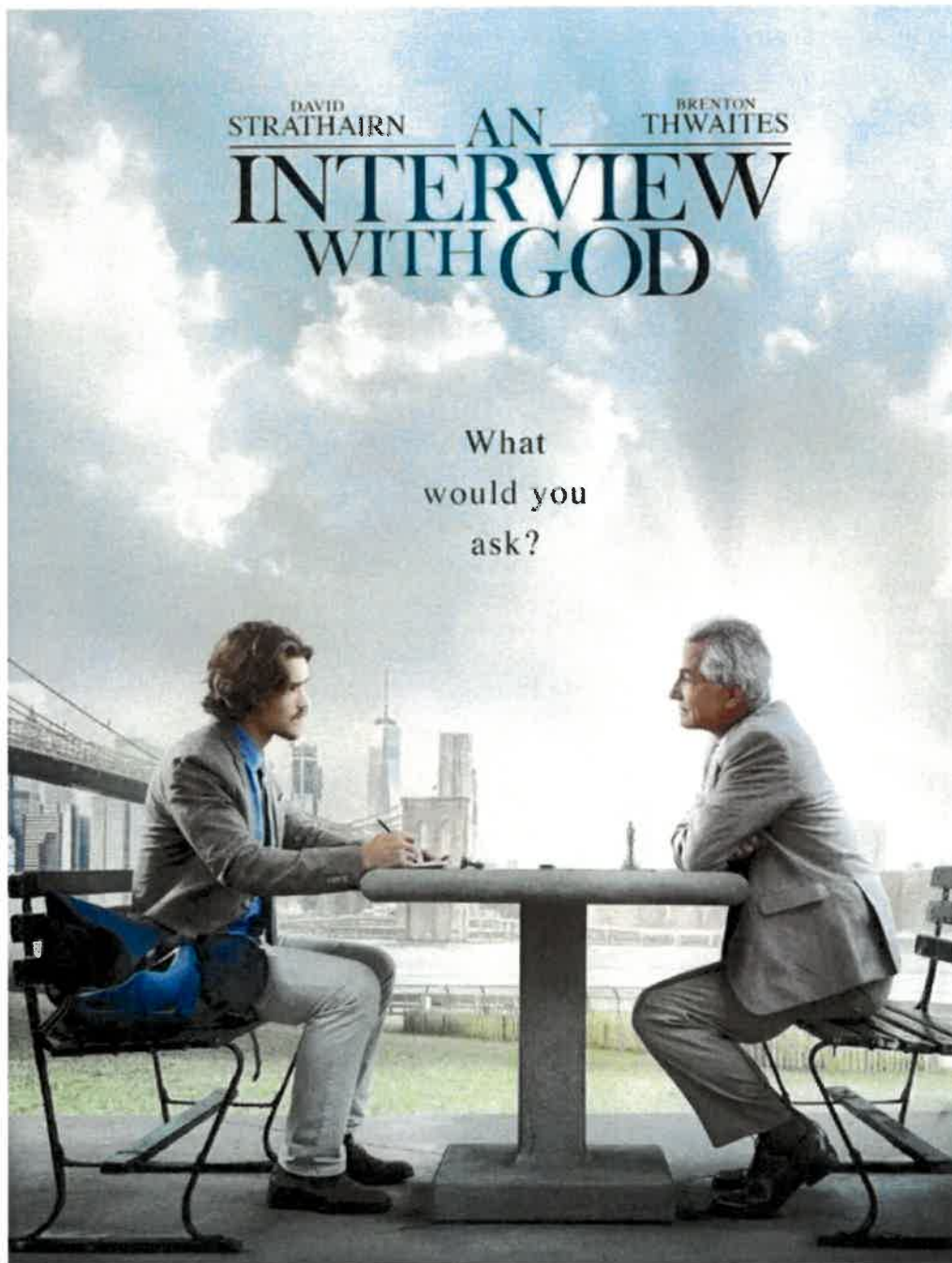
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11.00 am

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St Carlo Acutis

Major Relic Mission

SCHEDULE



TUESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER

- 5.30PM** **RECEPTION OF RELIC**
Mass and Veneration Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Newcastle West
- 6.30PM** Hospitality
- 7PM** World Youth Day 27 Launch or Formation Film

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER

UPPER HUNTER ENCOUNTER

- 10AM - 2PM** Event at St Joseph's Catholic College, Aberdeen
- 3 - 4PM** Exhibition at St Joseph's Catholic College, Aberdeen
Confession, Adoration at St Thomas Church, Aberdeen
- 4PM** Mass at St Thomas Church, Aberdeen followed by Talk and Veneration

THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER

- MORNING** Hunter Correctional Centre

NORTHERN REGION ENCOUNTER

- 5.30PM** Mass at St Clare's Catholic College, Taree
with Veneration, Prayer, Exhibition

FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER

- 10AM - 2PM** Event at St Clare's Catholic College, Taree

SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

CITY BASIN ENCOUNTER

- 10AM - 5PM** Exhibition at Our Lady of Victories Primary School,
Shortland

Events at Our Lady of Victories Church, Shortland:

- 10AM** Morning Tea
- 10.30AM** Talk - The Life of Carlo Acutis
- 11AM - 1PM** Veneration
- 3PM** Divine Mercy/Rosary
- 3.30PM** Adoration and Confession
- 5.30PM** Mass
- 6.30 - 7.30PM** Talk and Veneration

SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER

- 9AM - 5PM** Exhibition at Our Lady of Victories Primary School,
Shortland

Events at Our Lady of Victories Church, Shortland:

- 9.30AM** Talk - Five Steps to Holiness
- 10.30AM** Mass with Veneration
- 12PM** Community Lunch and Fellowship
- 3PM** Divine Mercy/Rosary
- 3.30PM** Adoration and Confession
- 5PM** Mass
- 6 - 7PM** Talk and Veneration

