

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30 August 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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 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.

PRINCIPAL OF SAINT MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HELEN BOURNE RETIRES AT THE END OF THE YEAR 2026

It is with deep gratitude and admiration that I announce that Ms Helen Bourne who has faithfully served as Principal of St Michael's Primary School, Nelson Bay has advised of her decision to retire at the conclusion of the 2026 school year. Since September 2011, she has led the community of St Michael's Primary School, Nelson Bay, guiding the school with vision, wisdom, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to Gospel-centred leadership. As the Parish of St. Michael's Nelson Bay, we thank you Helen for your ministry as the Principal of our school. We will celebrate your remarkable ministry at the end-of-year. Further details will be shared in due course.

(Extract from the letter of Jacqueline Wilkinson, Director of School Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle)

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.**

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Conversations can spark ideas, build understanding and encourage reflection. But meaningful change happens when those conversations lead to practical action that strengthens support for children and families. National Child Protection Week helps turn conversation into action by bringing people across Australia together to share ideas, strengthen communities and prevent harm before it occurs. While the Week creates an important national moment, the campaign continues throughout the year, encouraging all of us to take steps that help children feel heard, valued, safe and supported. National Child Protection Week (NCPW) will take place from 6-12 September in 2026.



This year, the theme is: 'Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action'. For more information and resources <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au>

ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR RELIC MISSION

As the Diocese journeys towards Eucharist 28 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/>

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>

BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive the Bulletin via weekly email, please contact Dianne on Email: stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

NEXT SUNDAY

**23 Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would
listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Robert Crowe and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kevin & Dorothea Quinn, Harold Carey, Grace Handaya Jones, 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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Retirement Announcement - Ms Helen Bourne

Tuesday 11 August 2026

Dear Colleagues,

It is with deep gratitude and admiration that I announce that **Ms Helen Bourne** who has faithfully served as **Principal of St Michael's Primary School, Nelson Bay** has advised of her decision to retire at the conclusion of the 2026 school year.

Helen's retirement marks the culmination of an extraordinary vocation in Catholic education spanning more than four decades. Throughout her career, she has faithfully responded to her calling as a Catholic educator and leader, dedicating her professional life to the service of students, families, staff, and the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese.

Helen commenced her teaching ministry in 1980 as a classroom teacher at St Joseph's Primary School, Merewether, before serving at St James' Primary School, Muswellbrook, the Sisters of St Joseph Novitiate, Lochinvar, St Joseph's Primary School, Kilaben Bay, St Pius X Primary School, Windale and St Therese's Primary School, New Lambton.

Helen went on to hold Religious Education Coordinator positions and from 1997 to 2006, served in several Education Officer roles at Catholic Schools Head Office, supporting and influencing the development of Catholic education across the Diocese. In 2006, Helen was appointed Principal of St Mary's Primary School, Greta. Since September 2011, she has led the community of St Michael's Primary School, Nelson Bay, guiding the school with vision, wisdom, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to Gospel-centred leadership.

Throughout every stage of her career, Helen has exemplified servant leadership, placing faith, relationships, and the wellbeing of others at the heart of her work.

On behalf of the Diocese and all those who have had the privilege of working alongside Helen, I extend our sincere thanks for her contribution to Catholic education. We thank God for the many gifts she has shared and for the difference she has made in the lives of so many.

The recruitment process to appoint a new Principal for St Michael's Primary School, Nelson Bay will commence shortly. We are committed to ensuring a smooth and respectful transition that honours the strong foundations Helen has established and the vibrant faith community she has helped to nurture.

We will formally acknowledge and celebrate Helen's remarkable contribution at our end-of-year Mass and Dinner. Further details will be shared in due course.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Wilkinson
Director of Schools

Novena to Our Lady of Good Health

Begins on Saturday 29th August, 2026 at St Brigid's Church, Raymond Terrace NSW
 St Brigid's Church 69 William Street, Raymond Terrace 2324 NSW Parish Phone : (02) 4987 1888
 Our email : rtparish@mn.catholic.org.au



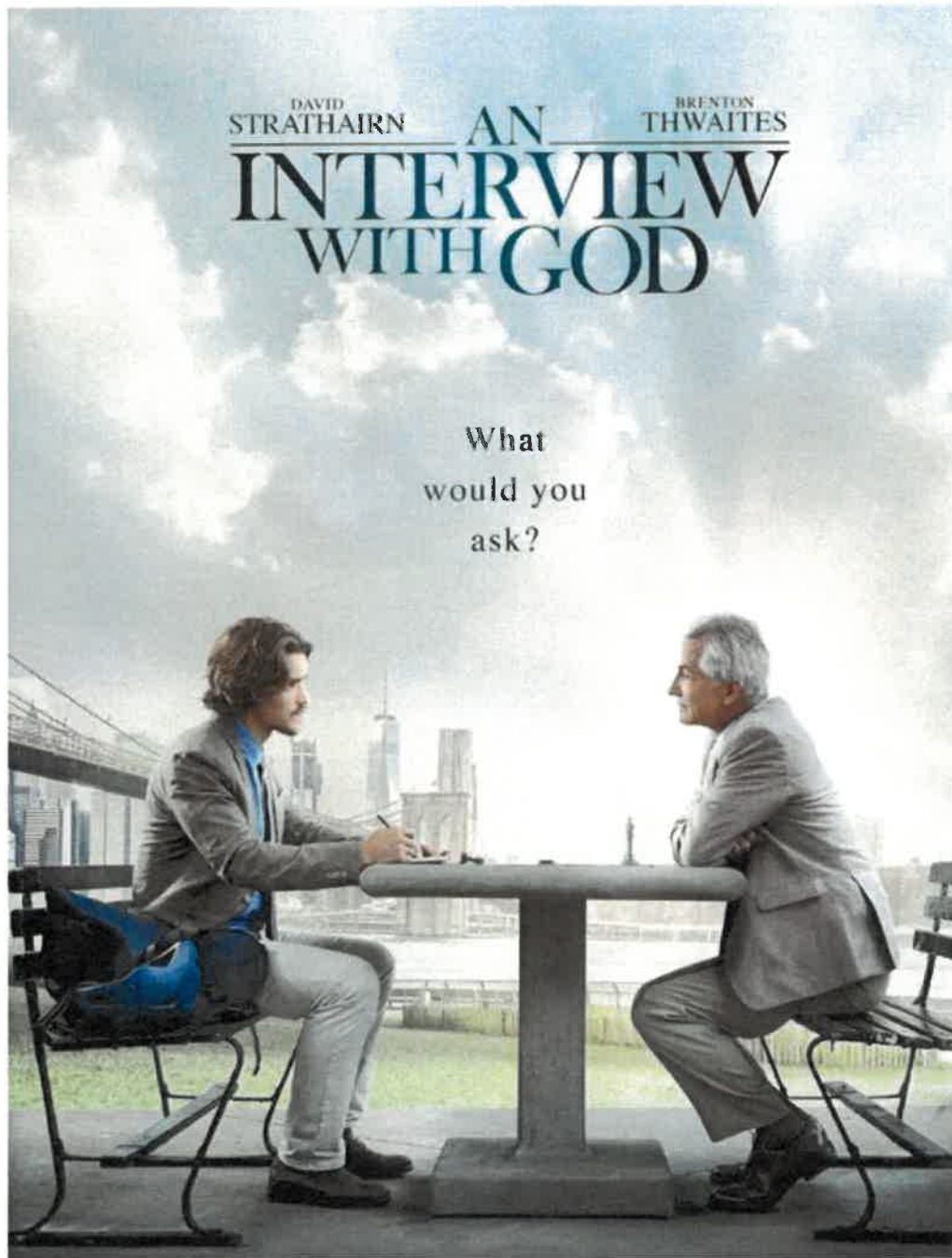
Novena to Our Lady of Good Health

29.08.26	Sat	9.30 am Rosary, Mass, Novena Prayer Petition and Blessing of Our Lady
30.08.26	Sun	9.30 am Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother of God (Day 1)
31.08.26	Mon	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother of Mercy(Day 2)
01.09.26	Tue	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother of Hope (Day 3)
02.09.26	Wed	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Our Advocate (Day 4)
03.09.26	Thu	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother Most Pure (Day 5)
04.09.26	Fri	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother Most Humble Day 6
05.09.26	Sat	9.30 am Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother of Faith (Day 7)
06.09.26	Sun	9.30 am Rosary, Mass , Novena Theme : Mary Mother Most Venerable (8)
07.09.26	Mon	4.00 pm Rosary, Mass, Novena Theme : Mary Mother of Good Health (9)
08.09.26	Tue	4.00 pm Rosary & Mass Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of Good Health
 Pray for Us

Fr Joyce Sebastian Victor
 Administrator
 St Brigid's Parish, Raymond Terrace 2324

Formation Films



Diocesan Resource Centre

Saturday 5 September 2026

11.00 am

Morning Tea & Lunch Supplied

Book Here
or call 0409033449



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

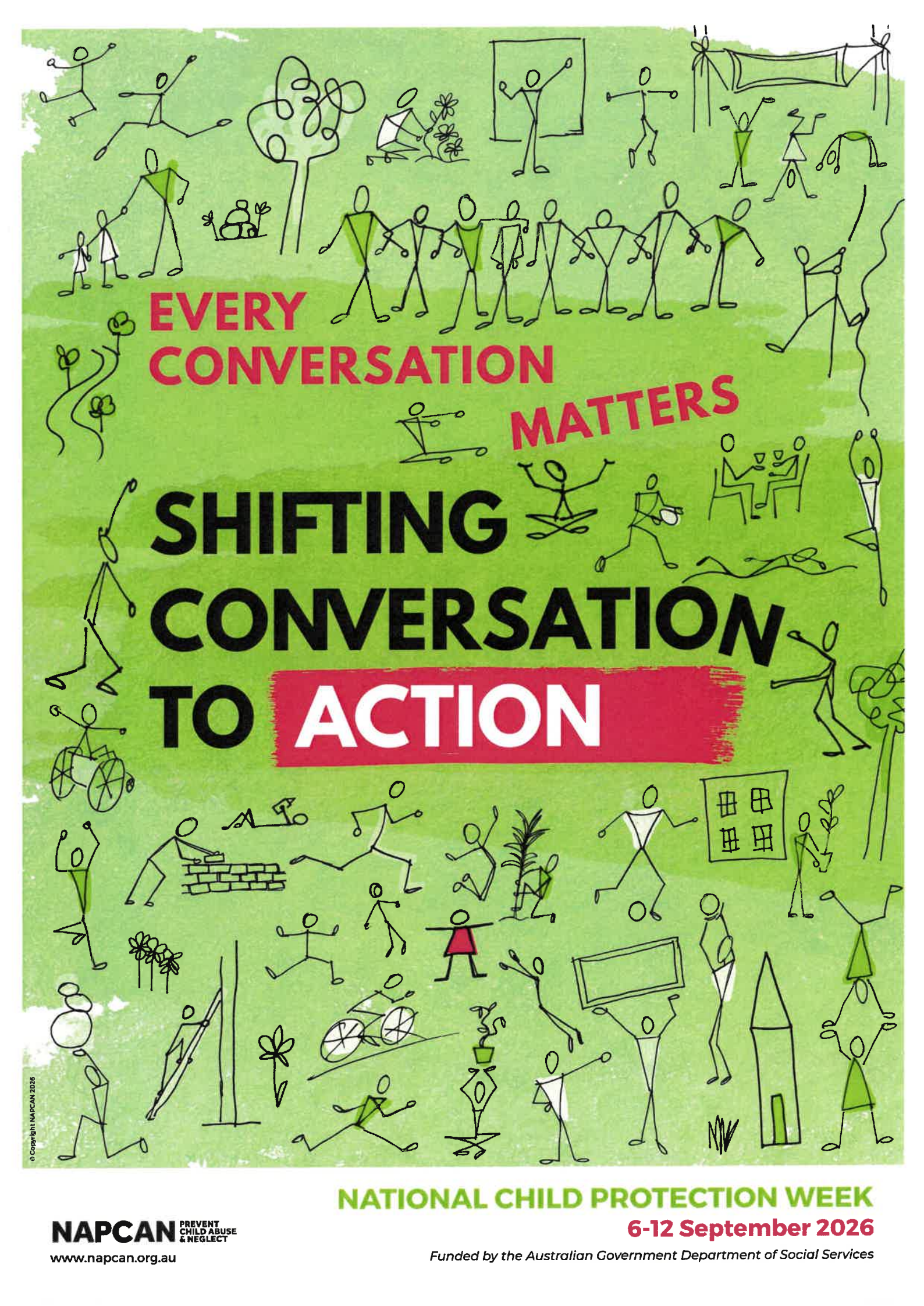
5PM

Mass

6 - 7PM

Talk and Veneration





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**SHIFTING
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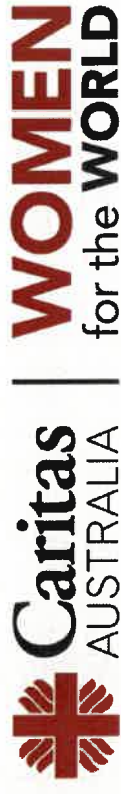
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6-12 September 2026

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MISSION OF THE CHURCH TODAY?

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WITH BRENDON MANNYX,
JENIFER FERNANDES
AND ADAM FROST



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JOHN 16:33



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