

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 31 August 2025

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

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 NO MASS

Friday NO MASS

NURSING HOME MASSES

No Masses until
Fr Antony's return from
leave

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 the first Friday of October at 9:15am.

NOTE: NO WEEKLY MASSES UNTIL FR ANTHONY HAS RETURNED FROM ANNUAL LEAVE

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'

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
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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 COORDINATOR: DIANNE MARICIC

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

"We know that conversations can play a part in ensuring adults take accountability in protecting children through growing awareness and challenging norms. However, conversations alone are not enough; true accountability requires action, ensuring that every discussion translates into tangible steps to protect children" ~ Leesa Waters, NAPCAN CEO. National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. National Child Protection Week (NCPW) will take place from 7-13 September in 2025.



This year, the theme is: 'Every conversation matters: Shifting Conversation to Action'.

For more information and resources <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au>

aMeN caMiNo WEEKEND EXPERIENCE MYALL COAST - 6TH & 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Experience an aMeN caMiNo weekend walk during this year's Season of Creation at the beautiful Myall Coast. Suitable for both beginner and practiced walker, with opportunities for prayer and reflection in nature, set amongst the beautiful wildflowers and gorgeous coastline.

Join us for one day or two, walking 5km or 12kms. Start and end point is St Stephen's Catholic Church, Tea Gardens. Learn more: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/amen-camino-weekend-experience/>

PERPETUAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On 14 September we observe Perpetual Day of Remembrance.

This day is a public acknowledgement of the deep harm caused by the Church in the past, particularly the pain and suffering endured by survivors of abuse, their families, and those that have been lost. It is an occasion to re-commit ourselves to remembering what happened so as not to allow those things to be repeated.

Our Parish will commemorate this day in our masses on Saturday 13 September and Sunday 14 September. To register visit: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/hunter-mens-rosary-crusade-camino/>

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Wednesday 10 September - 3:30pm or 6pm

Join us for an inspiring journey into the heart of our faith with **Symbolon** – a rich video and discussion series that unpacks the beauty and truth of the Catholic Church. Come along, deepen your understanding, ask questions, and share in faith and fellowship. All are welcome!

Dates: Every Wednesday, 10 September – 19 September

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Contact: 0477 106 108

Venue: Mary of the Cross Function Centre, 7 Milson Street, Charlestown.

NEXT SUNDAY

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First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord, you
have been our refuge.

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm

9-10, 12-17

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Thea Quinn, Cora Trenor and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Kevin Quinn, Vince Aquilina, Warwick Phillips, Tom Blake, Richard and Eileen Keating, Peter Millett, Dolores Reyes Catindig, Nestor Efren, Dinka Vuika, and for the sick in our parish: Brenda and Brian Tucker, Justin Fox, Damien Brinley, Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Artemia Sheather, Mario Locantro, Anna Tan, Eduardo Vicedo, 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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Art and Spirituality Workshop

12 September 2025



Creation of art provides an opportunity for a deepening awareness of oneself and the world and can act as a catalyst for evoking the Spirit.

Art is a means to see-to-re-search and find the living meaning of what it means to open the heart. Everyone has the ability to create art, but in order for it to be theological, the artist needs to explore ways that it makes sense of faith. Opening the heart through art involves making meaning through the creation, then reflecting on the art itself and the unfolding the moment-to-moment direct experience of the process.

This workshop will provide an opportunity to awaken the Spirit through the beauty of God's creation, prayer, and reflection. Participants will engage in art making experiences which will nourish their faith.

For further information contact the Mission & Evangelisation team at mission@mn.catholic.org.au



Time

9.00am – 3.00pm

Where

St Joseph's Community Centre
140 Wangi Rd, Kilaben Bay

Cost

\$25 per person

Please bring a packed lunch
Morning tea provided

Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1235249708129>



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Pilgrims of Hope



The Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd invites you to **A REFLECTION DAY with FR KEVIN DANCE CP**

Father Kevin is a Passionist priest who resides at Marrickville. Over his 60 years as a priest, he has had various ministries encompassing, teaching, parish, leadership, political and missionary.



Let us take time in this Jubilee Year to reflect on our faith journey and how we extend hope to others in our family and community during these challenging times.

DATE	Tuesday 30 September 2025
TIME	9:00AM – 4:30PM (Arrive at 8:30AM for sign in and a cuppa)
VENUE	Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish St Francis Xavier Hall 40 Ernest Street Belmont (parking is available on the church grounds)
	BYO lunch – morning tea provided
COST	Donation
REGISTRATIONS	Please phone Jan 0438 252 657
& ENQUIRIES	<u>elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au</u>
RSVP	Tuesday 23 September 2025

Come sit for a while

