

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 6 September 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.

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

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:

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Dcn. Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:

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Wednesday to Friday
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ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Ms Helen Bourne
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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 RETIREES 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 will formally acknowledge and celebrate Helen's remarkable contribution at our 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

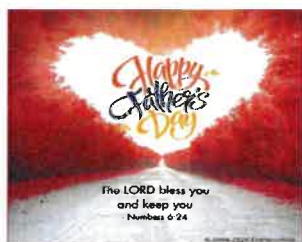
Christian meditation is the process in which we take time to become aware of our infinite potential in the context of the Christ event. Christian meditation is on every Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'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.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We wish a blessed and joyful Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and father figures in our parish community. Thank you for your faithful witness, self-sacrificing love, and the ways you mirror the loving fatherhood of God in your homes and daily lives.

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 Eucharist28 with Pope Leo XIV it will be hosting the first-class relics of a millennial Saint – Carlo Acutis – between 8 and 14 September. During his young life, Carlo created the Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition, which will also accompany the tour. The pilgrimage has been drawing tens of thousands from across Australia and New Zealand these past months and the Diocese is looking forward to hosting the relics. Visit the Diocesan Website <https://mn.catholic.org.au/st-carlo-acutis-relic-mission/> to see the schedule that covers the Reception of the Relic, Upper Hunter Encounter, Northern Region Encounter and the Newcastle City Basin Encounter.

BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

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NEXT SUNDAY

**24 Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and
merciful; slow to anger
and rich in compassion.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Anthony Gatt and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Edith Irish Paton, Kevin & Dorothea Quin, Harold Carey, Grace Handaya Jones 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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**"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28



SEPTEMBER 2026

5th September: First Saturday Devotion 10:30am–12:30pm

Feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Special Prayers for the Sick, SOMERSBY NSW

Friday 11th September 5:30pm–Sunday 13th September 4:00pm

Deliverance Retreat, SOMERSBY NSW

For bookings: 0451 318 173 or email: drcretreatrego@gmail.com

18th September: 3rd Friday Service, *EPPING* NSW

Healing Prayer Service, 6:00pm-8:00pm

at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 31 Oxford St, Epping

21st September: 3rd Monday Service, *WALLSEND* NSW

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm

at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie Street, Wallsend

27th September: Last Sunday Service 9:00am-4:00pm

Feast of St Vincent De Paul

One Day Worship Pilgrimage, SOMERSBY NSW

Praise and Worship, Preaching the Word, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED

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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





Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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What is the Season of Creation?

- It runs from September 1 to October 4, 2026.
- It is a global movement where Christians unite to pray, reflect, and care for creation.
- Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God.
- As living water flows into our hearts and heals us it will flow from us to heal others and creation.
- Every act of care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope.
- Local communities focus on water justice, environmental healing and caring for regions already affected by climate change.
- We are invited to pray the Season of Creation prayer each day during the Season.

Prayer for the Season of Creation

*Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we come to you thirsty for your grace.
Thank you for the gift of living water,
flowing from your sanctuary to renew the earth*

*Forgive us when we damage your creation
Open our eyes to see how all life is connected.
Immerse us deeper into your life-giving-streams,
so our hearts may be changed.*

*Turn our weapons into tools of healing.
Help us mend broken ecosystems,
protect vulnerable communities,
and bring justice and peace to our shared home.*

*Make us streams of hope for a thirsty world.
In your holy name, we pray.
Amen.*