

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 20 September 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
The Lord is near to all who call him.

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 Fourth Thursday
10.00am Harbourside
Shoal Bay.

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen
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PARISH DEACON:

Dcn. Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs Dianne Maricic
Parish Office Hours
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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.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE

Those requiring gluten-free hosts should approach Deacon Gerard or Fr. Anthony after the regular Communion line has concluded to receive them directly. - A separate ciborium containing consecrated gluten-free hosts will be kept in the tabernacle.

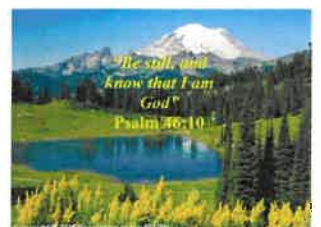
Nursing Home Mass Thursday 24 September 10.00 am at Harbourside SHOAL BAY

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.

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 is about a deep conversion of heart'.

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.

AN INVITATION TO OUR PARISH ASSEMBLY SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026 (9.30AM - 3.30PM)

It has been many years since we last gathered for an Assembly, and much has changed in our parish, our community, and the world around us. Our Bishop Michael is encouraging all parishes to connect in prayer, conversation, and reflection on our future direction. A gathering such as this invites us to reflect on our current parish life, celebrate our blessings, and discern together the path God is calling us to follow. Whether you have been part of the parish for many years, have joined us more recently, attend regularly or only occasionally, you are part of our story and you are warmly invited to participate. Through prayer, storytelling, and conversation, we will listen to one another and explore our hopes and dreams for the future. The day will include a briefing from Fr Matthew Muller (Vicar General) on our financial status and the opportunities/challenges that present themselves at this time. I have accepted the support of the diocesan *Mission & Evangelisation* team who will ensure that we have a handful of concrete local actions moving forward. With your support I hope to see a renewed Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council who can lead the inspiration and implementation. Please save the date and consider how you might invite those who will actively contribute now and into the future. Your voice matters and your presence will enrich our important conversations as we discern together the kind of parish we are being called to become. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to contribute to the planning.

MERCY AND HOPE

Talks of Suffering, the Saints, Divine Mercy Friday 23 October & Saturday 24 October, Kurri Kurri Parish Hall Join us for two powerful days of faith, healing, and hope Presented by Kurri Kurri Church Featuring Paul Elarde & Tinah Deluca-Tohi. This is a free event with catering, cash donations on the day are requested to support our speakers.

Talk 1: Finding Meaning in Suffering: Life Crisis Spirituality Talk 2: Two Saints of Mercy: Pope St. John Paul II & St. Faustina Talk 3: Why is this Message of Divine Mercy NEW?

Talk 4: Testimony: "Keeping the Faith through Hard Times" by Tinah Deluca-Tohi More information contact Yvonne: 0450 323 206 See the flyer at the back of the church.

To register for catering, you can find the event at <https://mn.catholic.org.au/cdmn-news/events/>

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal

NEXT SUNDAY

**26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercies,
O Lord.

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Damir Ricov, John Aspinall, Sr. Maria Cao Thi Hue and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Jill Mackinnon, Frank Ferraro, Rocco Farreffa, Carmen Chetcuti, James Hanlon, Caterina Speranza, Norma Therese Innes, Francis Charles Lantry and Pacifico Mardo 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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Australian Women's Canon Law Scholarship 2027

A new opportunity is emerging for women in the Australian Church!

A Collective of Australian Women Religious institutions are coming together to establish a Canon Law Scholarship designed to support the formation of women to serve in governance, leadership, and ministry contexts through the study of Canon Law.

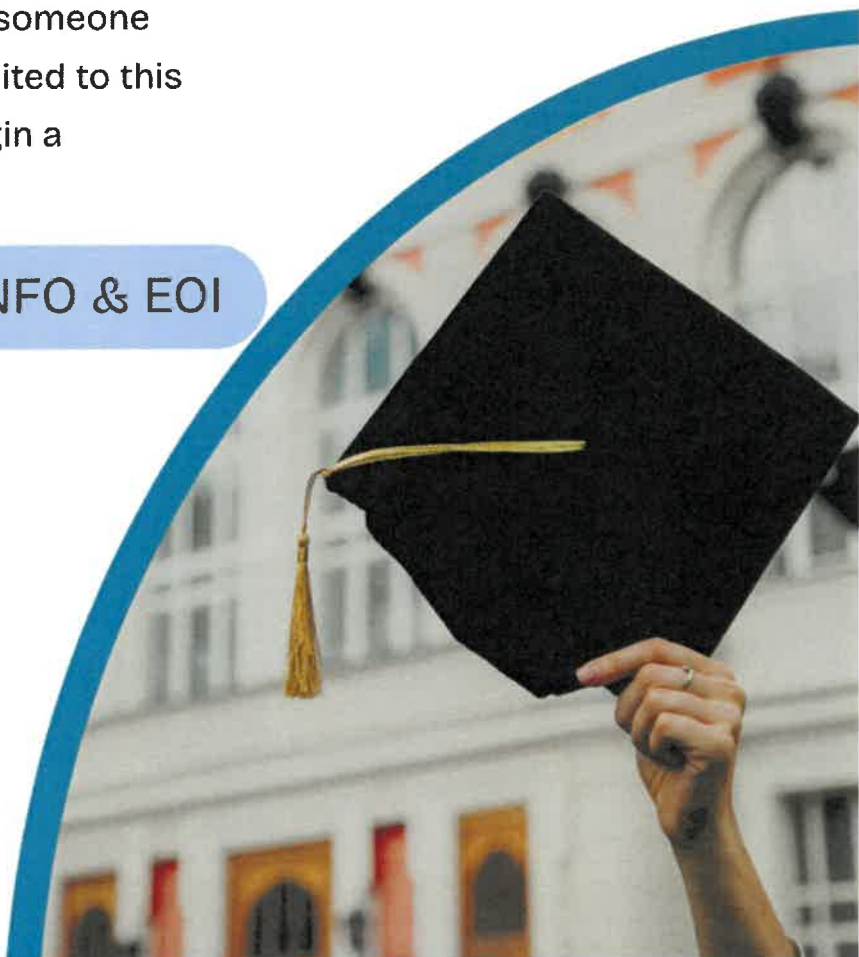
If this sparks your interest, or someone comes to mind who may be suited to this pathway, we would love to begin a conversation!

FIND OUT MORE

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Most Reverend Fathers,

I am writing to share information about the Australian Women's Canon Law Scholarship and to respectfully ask whether you may be willing to assist in promoting this opportunity through your diocesan networks, communications channels, and pastoral contacts.

The scholarship is a collaborative initiative established by a number of women religious congregations in Australia, including the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Dominican Sisters, Ursuline Sisters, Sisters of Mercy ISMAPNG, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta, and Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Together, these congregations are committed to building capacity within the Church by supporting women to undertake studies in Canon Law.

This initiative has emerged from a shared recognition of the need to foster the formation of women in Canon Law, particularly those who may contribute to the future of religious life, Church governance, Public Juridic Persons, safeguarding, stewardship, and the civil-canonical interface.

The scholarship is intended to support one or more women in undertaking formal studies in Canon Law while participating in a comprehensive formation program. This formation component is central to the initiative and includes mentoring, engagement with religious congregations, participation in relevant conferences, governance exposure, and ongoing reflection and feedback throughout the scholarship journey.

The aim is not simply to fund academic studies, but to form women who can serve the Church with legal expertise, pastoral sensitivity, maturity, and a deep understanding of both religious life and the Australian ecclesial context.

Expressions of Interest are now open, and we are seeking your assistance in ensuring that this opportunity reaches women who may possess the gifts, experience, maturity, and interest to consider this pathway. Suitable candidates may come from a variety of backgrounds, including theology, ministry, education, leadership, governance, law, Church administration, and community service.

Further information about the scholarship is available at:

[Australian Women's Canon Law Scholarship](#)

A poster is also attached, providing additional information about the scholarship and the process for expressing interest. We would be pleased to provide further promotional material, including newsletter articles, social media resources, or other communications content should this be helpful.

We would be most grateful if you would consider sharing this opportunity within your dioceses and through appropriate formation, governance, education, leadership, ministry, and pastoral networks. Personal encouragement and invitation may be particularly valuable, as some suitable candidates may not immediately recognise their potential to undertake this important ministry and field of study.

Thank you for considering this request and for any assistance you may be able to offer in helping this opportunity reach those whom the Holy Spirit may be calling to serve the Church through the study and practice of Canon Law.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Philippa'.

Philippa Murphy fdnsc

Provincial Leader

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Calling for Expressions of Interest – Councils and Advisory Boards

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle warmly invites you to once again journey with us in faith, open dialogue and discernment as we continue to establish and strengthen our new Councils and Advisory Boards.

Following our initial Expressions of Interest process last year, we are now seeking to fill some vacancies on our Councils and Advisory Boards as we build on the strong foundation.

This next phase is an opportunity to broaden participation and ensure our governance reflects the diversity and rich gifts of our diocesan community.

Our renewed governance model honours both civil and Church law, and is grounded in the mission and teachings of the Church.

The Councils and Advisory Boards that have formed play an important role in shaping the future of our Diocese, contributing to decisions that support faithful, sustainable and mission-driven outcomes. Already our Pastoral Council has been discerning our call to mission.

We invite people from across the Diocese who feel called to serve to submit an expression of interest via the Diocesan website and QR code. Link: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

In particular, opportunities exist for those with backgrounds in Governance, Finance Banking and Insurance.

These groups work in a synodal way marked by collaboration, respectful listening and thoughtful conversation.

Join with us - this is a unique opportunity to share your gifts, deepen your engagement in the life of the Church and help shape the path ahead for our Diocese.

World Youth Day 2027

World Youth Day is an international gathering of young people (aged 16-35) held every three years with the Pope. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is leading a pilgrimage in July 2027 to the next one in South Korea with an extended retreat in Japan following. Serious expressions of interest have now opened and can be logged on our webpage. We expect bookings to open in November with an \$800 deposit. Learn more -

<https://mn.catholic.org.au/church/world-youth-day-2027/>

VINEYARDS CATHOLIC PARISHES PRESENTS

MERCY & HOPE

Talks on suffering, the Saints, Divine Mercy and more....

WITH PAUL ELARDE & TINAH DE LUCA-TOHI

KURRI PARISH HALL,
102 BARTON STREET,
KURRI KURRI

FRI 23 OCTOBER: 6:15PM - 9PM
SAT 24 OCTOBER: 10AM - 4PM



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TALK 1: Finding Meaning in Suffering – Life Crisis Spirituality

Sooner or later life presents something to us that we simply can not cope with. This talk reveals how, using our faith, we can survive the great suffering of a life crisis.... for the better!

TALK 2: Two Saints of Mercy – Pope St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

Few saints have had such an enormous impact on the Church in modern times. Find out why Pope St John Paul II saw the message of Divine Mercy as THE special task of his Pontificate, and why along with St Faustina, they are literally transforming people's lives!

TALK 3: Why this Message of Divine Mercy is NEW!

What could be new about God's Mercy? Well, Jesus tells we have not comprehended His mercy. Hear what Jesus has said that reveal unimaginable gifts and mysteries of His Mercy!
You won't want to miss this talk!

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TESTIMONY by Tina: "Keeping the Faith Through Hard Times"

Tinah is a teacher and mother of twelve children who knows first-hand how hard it is to 'keep the faith' during difficult times. In 2012 she was told that her perfectly healthy fifteen-year-old son Emmanuel had an incurable brain disease and for the next eighteen months, had to watch his slow decline. Her son Emmanuel inspired others as he leaned on his faith and trust in God to battle his illness. She has an amazing story to tell that will touch your heart and inspire your faith.

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