

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18 October 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Give the Lord glory and honour.

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
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.

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. Consecrated gluten-free hosts will be kept in the tabernacle.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Our annual Catholic Mission Appeal held this weekend 17-18 October.

Envelope available at the pews. PLEASE BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR
DONATION.

CROATIAN MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER AT 4.00 PM

Fr Ivica Pečnik will be visiting our Parish this Sunday, 18 October 2026 and
celebrating Croatian Mass at 4.00pm. ALL WELCOME.

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.

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 (8.00am-12noon)

On Saturday our Church will have NO POWER (Outage) from 8.00am to 2.00pm.

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.

The assembly core team have met with Brendon from Mission & Evangelisation to prepare the agenda for the morning:

7.50am – Gather in the church.

8am – Housekeeping and general instruction.

8.10am – Prayer and Reflection – Learning from the Emmaus Story.

8.30am – Listening Session One – Sharing Our Stories.

Share a personal story about your experience of parish life. It can come from your past or present experiences of parishes and can be either positive or challenging.

9.30am – Morning Tea.

10am - Sharing by Fr Matthew Muller VG and Brendan Upcroft on current parish finances and assets.

10.45am – Listening Session Two – Exploring our shared future.

Having listened to the stories of the community, and the current situation of the parish finances, what are our hopes and dreams for the parish moving forward?

11.45am – Final reflections and Blessing.

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.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

November Mass Offering envelopes are available on table at the entrance of the Church. All offerings will then be documented, and a list of November Mass Offerings (names only) will be placed on the altar during November.

"Is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." (2 Maccabees 12:46).

NEXT SUNDAY
30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

First Reading
Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm
I love you, Lord,
my strength.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel
Matthew 22:34-40

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently Louise Corbin, David Gillett, Eddie Davis, Ian Henderson, Peter Manning, Yvette Anselmet and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Joseph Fenwick, Joyce Chapman, Elisa Acenas, Reme Gio Nunag, Edwarda Quinajon, Eduardo Vicedo, Peter Dobson, Carmel Simon, John Scott, Thomas and Kathleen Ryan, Robin Wall, Trish Monaghan, Ray Tobin and for the sick in our parish: Gloria Reyes, Solomon Keys, 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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Dear Parishioners,

Please be advised that from Thursday 15 October the Office of Safeguarding is relocating from the office at 50 Crebert Street, Mayfield to 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. People visiting the Office of Safeguarding are asked to please attend Reception at 841 Hunter Street where a member of Safeguarding will meet you. For sensitive matters, a member of Safeguarding will make personal arrangements for the visitor to attend discreetly. If you need support from the Office of Safeguarding at any time, please:

Phone: 02 4979 1390

Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au

Visit their website at <https://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

Kind regards,

Sean Tynan (Director of Safeguarding)

Exhibition Celebrating the Life and Work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods

Monday and Friday 10am-5pm, 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am-2pm.

The Diocesan Resource Centre (DRC) is hosting an exhibition that brings added depth and context to Sr Jan Tranter's recently published book, Julian Tenison Woods: The Human Journey – Priest, Founder, Friend.

Featuring geological specimens, photographs, books, a continuous visual display, and a range of historical resources, the exhibition offers a fascinating insight into the life, ministry, and legacy of Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

All are welcome to explore the display at the DRC, located on the corner of Tudor and Parry Streets, Newcastle West.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10am to 5pm

Friday: 10am to 5pm

First and third Saturday of each month: 10am to 2pm

Running through to the end of the year, the exhibition offers a unique opportunity to delve deeper into the life, work and legacy of Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Little Friars and Little Nuns of Jesus & Mary Parish Mission

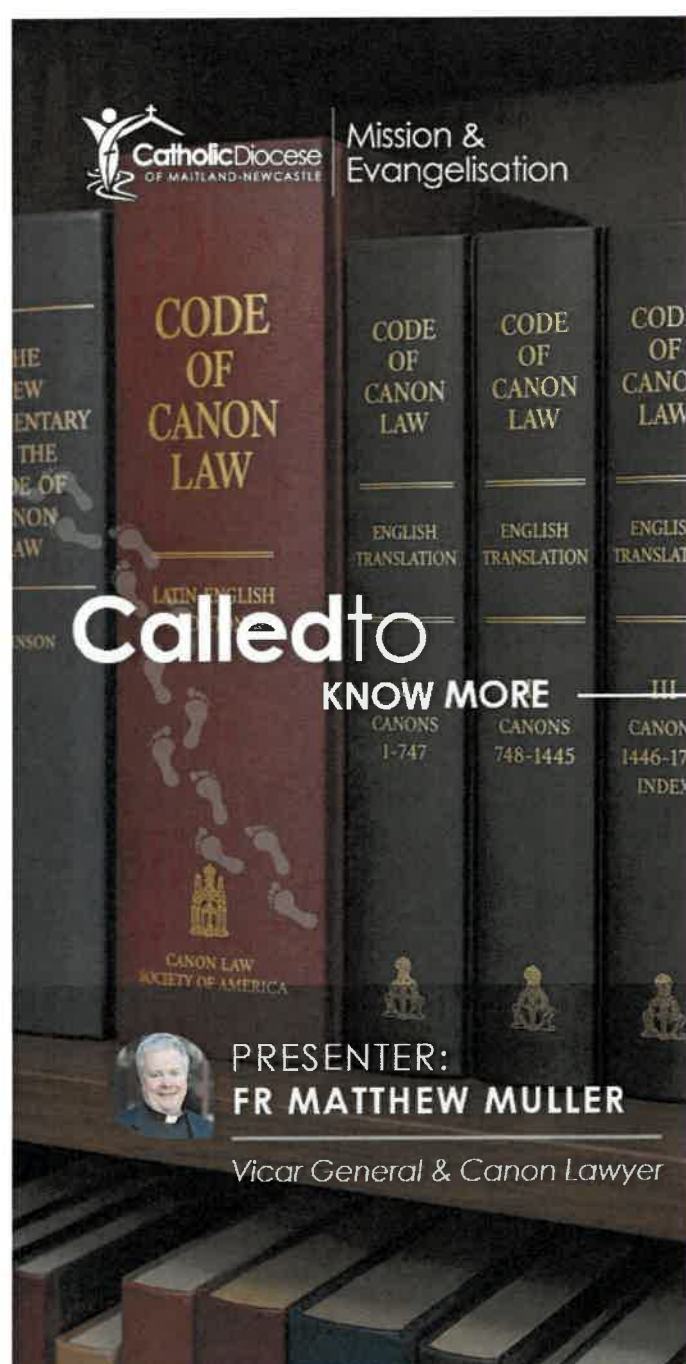
Monday 02 November – Thursday 12 November, MacKillop Parish

You're invited to a Parish Mission. In partnership with MacKillop Parish, Mission & Evangelisation is offering a focused period of evangelisation, renewal, and spiritual awakening over ten days. We welcome the young, and dynamic, Little Nuns & Friars of Jesus & Mary from the USA who together, with local formators, will help

Called to Know More: How is the Church Organised?

Tuesday 20 October – 12pm to 1pm, Diocesan Resource Centre

Ever wondered how the Church works behind the scenes? Discover how the Church is organised to fulfil its mission in the world and why the Code of Canon Law matters to every Catholic. Join Fr Matthew Muller, Vicar General and Canon Lawyer, for an introduction to the structures, people and principles that support the Church's mission today. Learn More: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/called-to-know-more-how-is-the-church-organised/>



Called to
KNOW MORE

PRESENTER:
FR MATTHEW MULLER
Vicar General & Canon Lawyer

HOW IS THE CHURCH ORGANISED?

12-1PM, TUESDAY
20 OCTOBER
DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE

RSVP TO
MN.SHOR.TN/CALLEDTO20OCT26

FORMATION

CELEBRATE • KNOW • BE

Kurri Kurri Parish Presents: Mercy & Hope Talks & Testimony

Friday 23 October from 6.15pm-9pm & Saturday 24 October from 10am-4pm

Join the parish community and hear four inspiring talks on suffering, the Saints, Divine Mercy and so much that will nourish and uplift your soul, touch your heart and inspire your faith.

Learn More: Kurri Kurri Church Presents: MERCY & HOPE



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**

23 OCT
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!

24 OCT
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!

TESTIMONY by Tinah: "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.

FREE ENTRY

**DIVINE MERCY STALL
AVAILABLE ON
SATURDAY - CASH
ONLY**

**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER**



**MORE INFO
PROVIDED ON
REGISTRATION FORM.
CONTACT YVONNE -
0450323206**



Mission &
Evangelisation



Mission & Evangelisation
in partnership with MacKillop Parish

Invite you to a **Parish Mission**

2 - 12 November 2026

With special participation from the Little Nuns & Friars of Jesus and Mary





WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

29 JULY - 13 AUGUST 2027
INCLUDES POST-RETREAT IN JAPAN

