

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



Second Sunday of Advent Year A 7 December 2025

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

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 Second Wednesday
10.30 am Uniting
Muller Street
Salamander Bay

Every Third Thursday
10.00am Regis Age Care
Corlette.

Every Forth 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

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.

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located on the left-hand side in the piety store. It is designed to be used by everyone.



CHRISTMAS LITURGY MINISTERS ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are welcome to help us with the Christmas liturgy roster - Christmas Eve Masses, Wednesday 24th December at 5.00pm and 7.00pm and Christmas Day Masses, Thursday, 25th December at 7.00am and 8.30am. If you are interested to be rostered for these special Masses please write your name on the clipboards provided at the entrance of the Church or contact the Parish Office by phone 4981 1069 or email to stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au We appreciate your great contribution and willingness.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Vigil – Wednesday, 24th December 2025,
5.00pm and 7.00pm.

Christmas Day – Thursday, 25th December 2025,
7.00am and 8.30am.

**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 AND DIANNE MARICIC**

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

The Columban Art Calendar is a beautiful and meaningful resource that has been part of Catholic life in Australia for over a century. The 2026 calendar is the 104th edition! Each calendar sold supports the missionary work of the Columbans in fifteen countries. The Columban Art Calendar serves as a practical tool encouraging prayer, planning, and participation in the Church's mission throughout the year. \$10.00 per copy. Purchase and pay at piety store.

TOURS OF REFURBISHED PARISH SCHOOL

The staff will be running tours of the school after Masses on the weekend of 13th and 14th December for the Parish. They will have sausage sandwiches on the Saturday night and bacon and egg sandwiches on the Sunday as a little thank you for the inconvenience of the build. If you would like to attend if you could please place your names on the board down at the entrance of the Church near the Holy Goods Store.

JOIN WITH US AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking expressions of interest from people across our Diocese who feel called to contribute their wisdom, skills and passion on one of our new Boards or Councils.

With a refreshed governance structure that honours both civil and Church law, we are creating new Councils, Boards, and Committees that remain faithful to the teachings and mission of the Church as well as help shape the future of our Diocese. More details can be found on our website: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/governance-advisory-group-eoi/>

Expressions of interest will close on **8 December 2025, 11:59pm.**

2026 SISTERS OF FAITH DINNER

Wednesday 11 February 2026 Victor Peters Suite, 841 Hunter Street Newcastle West This is a sell-out each year amongst the women in our faith communities. Our guest speaker will be Sr Helen Anne Johnson from Mum's Cottage, Holmesville. Tickets are \$35 and on sale at the diocese website: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event/sisters-of-faith-2026-dinner/>

PILGRIMAGE OF THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

The Migrant Jubilee Cross is making its way around Australia and will visit Maitland-Newcastle Diocese from 19-21 December 2025. The Migrant Jubilee Cross will arrive at our diocesan centre on Friday 19 December 2025. Join Bishop Michael Kennedy and representatives from our migrant communities for prayer and conversation. You can register following the links on the event page <https://mn.catholic.org.au/event> On Sunday 21 December 2025, the Migrant Jubilee Cross will be hosted at three community celebrations: • 9.30am Ukrainian Catholic Community – 105 Gosford Rd Adamstown • 11.15am Syro-Malabar Community – Our Lady of Victories Church, 262 Sandgate Rd, Shortland • 6.00pm Vietnamese Community – Holy Cross Church, 30 Oakland Street, Glendale.

NEXT SUNDAY

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

First Reading
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading
James 5:7-10

Gospel
Matthew 11:2-11

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: **Setna Mulvihill; Felix Judalena, Jim Eves, Lynnel Paton and for the sick in our parish: Joe Garreffa, Brenda and Brian Tucker, Damien Brinley, Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Artemia Sheather, 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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Pilgrimage of the Migrant Jubilee Cross



Representatives from our migrant communities are invited to join Bishop Michael Kennedy for Prayer and Conversation.

When: Friday 19th December

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Where: Victor Peter Suite

841 Hunter Street,
Newcastle West.

Cost: Free

RSVP: Via QR code (Eventbrite)

Additional Information

On Sunday the 21st December the Migrant Cross will stop at a further 3 communities in celebration.

- 9:30am - Ukrainian Catholic
- 11:15am - Syro-Malabar
- 6:00pm - Vietnamese

If you have further questions
please email
mission@mn.catholic.org.au

For more information
& registration
scan the QR code



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



December 2025

5th Dec (1st Friday)

Healing Prayer Service, 6:30pm-8:30pm
at Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Church, **CHATSWOOD**

ADVENT RETREAT, 12th-14th Dec

Guided by Fr Sam Samuel VC & Fr Juby Varghese VC

Starts on Friday 5.30pm & ends on Sunday 4.00pm

For bookings: 02 4372 1598 or email: drcretreatego@gmail.com

15th Dec (3rd Monday)

Healing Prayer Service, 7:00pm-9:00pm
at St Patrick's Church, 11 Macquarie street, **WALLSEND**

19th Dec (3rd Friday)

Holy Mass & Adoration, 6:00pm-9:00pm
at Our Lady Help of Christians, Church, 31 Oxford St, **EPPIING**

31st Dec, 8:30pm onwards

NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 8.30 pm Silent Adoration, Rosary & Confession
- 9.30 pm Thanksgiving Adoration • 10.30 pm Holy Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME, NO BOOKING REQUIRED



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