

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 31 OCTOBER 2021 (YEAR B)

I love you, Lord, my strength.

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation
4.00pm - 4.45pm

Saturday Vigil
5:00pm

Sunday Mass
8.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 5.00pm
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 5.00pm
Friday 9.15am

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest:
Fr. Anthony Nguyen
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Parish Secretary:
Alison Keane
Office Hours:
Wednesday to Friday
8:30am – 3.00pm

St. Michael's Primary
School Principal:
Ms Helen Bourne
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

WELCOME BACK! The lifting of restrictions is a cause of great joy and thanksgiving. We are at last able to gather for the Eucharist,

“The source and summit of the Christian life”

Public Masses have resumed for all, regardless of vaccination status. The number of people who can attend Mass and other liturgies and services of prayer is based on the 4sqm rule, including for funerals and weddings. Based on this, St Michael's church can permit 120 people.

MASS BOOKINGS FOR THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS - Your current Mass booking will remain in place until 1 December 2021. To assist with numbers please let us know if you are not attending Mass. You may still book for individual Masses by phoning Alison on Mobile: 0401 233 650 from Wednesday to Friday from 8.30am to 3.00pm.

FROM 1 DECEMBER 2021 - One person per 2sqm rule will apply. Therefore, St Michael's Church can permit 250 people to gather.

I continue to pray for you all in my daily Mass and prayers. Please pray for me also. May our Patron, St Michael the Archangel, and great St Joseph, pray for us.

ALL SOULS' DAY REMEMBRANCE MASS

This coming Tuesday, 2 November 5.00pm Mass on All Souls' Day, we will remember and pray for all the faithfully departed of your families and our Parish community.

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died in our Book of Remembrance which will be placed on the Altar during November.

November Mass Offering Envelopes are supplied in the Planned Giving Envelopes or available at the back of the Church. Please place the envelopes in either the first or second collection boxes or drop it in the Parish Office Mailbox. Please write names clearly on the envelopes and I will include all the names in the Book of Remembrance available at the end of November.

St Michael's Catholic Church Nelson Bay promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensures the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR NORA MCROBIE

There will be a Memorial Mass for long time parishioner, Nora McRobie who passed away recently. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 4 November at 5pm. People attending Mass are welcome to adjourn to the Golf Club for dinner. Please call Gary if you wish to join us for dinner on 0411 289 176.

SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, 25 October, the School welcomed all the students, including years 2-6 back. It was wonderful to see the school community together again.

On Friday, the School held Wear Your Favourite Crazy Coloured Socks to School to raise funds for Catholic Mission. To donate to Catholic Mission, please visit: www.catholicmission.org.au/ or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will help many Church-run mission programs around the world.

ADVENT

If you wish to order a copy of the Advent Program pocket sized booklet from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong titled "Blessed", please place \$4 in an envelope with "Advent", your name and phone number written on the front by 14 November. The envelope can be placed in the collection boxes at Masses or in the Parish Office Mailbox.

Next Sunday
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
1st Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16
2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28
Gospel: Mk 12:38-44

QR CODES TO CHECK IN

Please be aware that everyone must use the QR code to check in, and it is no longer sufficient for people to record their contact details in writing. If you do not have a smartphone, check in will need to be done through a personal COVID check-in card that will need to be scanned as you enter the church. Apply for this card online: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/createcovid-19-check-card>. Please contact the Parish Office if you need assistance getting the card.

ROSTERS

New Rosters are available in the holders for November and December.

CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT COP26

5 reasons why Catholics should care about the COP26 Climate Summit. Read more at: <https://international.la-croix.com/news/environment/5-reasons-why-catholics-should-care-about-the-cop26-climate-summit/15071>

Prayers Please

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Drago Tafra, Raymond Gaffney and our COVID-19 casualties in NSW and throughout the world. **Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Barbara Simpson **and for the sick in our parish:** Robyn Mandile, Dave Campbell, Peter Dobson, Therese Antcliff, Carol Randall, Jenny Nethery, Ruth Hanna, Agnes Burke, Elma McCourt, Colin Cater, Greta Osborne, Peter Campbell, Eugenio Gacutan, Susan Gacutan, Patricia Rose and for all affected by COVID.

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.

COVID Safe at Mass

- Wear a **MASK** to Mass.
- If you are sick or have been a casual contact of someone with COVID - stay **HOME** and get tested.
- **CHECK IN** using the Service NSW QR Code or if you don't have smartphone to scan in, our welcomers have access to the NSW Service website to sign you in. You must, however, apply for a covid check in card from Service NSW.
- **SANITISE** your hands.
- Collect a bulletin and **TAKE IT** home with you.
- **WAVE** instead of shaking hands.
- Please **SIT** in the pews marked "Please Sit Here".
- Maintain **1.5M** physical distancing from those not in your household.
- Avoid mingling **BEFORE** and **AFTER** Mass, so as to be careful not to put our most vulnerable at risk.
- The **SIGN OF THE PEACE** should only be given by a simple bow or nod of the head.
- **COMMUNION** will be bought to you.
- The Church is **CLEANED** after every Mass, Funeral, Wedding and Baptism.
- **FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTION** - there are two boxes near the entry door for collections.



May I ask you to pray for those who are sick, those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive, those in isolation, and those vaccinated for COVID-19.