

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 7 NOVEMBER 2021 (YEAR B)

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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:
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Parish Secretary:
Alison Keane
Office Hours:
Wednesday to Friday
8:30am - 3.00pm

St. Michael's Primary
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MONTH OF NOVEMBER

We remember our faithful departed with gratitude.



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.

VINNIES GIVING TREE

For the month of November the Vinnies Giving Tree will be at the back of the church. Each year parishioners support our local St Vincent de Paul Conference by taking a gift tag and returning it along with the gift. However, this year due to COVID, we are asking if you could please donate Woolworths, Aldi and Coles food gift vouchers to be included in the Christmas Hampers prepared for local families in need. This will allow the families to purchase some fresh food for Christmas. The gift voucher will prevent the possibility of COVID being spread on the items donated. There will be a box near the Giving Tree for the vouchers to be placed in. Vinnies are very grateful for your support for our local families in need and hope you can assist them with their special request for this year. Thank you.

FROM 8 NOVEMBER 2021 - One person per 2sqm rule will apply. Therefore, St Michael's Church can permit 250 people to gather.

THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews. Please keep in your prayers to the Holy Spirit our HSC Students who will be commencing their exams. May our Patron, St Michael the Archangel, and St Joseph, pray for us.

*We pray for the students starting their HSC exams.
Jesus, be close to them, may they feel your presence during their exams.
Please calm their nerves and give them the confidence
knowing that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Amen.*

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.

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 **12 November**. The envelope can be placed in the collection boxes at Masses or in the Parish Office Mailbox.

DIOCESAN ADVENT REFLECTION:

Waiting with Purpose

As we continue our Synodal journey an Advent resource "Waiting with Purpose" has been created for our Diocese. Waiting with Purpose responds to the voices heard during the Synod reflections of longing for different forms of prayer that include faith sharing.

Waiting with Purpose invites us to use Mystagogical Reflection as our way of encountering Christ in the Advent gospels. It invites us to focus on the presence of Christ in our experience and in the living tradition of our faith, to connect it to life now and to be changed by it. Mystagogical reflection meets us where we are. No preparation is needed. It's about being open to encountering Christ so we can live from Christ. It's deeply personal and communal. Waiting with Purpose and accompanying resources will be available soon on the Diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/liturgy/liturgical-year/. During November there will be several opportunities for anyone who is interested to 'have a go' at mystagogical reflection. In Advent, those who cannot gather in their local communities to experience Waiting with Purpose, will be able to participate via Zoom. To register go to: www.eventbrite.com.au/o/diocese-of-maitland-newcastle18080128129.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Celebrations of Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 18 and 25 November in our parish church. In light of Bishop William's health, he has asked Fr Anthony to preside at these celebrations. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers at this special time.

SCHOOL NEWS

This week the museum has come to the children!

St Michael's School is fortunate to have an excellent display of artefacts focusing on Australia during WW1 currently on loan. Providing a special hands on, thought provoking learning opportunity in the lead up to Remembrance Day on November 11th.

Next Sunday
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
1st Reading: Dan 12:1-3
2nd Reading: Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel: Mk 13:24-32

Prayers Please

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Drago Tafra, Adelino Deanoz, Winifred Carey, Julieta Saranillo and our COVID-19 casualties in NSW and throughout the world. **Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Sam Lordanic, Tonina Lordanic, David Dempsey **and for the sick in our parish:** Robyn Mandile, Dave Campbell, Peter Dobson, Therese Antcliffe, 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 brought 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.