

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 14 NOVEMBER 2021 (YEAR B)

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

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

WELCOME BACK!

The wonderful news is that our parish Masses have resumed.



On Monday, 8 November 2021 our capacity increased to the one person per two square metre rule. Therefore, St Michael's Church can permit 250 people to gather. **There is no need to book in for Mass.**

The Public Health Order requires:-

- that masks be worn in Church.
- that everyone 'signs in' using a QR code. If you don't have a smartphone to scan the code DON'T WORRY - our welcomers will have access to a phone which will be able to sign you in.
- you don't need to obtain your own QR code from Services NSW. Just turn up.
- that everyone sanitises their hands upon entry.
- singing is still not permitted, though we will of course ensure that music is provided at our celebrations as we have done in the past.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life, the Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.

As in previous years a Book of Remembrance has been placed on the altar in our church for the month of November.

November envelopes are now available at the entrance of the Church. Please print names clearly and place your envelope in the first or second collection. The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be included in the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November. At the end of November, the Book of Remembrance will be available to take home.

LIFT TO MASS - A parishioner needs a lift to Sunday Mass from Shoal Bay. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Kay Davis who turned 104 this week!

THANK YOU to those who stay after Mass to clean the pews.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest:
Fr. Anthony Nguyen
Phone: 0420 401 025

Parish Secretary:
Alison Keane
Office Hours:

Wednesday to Friday
8:30am - 3.00pm

St. Michael's Primary
School Principal:
Ms Helen Bourne
Office: 4981 1111

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.

GOD'S WORD 2022 - Daily Reflection

A companion on the journey to pray, share and grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection.

You can order a copy, by placing \$20 in an envelope with "God's Word", your name and phone number on the front by 30 November. The envelope can be placed on the collection plates.

PARISH FUNDS

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the parish by helping out in the past few weeks. We really appreciate it. With the suspension of Liturgies and Masses, our parish income has been severely affected. Planned Giving, Donations and Electronic Transfers has been keeping us going during that difficult time. Your support as always is much appreciated. For those wanting to make payments directly to our bank account here are the details:

Nelson Bay Parish Accounts:

FIRST COLLECTION

BSB 062815 Acc 00328161 CDF 5159

Ref: Surname

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB 062815 Acc 00328161 CDF 5157

Ref: Surname

THE FIRST COLLECTION and Funeral, Baptism and Wedding donations goes to the Maitland Clergy Central Fund (MCCF) for the financial support of the Bishop and Priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTION is used to meet Parish running costs, maintenance of the Church, Presbytery, offices and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.

Many parishioners assist us by donating to our planned giving program via automatic credit card donations weekly or monthly.

As we are becoming a more cashless society, we ask you to please consider this option. If you wish to donate by credit card, the forms are available at the back of the Church or call Alison in the Parish Office on 0401 233 650. You can also give by credit card over the phone. God bless you all!

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Secretary, Alison has returned to work (Wednesday to Friday) but the office will not be physically open just yet. However, Alison will be contactable via both phone and email.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parish Celebrations of Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 18 and 25 November. 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.

VINNIES GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be at the back of the Church for the month of November. 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. 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 and hope you can assist them with their special request for this year. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has prepared a special program of prayer and reflection to follow the gospels of Advent. St Michael's Parish is offering an opportunity for you to participate in this program face to face in groups. One group will be run during the day and another in the evening. If you are interested in participating in a group please phone the parish office and let Alison know which session you would be interested in. Thank you.

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: Regalado Morales, Dr Alfredo Cruz, John Aquilina **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.

Next Sunday
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING YR B
1st Reading: Dan 7:13-14
2nd Reading: Apoc 1:5-8
Gospel: Jn 18:33-37