

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A 22 March 2026

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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 Aged 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.1**

CHRISM MASS 31 MARCH 2026

This year's Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the evening of Tuesday, 31 March at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle West commencing at 7 pm. Join Bishop Michael Kennedy, the Clergy, and all the faithful of the Church of Maitland-Newcastle to gather for the annual Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

St Michael's Catholic Parish is organising a bus leaving the church carpark at 4.30pm. There will be a dinner stop at MacDonald's Williamtown, then departure to Cathedral at 6.00pm. Then the bus will be departing the Cathedral to Nelson Bay at 9.00pm and arrive back to Nelson Bay at approximately 10.00pm. Cost \$10.00

If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass, PLEASE put your name on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church or contact Dianne at the Parish Office or Parish Mb: 0401 233 650.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY, 27TH MARCH 2026

Friday's during Lent, we begin the Stations of the Cross at 8.45am before Mass. Please join us.

ADVANCE NOTICE - DAYLIGHT SAVING

This year, daylight saving commences at 3.00am on Easter Sunday, 5th April. Clocks go backward one hour.

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.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

21–22 March 2026



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

PASCAL TRIDUUM / EASTER MASSES TIMETABLE

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| † Tuesday, 31 st March | Chrism Mass | 7.00 pm – (Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newcastle) |
| † Wednesday, 1 st April | Holy Week | 9.15 am |
| † Thursday, 2 nd April | Mass of the Last Supper | 6.00 pm Adoration followed until 8.00 pm |
| † Friday, 3 rd April | Stations of the Cross | 10.00 am |
| | The Lord's Passion | 3.00 pm |
| † Saturday, 4 th April | Holy Saturday Vigil | 5.30 pm |
| † Sunday, 5 th April | Easter Sunday | 7.00 am and 8.30 am |

VOLUNTEERS – PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2025

We would like to invite Extra-ordinary minister of communion, Readers, Computer Operator, foot washing for Holy Thursday, to volunteer to minister at the ceremonies of the Palm Sunday - Easter Triduum, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are able to assist in any way, please complete the clipboard located in the entrance of the church or email stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

CARING GROUP – NEW MEMBERS

The Caring Group aims to foster the development of an inclusive parish which makes Christ present to each other, by engaging in good works that honour and reflect the dignity of all parishioners. It seeks to reach out to parishioners who through isolation or ill health are unable to physically join with the rest of the parish community. Members of the Caring Group undertake a variety of tasks within the parish including taking Communion to parishioners who can no longer come to mass and visiting those who are limited in their ability to move outside of their home or nursing home. Parishioners who would like to join the Caring Group please contact Gary or Julie Carey on 0411 289 176.

NEXT SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently Dra. Ma. Venus Burgos Loretizo, Teresita Burgos, Emely Garreffa, Tess Burgos and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Patricia Went, Maria Iglic, Alice Smith, Luzviminda Vicedo, Maria Gacutan, Nada Grati Feliks, Dorothy Irene Harris, Amelyn Logon, and for the sick in our parish: Damien Brinley, Robyn Harris, Lorraine McCourt, Justin Fox, Joe Garreffa, Brenda and Brian Tucker, Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, 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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**St Michael's Parish
Nelson Bay**

Caring Group Referral Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Partner Name: _____

Reason for referral:

Has the parishioner been advised of this referral? Yes No

Referred by: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____

Action taken:

Has the original referrer been advised of the outcome? Yes No



St Michael's Parish Nelson Bay

Caring Group Referral Form

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. This forms should be used by parishioners to refer people who are experiencing problems attending mass and would like the Eucharist taken to them.
2. Please seek permission from the person you would like to refer before doing so.
3. Return the form to the parish secretary or place it in the mail box in the front wall of the parish office.
4. If you have any queries please contact Gary or Julie on 0411 289 176

Mission to Seafarers and Stella Maris would love to invite you to showcase your extraordinary artistic ability at our art show on the 1st of August 2026. Please see all of the information below along with the categories for you to enter in.

For further information, visit www.mtsnewcastle.org.au to see terms and conditions and parental consent for independent children submissions .



Newcastle Maritime Art Exhibition

The Mission to Seafarers

**Opening Night: 6pm
Friday 31st
July**

Bleached Sea by Charlise Philips

Theme: United by the Seas, Together as One

Best in Show: \$ 6000 Aquisitive Prize
CAT 1: \$2500 Newcastle MTS Open Award
CAT 2: \$600 High School Student Artist Award
CAT 3: \$600 Primary School Students Class/ School Artists Award
CAT 4: \$100 Primary School Student Artist Award
(Three \$100 vouchers will be awarded to three students)

Scan the QR code for more information and conditions of entry
www.mtsnewcastle.org.au



Exhibition Public Viewing:
Saturday 1st August 2026 -
Sunday 9th August 2026
Between 10am - 4 pm each day

The Exhibition will be held at
96 Hannell St, Wickham,
2293

Our Values
JUSTICE • KINDNESS • HUMILITY

