

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B 28 APRIL 2024

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

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	8.00am
Friday	9.15am

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIEST:
Fr. Anthony Nguyen
Phone: 0420 401 025

PARISH DEACON:
Dcn Gerard McCarthy

PARISH SECRETARY:
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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.**

MASS ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This will be held on Friday, 3rd May 2024 Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him/her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1514

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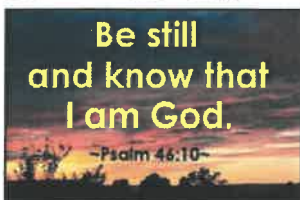
EXCITING NEWS ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

After a long wait the building works will begin at the school from 22nd April. There will be fences placed around the construction site but access for cars will still be available on weekends for parishioners.

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.

MEDITATION GROUP



The light and glory of God are to be found in our hearts, if only we would learn to be still and silent. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am (except the 1st Friday of the month) in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

'Be still long enough, and you will hear God's voice.'

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA!
May the risen Christ bring you renewed hope, faith and joy.

CATHOLIC PRISON MINISTRY BUCKETS COLLECTION

I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME (Mt. 25:36)

Last weekend our Parish had a special collection for Catholic Prison Ministry in Cessnock Correction Centre. Your support and generosity will ensure that our Deacon Gerard can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love, and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals inmate and families facing loneliness, illness, pain, and grief. Thank you for your generous donation. Buckets are still available at the entrance of the Church if you want to contribute to this ministry.

COLLECTIONS

The passing around of the collection bowls has been reinstated after the pandemic to ensure our Parish continues to meet its financial obligations. Our current system has caused some confusion, and as a result we have decided to install a new system - **COMMENCING NEXT WEEKEND.**

- ◆ 1st Collection (Priests of the Diocese) - following the Homily.
- ◆ 2nd Collection (St Michael's Parish) - following the Prayers of the Faithful.

PLANNED GIVING WEEKLY ENVELOPES PROGRAM

If you participate in our Planned Giving Weekly Envelope Program, we are ordering envelopes for the new financial year (2024/2025) soon. If you would like to join this program and to help us reduce the cost of printing PLEASE write your name on the clipboard at the entrance of the Church, or email Dianne at stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au. Thank you for your continued support.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like them to take part in the sacramental program this year, (Reconciliation) there will be an information session held on Tuesday, 30th April 2024 in the church. All those who are interested are welcome to attend.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION-RECONCILIATION)

Saturdays from 4.00 pm to 4.45 pm Sunday 7.00 am to 8.15 am.

Weekdays Mass: Tuesday 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm, Wednesday 8.00 am – 9.00 am, Thursday 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm Friday 8.00 am – 9.00 am.

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call Dianne at the parish office at 4981 1069. Dianne will ensure the information will be relayed to Caring Group.

NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT SEMINAR

Are you open to allowing God to activate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which you receive in Baptism? The immaculate Conception of Mary, Charismatic Prayer Group have been gathering for more than 40 years. They eagerly invite you to experience a six-week, 'New life in the Spirit Seminar'. This is an opportunity for you to journey with others to encounter Jesus, through the Holy Spirit. There will be music for Praise and Worship,

guest speakers and discussion groups. If you are interested in attending, please refer to Flyer at the back of the Church.

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Milka Simcev, Thomas Abdo, Blazenka Orlovic, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Sime Iglic and Lolita Quinajon, and for the sick in our parish Tracy Jordan, Patricia Gurney, Johny and Alexander Vella, Matthew Currey, David Campbell, Peter Campbell 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.

Names on the Sick List will be removed after 4 weeks unless otherwise advised.

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NEXT SUNDAY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles
10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving
power.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Bulletin Notices:

New updates

1. New Life in God's Spirit Seminar

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Location: Diocesan Resource Centre 12 Tudor Street (corner of Tudor and Parry Street), Newcastle West-adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Start date: Monday 20 May

Cost: Free. Simply register your name and contact details by calling or texting Bernadette Barlow on 0425 270 613. You can also register on the night. All are welcome!

2. DoMN Library Events

Check out the events that are happening at our library next month! Everyone is welcome to attend, our address is Diocesan Resource Centre Library – 12 Tudor Street – Newcastle West (Cnr Parry Street).

- **Friday 3 May – Children's Storytime**

Let's have some fun with Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar – 10.15am – register using QR code or email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au



- **Friday 3 May – Formation Friday**

Meet with other community members in the Diocesan Resource Centre Library for a chance to reflect and discuss seasons, moments and mysteries of the church and our faith – 1pm – register using QR code or email domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au



- **Saturday 4 May – Formation Films**

Join us as we watch and discuss the 2020 film *Fatima*. Tea, coffee and lunch will be provided – 11am – register using QR code or email

domnlibrary@mn.catholic.org.au



3. “Tilling the Church: Theology for an Unfinished Project.” Zoom Discussion.

The last 2 sessions for Tilling the church will be:

- Wednesday 15 May: Chapter 5. The Future-Oriented Past
- Wednesday 19 June: Chapter 6. The Art of Faithfulness and Conclusion

To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/tilling-the-church-theology-of-an-unfinished-project-tickets-708150125087>

Opportunities included in previous notices

4. Human Library at the Diocesan Library

On Friday 26 April, the Diocesan Library will hold its first Human Library event, the theme being War and Spirituality. Our books are 2 members of our Diocesan family, each has experienced war and the effects of war. One in the military and one as an innocent person living in a war zone. They are both people of faith. How have they maintained their faith in a space that can be so destructive to our belief in God? Did they ever struggle with their faith in the face of what they experienced? Do they ever feel fear now when they are safe from the physical aspect of war? What impact did their experience of war have on their family?

We invite you to come and listen to their stories, to ask the questions, to share and create relationships.

Date: Friday 26 April, 2024

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Place: Diocesan Resource Centre Library - 12 Tudor Street, Cnr Parry Street, Newcastle West

Bookings Encouraged: <https://forms.office.com/r/1GEzWxaDiq>

5. Alpha at The Mackillop Parish

The Mackillop Parish invites you to join them for Alpha. Alpha is a friendly, informal environment for people with various beliefs to explore the meaning of life, faith and God. The program is simple: we start with dinner, watch a thought-provoking video exploring life from a Christian perspective, and then have time for sharing our perspectives in small groups. No cost, no pressure, no judgment. All are most welcome.

Event Start Date: Thursday 2 May

Time: Thursdays 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Location: Mackillop Function Room: - 7 Milson St, Charlestown NSW 2290.

RSVP:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdn9PD6B1firXrYgIlgGVtBQ6S_DJ64I4OTX9ICyqYC4QqIN7g/viewform

Dinner is provided and the cost is free. If you need any help registering, please contact Yvonne Rego: Mobile: 0450 323 206 Email: yvonne_rego@hotmail.com

6. Standing on the Shoulders: The Official Opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library and the 2024 TWEC Dinner – Friday 31 May

It is with much excitement that you are invited to join us for the official opening of the Diocesan Resource Centre and Library. The Library, which stands on the site of the original Newcastle Central Catholic Library, offers our community access to resources relating to Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, Liturgy and more.

Following on from the official opening, the celebration continues with the reimagining of the TWEC dinner with guest speaker Kelly Paget, Chancellor and Director of Mission at the Diocese of Broken Bay. Kelly was amongst five Australians chosen personally by the Holy Father to participate in the General Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Library Opening – 4.30 PM

Free entry. All welcome

Dinner & Speaker – 5.30 PM

\$40 pp includes buffet meal and guest speaker presentation.

Dinner Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/twec-dinner-library-opening-tickets-872278206597>

QR Code



7. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open Days

Have you heard of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Operating out of the parish hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Beresfield in the Chisholm Parish region, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a child-focused program that meets in the specially prepared environment called “The Atrium”. Following the Montessori philosophy, The Atrium is currently open on Wednesdays during the school term, with sessions for 3–6-year-olds in the morning and 6–12-year-olds in the afternoon after school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are holding open days during Term 2. If you would

like the opportunity to visit and learn more, please register at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9KMf55C5nz>

8. BBI Short Course: Ethical Foundations: Human Dignity Mondays 20 & 27 May, 4pm - 5:30pm

Human dignity is at the heart of all ethical and moral reasoning. What do we mean by human dignity? Why is it so important, that without it, we cannot properly act toward others, develop economic systems or know what is good or bad care of another human being?

Register to join us at the Diocesan Resource Centre, at home or as a parish group at

<https://forms.office.com/r/7uMVUncy4f>

9. Christina Meditation – Saturday 25 May, 9.30am - 2.30pm

John and Anne Gray will lead this event, opening a space for inner silence, gratitude, love and divine beauty. The duo will lead us in Imaginative Contemplation and share the aims of the Worldwide Prayer Network.

Where: St James School Hall (Vista Parade, Kotara) – parking available on Church grounds or Street.

Morning tea provided. Bring your lunch.

RSVP: annecuskelly@hotmail.com or 0407 436 808

\$10 donations would be appreciated

10. SSEC's Annual Conference: Paul, People and Places – Saturday 4 May, 8.30 to 5pm

Join the Society for the Study of Early Christianity (SSEC) for an enlightening journey into the world of Paul the Apostle at our upcoming conference, delving into the fascinating places Paul visited and the diverse array of people he encountered. Paul's letters are filled with people and allusions to their households and cities sit tantalizing in the background. How did these people come to be the early church? And what was Paul's role in shaping the house churches in so many cities across the Mediterranean? Whether you're a scholar, a history enthusiast, or simply curious about the life and travels of Paul, this conference promises to be an immersive and enlightening experience. Don't miss this opportunity to uncover the enduring legacy of one of history's most influential figures.

Registration link: <https://mq-ssec.org/2024-annual-conference/>

11. Magdalene Award: Nominations are open

Nominations are open for the 2024 Mary Magdalene Award! For more information or to make a nomination, visit www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/mission-and-outreach/council-for-women/magdalene-award-2024

12. Diocesan Library

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Library is open for patrons at 12 Tudor Street, Newcastle West.

Opening hours:

Mondays – 10am to 6pm

Fridays – 10am to 6pm

Saturdays 10am to 2pm

13. aMeN caMiNo Information / Walk & Talk

If you are considering attending one of the aMeN caMiNos this year and want more information, please join us for the Information / Walk & Talk on Saturday 27 April commencing at 8.30am at St Columba's Parish Hall, Lockyer St, Adamstown. After an information session, we will set off on our walk, returning around 1.30pm.

Contact formed@mncatholic.org.au to register or for further information.

aMeN caMiNo 2024 Dates: 6-10 July, 3-7 August and 7-8 September.

Ongoing opportunities

14. Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream

Useful Links

Here are some useful links and resources that may be new to you. Feel free to share with parish contacts or publish in parish bulletins (as appropriate):

- [Liturgy page](#) – regularly updated
- [Faith formation page](#) – regularly updated
- [MNnews.today](#) – Diocesan News Service
- [DoMN Library](#)
- [Subscribe to DioUpdate eNewsletter](#)
- [Aurora Magazine articles online](#)

"I have come that they may have
life and have it to the full"
John 10:10



NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

Catholic Charismatic Renewal SIX WEEK SEMINAR

WEEK 1

MONDAY, MAY 20

GOD'S LOVE

WEEK 2

MONDAY, MAY 27

SALVATION

WEEK 3

MONDAY, JUNE 3

NEW LIFE

WEEK 4

MONDAY, JUNE 10

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT

WEEK 5

MONDAY, JUNE 17

BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 6

MONDAY, JUNE 24

GROWTH & TRANSFORMATION.

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-adjacent to the Sacred Heart Cathedral

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Register

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