

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY - YEAR C 7 AUGUST 2022

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

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation:

Saturday

4.00pm - 4.45 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 8.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 5.00 pm

Wednesday 9.15 am

Thursday 5.00 pm

Friday No Mass

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.**
- Wearing a mask is OPTIONAL.
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.

HOLY COMMUNION

For safety reasons, those who prefer to receive Communion on their tongue should receive from Fr. Anthony last.

PRAYER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW BISHOP

Shepherding God, you reveal your way of unfailing love in the image of the Good Shepherd. Who seeks the lost, shows compassion, knows and is known by the sheep, and lays down his life for them.

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle are without a bishop to shepherd us. We ask that your Holy Spirit who moves through this great south land, inspire the choice of our new Bishop, empower his 'yes' and open our hearts in hospitality and love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen. Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us. Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.

The See is Vacant LET US PRAY



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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, 15TH AUGUST

Monday, 15 August 2022 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Our masses will be celebrated at 7.00 am and 8:30 am.

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

COVID 19

As more contagious versions of COVID begin to circulate we ask you to be attentive to the safe practices we have learnt during the two years of the pandemic. Especially, consider wearing a mask in the church, keep social distancing as best you can, use the hand sanitiser and receive communion in the hand.



For those who choose to receive Communion on the tongue, I would ask you to reconsider the practice, both for the safety of the minister giving Communion and those behind you in the communion line. The Church gives us a choice to receive either in the hand or on the tongue. Both can be done with respect and reverence, but Communion in the hand is much safer. If you do decide to continue the practice, please come at the end of the Communion line receive Communion on the tongue from Fr. Anthony.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

We welcome our candidates for First Holy Communion and their families, as they receive the Sacrament at Masses this weekend. We will be reserving pews/seats at the front of the church for the candidates and their families.



A big thank you to our Sacramental Coordinator, Sr. Catherine Norman, Angelo and Leslie Fortune, Judy Wash for their time and dedication in preparing the candidates for the Sacrament. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time. Congratulations to our candidates and their families!

MEDITATION GROUP

Christian meditation is the process in which we take time to become aware of our infinite potential in the context of the Christ event.

Christian meditation is on every Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Prayer is not a matter of talking to God, but of listening to Him.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - LISBON PORTUGAL

World Youth Day 2023 will be hosted by Lisbon, Portugal. Our Maitland-Newcastle Pilgrimage will begin 21 July until 11 August 2023. An invitation to all young adults to consider being a part of a pilgrimage that will encounter the Universal Church. Come and journey with us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and onto World Youth Day Lisbon 2023 in Portugal, where we will gather with other young people, celebrating our faith.

For more information go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/world-youth-day-2023-lisbon/>

Next Sunday

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading:
Jeremiah
38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading:
Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel:
Luke 12:49-53

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Pat Davis, Tim Saville, Damian Harrigan, Ted Belcher, Virquilio 'Biyo' Vinluan and our COVID-19 casualties in NSW and throughout the world, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time John Watkin, Zvonimir Milanja, Roberto Judalena Snr, Philip Smith, Phyllis Schokman, Malcolm Simpson, Carmen Vavlason, Jack Morgan, Julia Morgan, Ida Walsh, Grace H. Jones, Betty Gauci and for the sick in our parish Helen Bambach, Matthew Currey, Frankie Patmore, David Campbell, Peter Campbell, Kitty Meaney, Luzviminda Vicedo, Olma Patmore, 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.

**O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY,
O SACRAMENT DIVINE,
ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING
BE EVERY MOMENT THINE.**

Spiritual Communion composed By St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

**I love You above all things,
and I really desire to receive You into my soul at this time.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You, now present with me,
and unite myself wholly to You,
we are one as you promised in the Gospel.
Never allow me to be separated from You.
Mary, my Mother, come with Jesus today.
Thank him for me and protect those that I love.
Amen.**



Saturday: K. LOCKE
Sunday: SR. C. NORMAN

First Reading

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes
you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Saturday: M. STEDMAN

Sunday: P. TOBIN

Second Reading

Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.’

‘I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Communion Antiphon

Ps 147:12, 14

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

Saturday: A. KERO
Sunday: D. MARICIC

The Universal Prayer
Sunday 7th August 2022
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Vocation Awareness Week

Celebrant: The Word has invited us to live by faith and to be ready to meet the Lord whenever he comes as we mark the beginning of Vocation Awareness Week.

1. That the Church, in all her trials, will hear the call of Jesus, and understand that there is no need to be afraid.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. That as we begin Vocation Awareness Week in Australia, we will all value the gift of our baptism into Christ and serve him in the poorest and most vulnerable in the world.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. That the call to follow Jesus, as priests and deacons and as consecrated women and men, will be heard and responded to with generosity and faith.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. That the choice to live in marriage and in the single life will reflect the dedication of Abraham and Sarah who put their trust in God.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. That agreement between Russia and Ukraine to move the harvest of grain to places dependent on it will relieve hunger, especially in Africa, and be a sign of hope that peace is possible.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. That the departed priests, deacons, and religious, and married and single women and men from our parish will chant the hymns of praise of our ancestors and for the recently deceased Pat Davis, Tim Saville, Damian Harrigan, Ted Belcher, Virgulio 'Biyo' Vinluan and our COVID-19 casualties in NSW and throughout the world, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time John Watkin, Zvonimir Milanja, Roberto Judalena Snr, Philip Smith, Phyllis Schokman, Malcolm Simpson, Carmen Vavlason, Jack Morgan, Julia Morgan, Ida Walsh, Grace H. Jones, Betty Gauci.
Lord, hear us. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, we hope in your love for you rescue us from danger, and are our constant help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Speak, Lord

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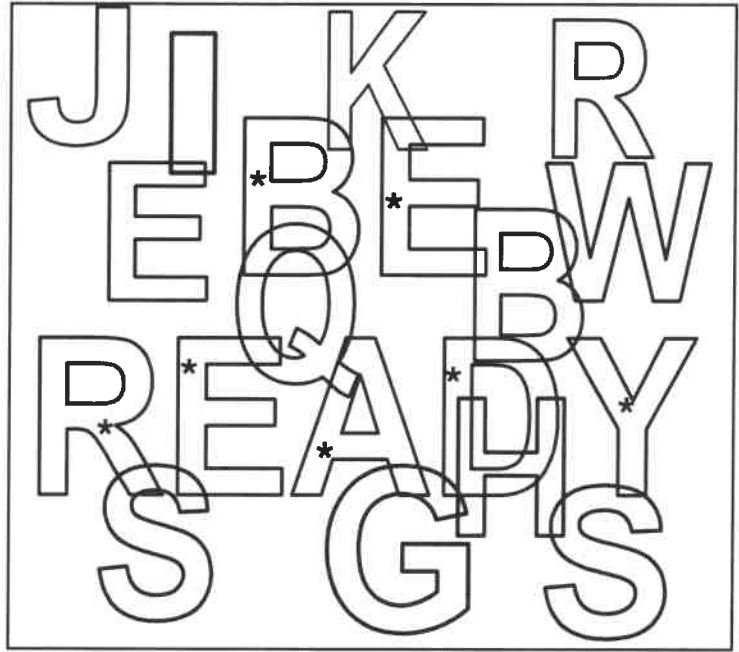
Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm 32
Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19
Luke 12:32-48

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR CHILDREN
Year C — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JESUS SAYS:
HAPPY are
those
SERVANTS
whom the
MASTER
finds
AWAKE when he **COMES**

Colour in the letters with a star (*) to reveal today's Gospel's message



In the spaces below write or draw how you can get ready to meet Jesus.

Dear Jesus, I want to be ready to meet you when you come. I will do this by

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[112] **NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C**

FIRST READING

Abraham looked forward to the city designed and built by God.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and sisters:

Faith makes us sure of what we hope for
and gives us proof of what we cannot see.
It was their faith that made our ancestors pleasing to God.

Abraham had faith and obeyed God.
He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his,
and he left for a country he had never seen.

Because Abraham had faith,
he lived as a stranger in the promised land.
He lived there in a tent,
and so did Isaac and Jacob,
who were later given the same promise.

Abraham did this,
because he was waiting for the eternal city
that God had planned and built.

Even when Sarah was too old to have children,
she had faith that God would do what he had promised,
and she had a son.
Her husband Abraham was almost dead,
but he became the ancestor of many people.
In fact, there are as many of them as there are stars in the sky
or grains of sand along the beach.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

143:1, 8, 10

R. (1A) O Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen, Lord, as I pray!
you are faithful and honest,
and will answer my prayer.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

Each morning let me learn
more about your love
because I trust you.
I come to you in prayer,
asking for your guidance.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

You are my God. Show me
what you want me to do,
and let your gentle Spirit
lead me in the right path.

R. O Lord, hear my prayer.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 24:42a, 44

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Be prepared.

† A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

12:35-40

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be ready and keep your lamps burning
just like those servants who wait up
for their master to return from a wedding feast.

As soon as he comes and knocks,
they open the door for him.

“Servants are fortunate
if their master finds them awake and ready when he comes!

I promise you that he will get ready
and have his servants sit down so he can serve them.
Those servants are really fortunate if their master finds them ready,
even though he comes late at night or early in the morning.

"You would surely not let a thief break into your home,
if you knew when the thief was coming.
So always be ready!
You don't know when the Son of Man will come."

The gospel of the Lord.