



Saint Michael's Catholic Parish Nelson Bay Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A
22 November 2020**

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation:

4.00pm - 4.45pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Reconciliation:

7.45am – 8.15am

Sunday Mass: 8.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 5:00pm

Wednesday 9.15 am

Thursday 5.00pm

Friday 9.15 am

COVID-19 GUIDELINES - UPDATE

The NSW Government has announced that groups of 300 people will be able to gather in New South Wales churches, temples and mosques on 23 October 2020. Given that the 4 square metre rules still apply, this allows St. Michael's Catholic Church Nelson Bay to return to the numbers in place before the last change – 100 people per Mass. Clearly our church is being subjected to much stricter standards than other areas of activity in society, including sporting activities, hospitality venues, public transport, etc. Our parish and parishioners have been very faithful to the current guidelines and observed all government directives.

Weekend and weekday Masses:

The Mass times are Saturday Vigil 5.00pm and 8.30am Sunday

Tuesday 5.00pm; Wednesday 9.15am; Thursday 5.00pm and Friday 9.15

am. If you would like to attend Mass at one of the times mentioned you

are asked to register, preferably by call Alison on New COVID-19 **Mobile**

Number 0401 233 650 from Wednesday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm to bookings for Mass.

Please remember:

DO NOT come to Mass if you are unwell; arrive early to sign in so Mass

can begin on time; sanitise your hands before entering the Church; maintain 1.5m physical distance; use the foyer doors enter and to exit so that social distancing can be observed; **PLEASE DO NOT congregate inside or outside the Church after Mass.**

The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass still holds, i.e. you do not have to attend Mass on Sundays. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle provides Sunday Mass online from the Sacred Heart Cathedral. To

access the online mass, please visit the diocese Web site: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>

COMMUNION will be brought to you.

When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning

For health and safety, we won't pass round the collection bowls – however there will be two boxes clearly

labelled **FIRST COLLECTION AND SECOND COLLECTION** in the back of the church.

Please note that common areas such as the church kitchenette and Parish Multipurpose room need to

remain closed for the time being.

If you have any questions or comments please don't hesitate to ask. I want to make it as easy as possible

for you to come.

Let us keep united in prayer in this challenging time! And we continue to ask the help of our Patron Saint

Michael the Archangel – Protect us.

Christmas Mass Lists

There are Christmas Mass Lists on a table at the back of the Church for you to book yourself and your family in for a Christmas Mass. Please only book yourself in for one of the Masses as numbers will be very limited.

My sincerest THANKS to those who donated flower to make our church so beautiful.

Month of November: We remember our faithful departed with gratitude.

Given the situation we are in. Our usual practice of writing names of deceased family and friends on our November list will not happen in the Church due to various reasons relating to COVID-19. In lieu of this, November Mass Offering Envelope available at the back of the church. Please drop November Mass Offering Envelope to either first or second collection boxes or drop in the Parish office mailbox.

Our Book of Remembrance (Memorial) in the parish will be put up on the Altar from All Souls Day and will remain throughout November. Please note that all Mass intentions offered will be prayed for at all Masses in November, however, the names will not be printed on the bulletin.

Please writing names clearly, we will do our best to include all the name in the Book of Remembrance that available to everyone at the end of November.

Vinnies Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the Church until next weekend. Each year the Parish supports our local St Vincent de Paul Conference by taking a tag from the Giving Tree and bringing it back on the Weekend 29 November NEXT WEEKEND (First Weekend of Advent) with a gift appropriate for the age of the child on the tag. However, this year due to COVID-19, we are asking if you can, could please return the tag with a gift voucher (no toys please). Please drop the gift voucher in the boxes of the first or second collection in the back of the church. The gift voucher will then be given to the local family in need to purchase gifts for their child. This will prevent the possibility of COVID-19 being spread on the items donated. Vinnies are very grateful for your support of our local families in need and hope you can assist them with their special request this year.

Piety Store:

2021 **Daily Mass Books** are now Available \$22.00 each.

Adore is an 88-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (29 November 2020) through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2021) \$4.00 per book

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us.

Next Sunday

**First Sunday of Advent
Year B**

First Reading:

Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1,3-8

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

MASSES AND PRAYERS REQUESTED:

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ: John Gatt, Dave Campbell, Carol Randall, Jenny Nethery, Denise Ryan and Ruth Hanna

Anniversary: John Aquilina, Pauline Gatt and Anna Bicanic

Recently Deceased: John Schiemer, Jean-Paul Ruille, Yvonne Jones and Peter Shih

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest: Fr. Anthony Nguyen

Email: anthony.nguyen@mn.catholic.org.au

Phone: 0420 401 025

Parish Deacon: Rev. Gerard McCarthy

Email: gerard.mccarthy@mn.catholic.org.au

St. Michael's Primary School

Principal: Ms Helen Bourne

Office: 4981 1111

Parish Secretary: Alison Keane

Email: stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

www.nelsonbaycatholicchurch.com

Parish Office 12 Sproule Street

(PO Box 7)

NELSON BAY 2315

Phone Number 4981 1069

Mobile: 0401 233 650

Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30am – 3.00pm

Thursday 8.30am – 3.00pm

Friday 8.30am – 3.00pm



*Last Sunday we welcome
baby Peter Sheehan
to our Church family
We wish the Sheehan family every
blessing and will you in our prayers*

Welcome to our Faith Family Baptism
this weekend
congratulations to...

Lucca Anthony Bruno CLARKE

who is to be baptised this weekend

Please keep Lucca, his Parents and Godparents in your prayers



**12 Days to Go until The Advent Pilgrimage!
A Journey from Eden to Bethlehem**

November 29 - Christmas Day

With so many asking for another pilgrimage we are excited to
announce the Advent Pilgrimage!

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 and leads up to
Christmas. Join us for daily video meditations and scriptural readings
with world-class speakers on scripture and the Catholic Faith. *Plus:*

Join the nine-day novena from Mexico called *Las Posada Navidena* – built right into this pilgrimage. Open to everyone!

Let's make this the best advent ever.

Register free today

Watch the videos as soon as they are available.
No account needed!

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-advent-pilgrimage-a-journey-from-eden-to-bethlehem/>

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

[Ez 34:11-12, 15-17](#)

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1](#)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

[1 Cor 15:20-26, 28](#)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 11:9-10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

[Mt 25:31-46](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.” Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Universal Prayer
Sunday 22nd November 2020
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Celebrant: Sisters of Brothers, honouring today, Jesus as Universal King, he has revealed to us that we can meet him and serve him in the poorest and the most needy of our time.

1. For Pope Francis, who by word and example shows us how to live the mystery of today's Gospel, with respect for all life, from the moment of conception, through the stages of life until each person faces Sister Death.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For those whose situation in life has brought them to the edge, that we will reach out our hand to those who hunger and thirst for the basics of life.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who, by war, violence and poverty, now live in a foreign land, that the peoples of every nation will learn how to welcome them, not as strangers, but as sisters and brothers deserving of respect and protection.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer

4. For those emotionally and spiritually naked, vulnerable to addictions, bitterness, despair and faith-lessness, that the people of the Church will accompany them on their difficult journeys.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

5. For those who are sick with chronic illnesses, from the Covid 19 pandemic, through mental stress, coping with disabilities, and close to death, that society will help them carry their burdens with dignity.
Lord, hear us
Lord, hear our prayer.

6. For those who have died, especially through hunger and thirst, by attempting to escape from war, deprived of medical care, and by deaths in custody, that they will be brought to life in Christ. We remember especially in this Mass **John Aquilina, Pauline Gatt and Anna Bicanic anniversary occur this time and Recently Deceased: John Schiemer, Jean-Paul Ruille, Yvonne Jones and Peter Shih**
Lord hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, through your Son, Jesus, the Universal King, you have revealed your merciful face. May we gaze upon his loving and adorable face and pledge our total loyalty to him who is Lord and King, forever and ever.