

# Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



## Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B – 2 May 2021

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:

4.00pm - 4.45pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Reconciliation:

7.45am – 8.15am

Sunday Mass: 8.30am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 5.00pm

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 5.00pm

Friday 9.15am

Reconciliation is available  
before weekday Masses

### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen

Phone: 0420 401 025

Parish Deacon:

Rev. Gerard McCarthy

Phone: 0421 598 084

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

### COVID-19 UPDATE - LATEST NSW GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ORDER

Places of worship are still allowed to have one person per two-square-metres with no maximum cap from 29 March. Under the current restrictions St Michael's can accommodate 220 people.

**THE QR CODE FOR CHURCHES IS COMPULSORY.** To use the QR Code, please download the Services NSW App. Those who do not have a smart phone will need to have their names and contact details recorded.

**WE ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO:**

- **REGISTER** (to secure a place at Mass and to help us with our numbers) by calling the COVID-19 Mobile 0401 233 650 (Wed to Fri from 8.30am to 3.30pm). Please note bookings will close at 3pm on Friday.

Weekday Mass - details will be taken at the door.

- **RECORD KEEPING** Everyone entering the Church must sign in with their name and contact number, preferably using the QR code, or on the paper sheet provided. Please write clearly.

- **DO NOT ATTEND** (even if you have booked) if you are unwell or at high risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system and those that are over 70 should exercise caution.

- **SEATING** please sit in pews marked "Please sit here".

- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING** 1.5m between persons if not from the same household.

- **SANITISE** your hands when entering Church.

- **OBSERVE** good hygiene practices when coughing or sneezing.

- **MASK WEARING** is no longer mandatory.

- **DO NOT LEAVE** anything in the church - please take the parish bulletin with you or place in the bin.

- **DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING MASS** still holds, i.e. You do not have to attend Mass on Sunday.

- **CLEANING** After every service Mass, Funeral, Wedding and Baptism, our Church is cleaned for the wellbeing of others.

**Please do not become complacent and ensure you continue to be vigilant. PLEASE DO NOT** congregate inside or outside the Church after Mass.

**OFFERTORY** Collection plates are still not to be passed around. We have two collection boxes at the entrance of the church for your envelopes and cash.

**We thank you for your kindness and donation.**

The **First Collection** taken up at Mass and Funeral, Baptism and Wedding donation 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 Church, Presbytery, offices and grounds. It is also used to pay for all our Ministries' expenses and staff salaries and superannuation.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to ask. I want to make it as easy as possible for you. Let us keep united in prayer in this challenging time! And we continue to ask for the help of our Patron Saint Michael the Archangel - Protect us



**The Month of May** - Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return...

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be. SC 102, 103

**CAN YOU SING?** Singing has returned to our Sunday 8.30am Mass. We also need to recruit some more cantors to cover all our Masses. Please let us know if you can help. WE NEED YOU.

**Annual Church 'Head Count'** - The 2021 National Mass Count of Attendance will take place on the weekends of 1 & 2 May (beginning with the Vigil Mass on Saturday 1 May) 8 & 9 May, 15 & 16 May and 22 & 23 May.

**Prayerful wishes to our Sacramental team** on their journey in preparing Young ones and their Families, for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I encourage you to support the families, in prayer, as well as engaging with and encouraging the families. Please talk to our sacramental team if you can be of any help.

**Assistance is needed to drive a parishioner to Mass on Sundays.** A parishioner, whose husband recently passed away, has asked if there is anyone who would be able to take her to Mass on Sundays. The lady lives at: **Nandu Boulevarde, Corlette**. If you are able to help please ring Gary on 0411 289 176.

**Sacristy Duties - Assistance Needed.** Are you able to assist for approximately four hours once every three months with the Sacristy Duties? We would be very grateful to have another two people to assist if possible.

## St Michael's Nelson Bay Parish and School Safeguarding Information Evening



### Keeping Our Community Safe

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**All Parishioners are encouraged to attend.**

Date: Wednesday, 5 May 2021 Time: 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Venue: St Michael's Church, 12 Sproule Street, Nelson Bay

For further information or if you wish to make contact with the Parish Safeguarding Committee, please contact the Parish Office on 4981 1069 Wednesday to Friday 8.30am to 3.00pm.

**Next Sunday**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Year B**

**1st Reading: Acts**  
**10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**

**Second Reading:**  
**1 Jn 4:7-10**

**Gospel:**  
**Jn 15:9-17**

#### **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: **Dave Campbell, Carol Randall, Jenny Nethery, Ruth Hanna, Agnes Burke, Elma McCourt, Colin Cater, Jack Reddan, Peter Dobson and Graham Childs**

**Recently Deceased:** Lidia Pintabona

**Anniversaries:** Colin Quinn, Protacio Acenas Sr, Gabrielle Picton, Gordon Picton, Ken Hanlon and Vilma Chrysostom

(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.)