Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A
22 November 2026

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:
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	NO MASS
Wednesday	NO MASS
Thursday	NO MASS
Friday	9.15am

NURSING HOME MASSES

Every First Thursday
10.00am Regis Aged Care Corlette.

Every Second Wednesday
10.30 am Uniting.
Muller Street
Salamander Bay

Every Fourth Thursday
10.30am Harbourside
Shoal Bay.

PARISH CONTACTS

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COMMUNITY SAFETY AT OUR MASSES

The following information is to assist parishioners and visitors:
Face masks are available at the church entrance.
Hand sanitiser is available at the church entrance.
Holy Water is available and changed regularly.
Please take your bulletin home with you after Mass.

There are two collection plates during Mass. Thank you for your continued support. The following option is available:

The First Collection supports Diocesan Clergy.
The Second Collection supports our Parish.

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.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE

Those requiring gluten-free hosts should approach Deacon Gerard or Fr. Anthony after the regular Communion line has concluded to receive them directly. Consecrated gluten-free hosts will be kept in the tabernacle.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November, we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us - our family, friends, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. Masses throughout the month will be offered for all those named on our special November Mass Envelopes. Please write the names of your loved ones clearly on an envelope and place it in either collection basket during Mass. November Mass Offering Envelopes is available at the entrance of the church.

MEDITATION

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.

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.

NOTE: NO MASS TUESDAY 24.11; WEDNESDAY 25.11 AND THURSDAY 26.11

FORMATION FORUM – RENEWING PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

Following our Parish Assembly, Fr Matthew Muller will be presenting a 'Formation Forum' in the Parish Church at **10am on Saturday 5th December 2026**

What is governance in the Catholic Church?
What are the roles of the different councils?
How do we do it in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle?

The forum will finish at midday with a shared lunch provided.

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS

It has been over seven years since I arrived at St. Michael's Nelson Bay, I can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown by.

While I cannot claim to be like Jesus preparing the Apostles for his Ascension, I can claim to be someone who has very much enjoyed praying, living, and serving with you all and, who now, must go on to Myall Coast Parish.

Our Bishop Michael Kennedy has appointed me an ecclesiastical office of Parish Priest of Myall Coast, (St Stephen's, Tea Gardens; Our Lady of Rosary, Karuah and St Brigid's, Bulahdelah) I will be transferred to Myall Coast in early January 2027.

Fr Raphael MADUKWE has been appointed as your Parish Priest.

Thank you all for welcoming me and having loved me.
The Lord is always at work, and the Spirit blows whichever way He wills.
Please keep me in your prayers and know of mine for you!

AVALABLE FOR PURCHASE AND PAY AT THE PIETY STORE

2027 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR $10.00 EACH
CHRISTMAS CARDS – A PACK OF EIGHT (8) CARDS ARE $5.00 PER PACK

PARISH SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Report any safeguarding concerns to the office of safeguarding by calling Phone 4979-1390 or Email: childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or via our website - officeofsafeguarding.org.au

NEXT SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Advent Year A

First Reading
Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Responsorial Psalm
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel
Matthew 13:33-37

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: **William Ball** and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: **Margaret Mary Watkin, Peter Purcell, Michael Tight** and for the sick in our parish: **LeeAnne Falzon, James Burgos, Solomon Keys, Stephen Ogilvie, Peter Collins, Ron Finch, Damien Brinley, Robyn Harris, Lorraine McCourt, Justin Fox, Joe Garreffa, Brenda and Brian Tucker, Sarlic Trumbli, 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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Our Sunday Celebration

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / A — **22 November 2026**

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU. Neither baptism nor the profession of faith in Christ guarantees our entry into Christ's kingdom. What is most important is the way we treat the least of Christ's brothers and sisters. What we do for them we do for Christ. By our care for them, we reveal that our profession of faith at Mass is more than just words.



INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

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.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

R. 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 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

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.

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

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 Mt 25:31-46

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

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 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 Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. may almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WELCOME INTO THE KINGDOM

On this last Sunday of our liturgical year, the Church offers us a powerful reflection with this last, end-time parable from Matthew's Gospel. It is a scene of judgement. The Son of Man has come in his glory and sits on the judgement throne as the nations assemble before him. Then comes the separation of humanity, like a shepherd separating sheep from the goats. The Son of Man, now identified as King (and the reason for the appropriateness of this Gospel for today's celebration of Christ's Kingship), addresses the sheep and acknowledges their blessedness.

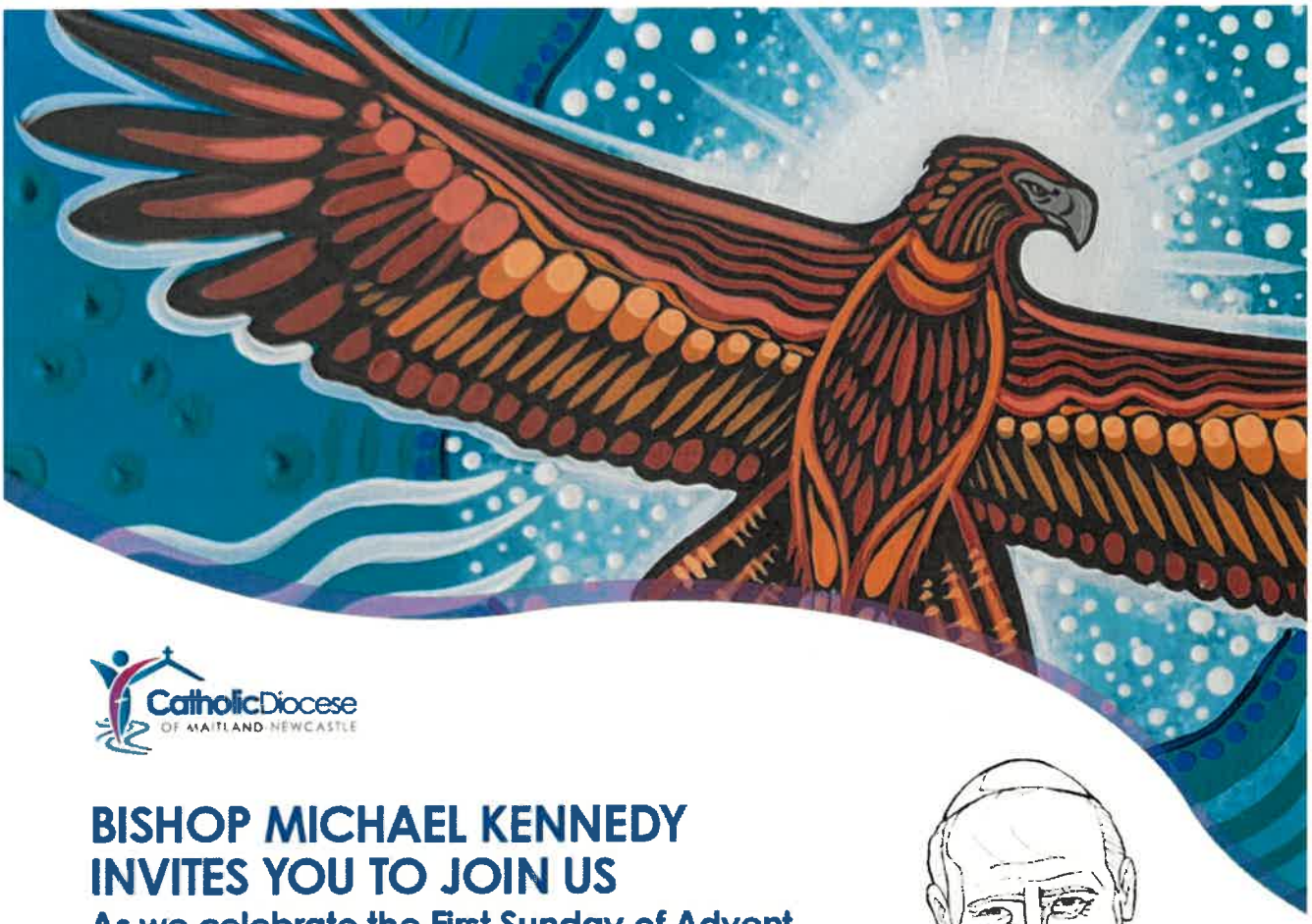
This connects to the Gospel from All Saints Day. They are blessed because of the way they responded to Jesus who appeared to them as one who was hungry, thirsty, estranged, naked, sick and imprisoned. They are told that, though they failed to see Jesus as such, they responded to those socially disregarded. Their response to them was equivalent to their response to Christ the King identified with the socially marginalised and ignored. The ones on the King's other hand, however, are condemned for failing to respond to the poor and needy.

The parable invites us to pause about our response to those in our lives, those in need, who demand our time and take up our energy. This parable of social recognition offers surprising hope to contemporary faithful followers of Jesus. It especially identifies moments of blessedness and divine communion when we act with love and tenderness to those in our lives.

Fr Michael Trainor

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BISHOP MICHAEL KENNEDY INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

As we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and commemorate a significant moment in the life of the Church in Australia:



The 40th anniversary of Saint John Paul II's historic Alice Springs address to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People.

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026