

# Saint Michael's Catholic Parish

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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

21 NOVEMBER 2021 (YEAR B)

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

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Reconciliation  
4.00pm - 4.45pm

Saturday Vigil  
5:00pm

Sunday Mass  
8.30am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

### PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest:  
Fr. Anthony Nguyen  
Phone: 0420 401 025

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

### Funeral Mass - Bishop William Wright

10.30am on Wednesday 24 November at Sacred Heart Cathedral - **by invitation only**. Due to COVID restrictions and limited capacity, attendance is by invitation only.



### Livestream is available in the parish

The funeral will be live streamed at St Michael's Catholic Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 24 November 2021. If you turn up to the Cathedral, and you are not the nominated parish persons, you will not be permitted entry and once the VPS fills, we will have limited capacity to accommodate. This is not a situation we would like to be in.

**You are welcome** to attend at St Michael's Church at 10.15am for a 10.30am start of the livestream of the Funeral. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided, however, we must maintain social distancing at all times.

### COVID SAFETY

On Monday, 8 November 2021 our capacity increased to the one person per two square metre rule. Therefore, St Michael's Church can permit 250 people to gather. **There is no need to book in for Mass.**

The Public Health Order requires:-

- that masks be worn in Church.
- that everyone 'signs in' using a QR code. If you don't have a smartphone to scan the code DON'T WORRY - our welcomers will have access to a phone which will be able to sign you in.
- you don't need to obtain your own QR code from Services NSW. Just turn up.
- that everyone sanitises their hands upon entry.
- singing is still not permitted, though we will of course ensure that music is provided at our celebrations as we have done in the past.

**LIFT TO MASS** - A parishioner needs a lift to Sunday Mass from Shoal Bay. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office.

St Michael's Catholic Church Nelson Bay promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensures the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

## SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has prepared a special program of prayer and reflection to follow the gospels of Advent. St Michael's Parish is offering an opportunity for you to participate in this program face to face in groups. One group will be run during the day and another in the evening. If you are interested in participating in a group please phone the parish office and let Alison know which session you would be interested in. Thank you.

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## CARITAS ADVENT RESOURCES

We are excited to share that Caritas Australia's Advent resources are now available at:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/advent>

Each resource is divided into the four weeks of Advent, with each week including the ritual of lighting a candle on the Advent Wreath, the Gospel reading, an inspiring Caritas Australia story, guided reflection questions and ideas for action and prayer.

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## NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

Remembering all those who have been born to Eternal Life, the Month of November is traditionally the month in which the Catholic Church remembers and prays for our departed loved ones who have been called to Eternal Life.

As in previous years a Book of Remembrance has been placed on the altar in our church for the month of November. November envelopes are now available at the entrance of the Church. Please print names clearly and place your envelope in the first or second collection. The names of your deceased family members and friends will then be included in the books on a weekly basis, where they will be remembered in a special way during November. At the end of November, the Book of Remembrance will be available to take home.

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## GOD'S WORD 2022 - Daily Reflection

A companion on the journey to pray, share and grow in God's love. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. You can order a copy, by placing \$20 in an envelope with "God's Word", your name and phone number on the front by 30 November. The envelope can be placed on the collection plates.

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## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you or any friend or family member interested in a journey to learn more about the Catholic way of life; way of prayer, worship, listening to the Word of God and discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit?

If you would like to begin this journey with a guide we invite you to contact our Parish Office if you are interested.

## CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT COP26

After the close of the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow last Sunday and on the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Laudato Si' Action Platform was released.

*"The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a unique collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organisations, and "all men and women of good will." (LS 3) Taking a truly ground-up approach, it is rooted in the strengths and realities of communities around the world, empowering all to take "decisive action, here and now" as we journey towards a better future together. (LS 161)*

*At this kairos moment, we are responding to the call for healing in our relationships with God, our neighbours, and the Earth itself. Through the Laudato Si' Action Platform, we are walking the "path to renewal" together (LS 202)."*

The St Michael's Laudato Si' Group are now in the process of developing an action plan specifically addressing how our Parish can respond to the call of Pope Francis on care for our common home and of the Australian Catholic Bishops to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.

You are invited to join us in developing this action plan and in prayer by considering making the Laudato Si' pledge: I pledge to pray for and with creation, to live more simply and to advocate to protect our common home. More information is available from Norman on 0433 320 845.

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## THANK YOU

As I mentioned last Sunday Mass, the statue of Jesus fell during the night and broke. THANK YOU to Nick NAKIC who spent all morning on Thursday repairing the statue of Jesus and reinstalled the statue to its original condition.

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## Prayers Please

**In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently:** Bishop William Wright and our COVID-19 casualties in NSW and throughout the world. **Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:** Ana Bicanic **and for the sick in our parish:** Robyn Mandile, Dave Campbell, Peter Dobson, Therese Antcliffe, Carol Randall, Jenny Nethery, Ruth Hanna, Agnes Burke, Elma McCourt, Colin Cater, Greta Osborne, Peter Campbell, Eugenio Gacutan, Susan Gacutan, Patricia Rose 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.

**Next Sunday  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C**

**1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16**

**2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 - 4:2**

**Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**