

# Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle



## PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C 8 JUNE 2025

**We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.  
Lord, send out Your Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.**

### 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 5.00pm

Wednesday 9.15am

Thursday 5.00pm

Friday 9.15am

### NURSING HOME

#### MASSSES

Every Second Wednesday

10.30 am Uniting

Muller Street

Salamander Bay

Every Third Thursday

10.00am Regis Age Care  
Corlette.

Every Forth Thursday

10.00am Harbourside  
Shoal Bay.

### 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.
- No density limits apply in Places of Worship but please allow space between people where possible.
- Please continue to hand sanitise.
- HOLY WATER is now available and is changed regularly.

### 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.

### ANOINTING MASS

The Anointing Mass will be celebrated every first Friday of each month.

### 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.

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### PARISH PRIEST:

Fr. Anthony Nguyen

Phone: 0420 401 025

#### PARISH DEACON:

Dcn Gerard McCarthy

#### PARISH SECRETARY:

Mrs Dianne Maricic

Parish Office Hours

9.30 am to 3.00 pm

Wednesday to Friday

Phone: 0401 233 650

#### ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY

#### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

Ms Helen Bourne

Office: 4981 1111

### UNITING NURSING HOME MASS

Mass at Uniting Nursing home Muller Street, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10:30am.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Kindly pray for the children in our parish as they do preparations for the Sacrament.

### 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.

*'Meditation is about a deep conversion of heart'.*

**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**

### **BISHOP'S FLOOD APPEAL**

Manning Community "Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in recent days, I have witnessed the immense resilience, generosity, and compassion flowing through our Diocese in response to the floods that have so deeply affected our communities. While the immediate danger has eased, the impact is ongoing and the road to recovery will be long for many. Homes, schools' parishes, and businesses within the region continue to grapple with loss.

Some communities are only now beginning to understand the full extent of the impact. As we look ahead, the journey of recovery will require ongoing care and practical support. With this in mind, I am launching the Bishop's Flood Appeal - Manning Community. This appeal will provide direct assistance to those most affected across our Diocese, with funds directed to the local parish to provide on the ground support." Bishop Michael Kennedy. To donate please visit: <https://mn.catholic.org.au/bishopsappeal/>

### **VINNIES WINTER/FLOOD APPEAL**

This year Vinnies are calling on your help to assist with those who have been adversely affected by the recent floods. Many of you will have noted the launch of the Flood Appeal which aims to help those who have lost so much in these devastating floods and will require extensive support to get back on their feet again. We also need to look after those in our community struggling with the cost-of-living crisis especially as the winter months start to take their toll. With this in mind, we have decided to combine the two appeals and ask once again for your support. We will be holding the appeals on 7th and 8th June. The parishioners of St Michael's have shown enormous generosity in the past and our conference members ask once again that you open your hearts and wallets to assist in this very worthy cause.

### **IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located in the piety stall and designed for everyone's use.

### **PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS**

Please contact the parish office by phone or email if you require a tax receipt for your planned giving donations. Please only request a receipt if you need it for tax purposes. If you don't need one for tax purposes but are curious about how much you have given; throughout the financial year you can request a planned giving report instead.

The due date to request a tax receipt by June 30th. After that date you will not be able to receive a tax receipt.

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**The Most Holy Trinity**  
**Year C**

**First Reading**

Proverbs 8:22-31

**Responsorial Psalm**

O Lord, our God, how  
wonderful your name in  
all the earth!

**Second Reading**

Romans 5:1-5

**Gospel**

John 16:12-15

### **PRAYERS PLEASE**

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Terry Brown, Rob Southwell, Giuseppe Abbate, Tina Tarella, Kathleen Veronica Bushnell, Mario Ubalde and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Theresa Neilson, Emilia Quinajon, Brien Burns, John Watkin, Matthew Currey, and for the sick in our parish: Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Artemia Sheather, Mario Locantro, Anna Tan, Eduardo Vicedo, Jason Young, Johny and Alexander Vella, David Campbell and Peter 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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This appeal will provide direct assistance to those most affected across our Diocese, with funds directed to the local parish to provide on the ground support as people rebuild their lives. Every donation—no matter the size—will offer real hope to those in need.

In his letter to the Galatians, St Paul reminds us to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Whether through financial support, volunteering, or simply holding affected communities in your prayers, your response is a powerful way of living out that call.

Let us continue to be a people of compassion and action. In times like these, the Gospel is made visible not only in our words, but in our willingness to accompany and uplift one another.

More information about how you can support the cause is available in the attached flyer, and donations can be made directly on our website [here](#). We continue to support all our services across the Diocese that were impacted in the recent natural disaster.

May God bless you for your generosity and for the love you continue to show to those in need.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Michael Kennedy





# World Refugee Day (WRD)

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### Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community



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WDR 2025  
Online Resources

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Pope Francis encourages us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors. The Pope invites us to pray with him that “states will strive to ensure humane conditions for refugees and to facilitate integration processes.”

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, and prayers of intercession to help celebrate WRD 2025.

Resources available at:

<https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wrd>

## Parish Pulse

"Be still, and know that I am God! ..." Psalm 46:10

### **1. Parish Buildings - Asset Audit**

Following on from the presentation by James Zehnder, Property Services at the latest parish viability meetings, the diocese has engaged AssetFuture to undertake a Parish Buildings Asset Audit. The outcome of this engagement is that the diocese will be able to generate asset plans to include:

- 1. Current asset registers**
- 2. Current backlog/maintenance liability**
- 3. A ten-year capital maintenance plan**

This project will give Parishes access to an invaluable source of information in relation to the current state of your buildings and assist you with developing future maintenance schedules. This data would enable you to make informed decisions about the future works that may need to be undertaken, and enable you, where necessary, to assess the viability of particular buildings and infrastructure.

Nichola and Mary-Anne will be assisting the team as AssetFuture to coordinate access to buildings by contacting all parishes within the next two weeks to arrange dates and times for assessors to gain access to all parish owned properties, which will also include rental properties.

### **2. Online Resources Available for World Refugee Day (WRD) 2025**

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has published online resources to support the celebration of World Refugee Day 2025 (WRD). The WRD is being celebrated internationally each year on 20 June to honour people who have been forced to flee.

Link: [World Refugee Day \(WRD\)](#)

## Bulletin Notices:

These items are provided for your information and inclusion in communications as you deem appropriate.

### **Praise & Worship**

**Sunday 22 June, 3-5pm – Trinity College Adamstown, Factory Theatre**

Supported by MacKillop Parish Charlestown and the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle you are invited to experience an encounter of Praise and Worship - a beautiful opportunity to express our Catholic faith through music, led by local worship leaders. Whether this is something new and unfamiliar to you, or already a rich part of your prayer, this event is for you. We extend the welcome to all people from around the Diocese to come and see, and to worship together with us! For more information and to register – [Praise & Worship Evening - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **Diocesan Young Adult Retreat**

**27– 29 June**

Calling all young adults in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. You are invited to come away on retreat together, stepping into a weekend of community, praise, Adoration, inputs by expert speakers, and an opportunity to encounter Christ's personal love for you.

For more information and to register - [Young Adult Retreat 2025 - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **Housie Community**

"We are thrilled to announce that starting Friday, **6 June**, Community Housie will be running a brand-new Housie night every Friday. Everyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join us. Doors open at 5 pm, with games starting at 7:30 pm in the Southern Cross Hall at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West."

(One Attachment - **Housie Friday Night Flyer**)

### **Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Melbourne**

**29 November – 3 December**

Expressions of interest have opened for 100 young people across the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to join Bishop Michael for ACYF25 - a national gathering of Catholic youth, from Grade 10 through to 25 years old. The experience provides young people an opportunity to come together and connect whilst deepening their faith and relationship with Jesus. It's not a conference; it's a Catholic festival. For more information and to register visit - [Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **NATSICC Assembly – Hunter Valley 29 September – 3 October**

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is incredibly proud to host the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council Assembly. Themed 'Pilgrims of Hope' it will welcome hundreds of delegates and bishops from across Australia alongside a keynote presentation from Stan Grant. This will be a powerful moment in our diocesan journey towards reconciliation – not to be missed. For more information and to register visit - [2025 Assembly](#)

### **SRE Reflection Day with Bishop Michael Thursday 10 July**

Are you a teacher of Special Religious Education or someone eager to explore this vital ministry? Come and be inspired at Bishop Michael's Reflection Day—a special gathering to reflect, learn, and connect. Join us 9:30am – 12:30pm at St Stephens, Tea Gardens. Deepen your understanding, share experiences, and be encouraged in your role. For more information and to register - [SRE Reflection Day with Bishop Michael Kennedy - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **NAIDOC Week Prayer Service Sunday 6 July – 1:30 for 2pm**

Sacred Heart Cathedral will host the NAIDOC Week Prayer Service celebrating the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy". This is the 50th year of NAIDOC Week and will feature the burial of a time capsule, a symbolic gesture preserving this legacy for generations to come. For more information and to register visit - [2025 NAIDOC Week Prayer Service - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **NAIDOC Week Community Festival Monday 7 July – 9am**

Be a part of this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations, which coincides with its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hosted by Awabakal Ltd, and sponsored by the Catholic Diocese Maitland-Newcastle, the event starts at Civic Park, with a flag raising ceremony at 9am before a united procession to Foreshore Park where the festival is held. For more information and to register - [2025 NAIDOC Week Community Festival - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

### **Children's Ministry**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offering an opportunity for those interested in facilitating faith formation of children aged 3-12. The training enables children to experience and form an authentic relationship with God using sensory rich materials. The course will be hosted at Beresfield July 3-6 and August 29-31, 2025. For further details and to learn more contact Siubhan Sadler on 0432 477 181 or email [chisholm.atrium@gmail.com](mailto:chisholm.atrium@gmail.com)





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FOR TICKETS

Join us for an afternoon of Music,  
Adoration & Community at our

**Praise & Worship experience!**

# Sun 22 June | 3-5pm

Trinity College Adamstown, Factory Theatre

**All are welcome!** (Children under 16 years old must be supervised)

**COST:** Donations are welcome at the event





# FAITH TALKS

Dr. Robert Haddad is a passionate teacher, apologist and evangelist who holds firmly to all the truths of the Catholic Faith and wishes all to come to know, love and live this Faith. Robert promotes Catholicism through his public speaking tours, videos and books.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Dr. Robert  
Haddad**

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June



See times on back



Function Room at  
St. Mary of the Cross  
Parish Hub  
7 Milson Street,  
CHARLESTOWN



**REGISTER  
HERE**



**FREE EVENT**

*Tea/Coffee available  
Books for sale*



*Presented by MacKillop Parish*

# SCHEDULE

## FAITH TALKS

**13**  
JUNE

### TALK 1

"The Jubilee of Hope 2025 - How can we benefit?"

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

*\*Doors OPEN from 6:30pm*

**14**  
JUNE

### TALK 2

"How the early Church was Catholic."

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

*\*Doors OPEN from 10:30am*

*\*Bring your own lunch*

**14**  
JUNE

### TALK 3

"We have seen His Glory - How God is always among us."

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

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