

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C 12 January 2025

We acknowledge the Worimi people - the traditional custodians of this land.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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 5.00 pm
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday 5.00pm
Friday 9.15am

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

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.**

HOME COMMUNION REFERRALS

If your loved one is sick or cannot attend mass and would like regular Home Communion, please complete the Caring Group Referral form at the entrance of the church or contact the parish office on 4981 1069 or email:

stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church. This is a special collection to support the sick and retired priests of our Dioceses of Maitland-Newcastle. Thank you for your generous support.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Please see Fr. Anthony or Deacon Gerard before mass if you are coeliac or gluten intolerant.

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.

MEDITATION GROUP

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 gives us access to the Father through the Spirit of Jesus, who lives in our 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

FAREWELL MERV WENT

After 20+ Years serving as a handyman for St Michael's Catholic Church Nelson Bay, Merv Went has decided to retire, and his presence will be sorely missed. We all enjoy and will cherish what Merv has brought to the Parish: his joyful manner, outgoing personality, and empathy toward others. A true gem!

Don't worry: Merv will continue to be present within our community as a volunteer parishioner. Merv can still be found at the weekend Masses as he been for more than 20 years.

THANK YOU, MERV. The parishioners of St Michael's Nelson Bay, Dianne and I are very grateful for the contributions you have made to our Parish of St Michael's Nelson Bay.

SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY

The Sacramental Journey to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, Confirmation and Communion** (for those who are Baptised Catholic) will commence with an information evening for parents at St Michael's Catholic Church on Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at 5.30pm. Parents are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We have two regular collections in the parish each weekend.

The First Collection goes to a common fund Maitland Clergy Central Fund (MCCF) and is used to support the bishop and all the Priests (active and retired) in the Diocese. Donations for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Easter and Christmas Envelopes offering also go to the Maitland Clergy Central Fund.

The Second Collection (Church Account) stays in the parish to meet all our expenses. Rents, envelopes, regular direct debits, tap'n'go and other donations (unless explicitly stated) go to the Church Account. What is it used for? All parish running expenses, including parish ministries e.g. SRE program; insurance; liturgical costs; rates, electricity and water; repairs and maintenance; wages and superannuation, office expenses. etc All other special collections go to the charity or activity that is advertised when we have the appeal.

As always, **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity to our parish. Your efforts are greatly respected. Remember that it is Our Parish, and together we are its Stewards.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the entrance to the church. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding 02 49791390 or childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au for more information and resources.

NEXT SUNDAY

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel

John 2:1-11

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Ivica Kulvsic, Branko Marov, Vicente Tabag, Moira Croach and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Paul Kien van Nguyen, Marica Kero, Olympio Medina, Max Fowler, Mike Herceg, Frank Dolezal, and for the sick in our parish Sarina and 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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