

Saint Michael's Catholic Parish



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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September 2025

We acknowledge the Worimi people – the traditional custodians of this land.
Do no forget the works of the Lord!

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	NO MASS

NURSING HOME MASSES

No Masses until
Fr Antony's return from
leave

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 next Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the first Friday of October at 9:15am.

BULLETIN VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive the Bulletin via weekly email, please contact Dianne on Email: stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au

NOTE: NO WEEKLY MASSES UNTIL FR ANTHONY HAS RETURNED FROM ANNUAL LEAVE

MEDITATION GROUP



Christian Meditation is simply openness to the Spirit who dwells in your heart and mine. Our weekly Meditation Group assembles each Friday at 10.00 am in the multi-purpose room at the back of the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Meditation is simply uncovering the love of God in our hearts"

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
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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

PILGRIMAGE TO TAREE

You are invited to join a Laudato Si Pilgrimage from St Michael's church to Taree on the 26th of September 2025. The cost is \$34 per person for the trip to Taree and back. If you would like to join, sign the sheet at the back of the Church. For further information refer to Ben Wijngaart or Sr Cath Norman.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE – A REFLECTION DAY WITH FR KEVIN DANCE CP 30TH SEPTEMBER

Let us take time in this Jubilee Year to reflect on our faith journey and how we extend hope to others in our family and community during these challenging times. All are welcome!

Date: Tuesday 30 September 2025

Time: 9.00am – 4.30pm

Contact: Jan 0438 252 657 (Registration). Venue: Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish St Francis Xavier Hall
40 Ernest Street Belmont (parking is available on the church grounds)

Enquiries: elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au

STELLA MARIS AND MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Mass – 5:30pm the last Thursday of the month

Mass is celebrated on the last Thursday of every month in the Seafarers chapel at 5.30pm located at 96 Hannel Street Wickham. Mark Spencer recently commenced as the Catholic Chaplain at the centre and invites the community to visit and spend some time with any of the seafarers that may be relaxing or waiting for transport back to their ship. Best times to visit are 9:30am – 4:30pm during the week. The next Mass is Thursday 25th September – all are welcome to join!

Donations

Every ship that comes into port and is visited by our team receives a care package. What we are low on right now is, Men's Toiletries. From next month, the volunteers at the centre will begin packing the gift bags for seafarer Christmas hampers. See the flyer for items that can be donated for our seafarers. Every donation makes a difference, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2025 ROSARY RALLY – THE PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us as we pray for our nation. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (13 October 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer. In 2023, there were 180 groups registered to pray the Rosary throughout Australia. Everyone is invited.

When: 11:00AM start on Saturday 11 October 2025

Where: Ken Lambkin Reserve Pacific Highway Belmont South (BYO chair or rug)

Enquiries: Joan 0476 636 750 Info: <https://fatima.org.au/public-rosary/>

NEXT SUNDAY **25th Sunday in** **Ordinary Time Year C**

First Reading
Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm
Praise the Lord who lifts
up the poor.

Second Reading
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel
Luke 16:1-13

PRAYERS PLEASE

In your mercy, please pray for those who have died recently: Hannah Noble, Vima Cocorro Tandog, Lilia Ohiman, Roy Noy, Doreen Novakovich and those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Pacifico Mardo, Carmen Chetcuti, Faustino Bandilla Snr, Edith Iris Paton, Ron Garreffa, Lucy Iglic and for the sick in our parish: Brenda and Brian Tucker, Justin Fox, Damien Brinley, Sarlic Trumbli, Maureen Noonan, Clemente Quinajon, David Berkeley, Artemia Sheather, Mario Locantro, Anna Tan, Eduardo Vicedo, Johnny 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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Statement on the death of John Sidney Denham

A statement from the Catholic Diocese on the death of John Sidney Denham.

11 September, 2025

By Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Media Releases and Statements

Statement to be attributed to a spokesperson for the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle:

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle had been made aware of unconfirmed reports regarding the possible death of former priest John Sidney Denham, however as of this morning, September 11, 2025, was not aware of any formal confirmation.

Since then, Mr Denham's death has been reported via the media.

There is no requirement for Corrective Services or Police to notify the Diocese of Mr Denham's passing.

Mr Denham ceased working in the Diocese in the late 1980s. He was formally removed from the clerical state in 2011 and since that time has had no dealings with the Diocese.

Mr Denham was convicted in multiple trials of sexual abuse. The Diocese has previously acknowledged, and continues to acknowledge, that he was a prolific and notorious child abuser whose role as a priest and teacher gave him access to his victims.

The death of an abuser is likely to raise issues for their survivors, in relation to the pain and harm they and their families live with. Our thoughts are with all those impacted.

The Diocese offers a highly personalised, specialist pastoral response to survivors and their families through Zimmerman Service – Healing and Support, which can be contacted during office hours Monday to Friday 02 4923 0636 or via email

Zimmermanservice@healingandsupport.org.au.

Donations Welcome

Pictures of Australia

- Hair comb
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Aftershave
- Lip balm
- Antiseptic cream
- Sunblock
- New Socks
- New Underwear
- New warm gloves
- Magnetic photo frame
- Fun toy, eg Stress release ball
- Deck of playing cards

- Batteries
- Little torch
- Beanie
- Sealed lollies – nothing that melts or attract ants • Nail clippers
- Phone card
- Small headphones
- Pen and small writing pad
- Coloured pencils / paper
- Toothpaste/ Toothbrush
- Basket balls
- Dart board and darts
- Puzzles
- Christmas cake
- Let your imagination take over and have fun.



Hail Queen of Heaven, The Ocean Star

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the ocean Star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy
care:

Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.



STELLA MARIS



PUBLIC ROSARY

2025



JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN!

WHERE:

Ken Lambkin Reserve
690A Pacific Hwy Belmont South

WHEN:

11th October 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

NAME:

Joan Carter

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Coordinated nationally by Australian TFP Inc.
and its AUSTRALIA NEEDS FATIMA Campaign

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Pilgrims of Hope



The Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd invites you to **A REFLECTION DAY with FR KEVIN DANCE CP**

Father Kevin is a Passionist priest who resides at Marrickville. Over his 60 years as a priest, he has had various ministries encompassing, teaching, parish, leadership, political and missionary.



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VENUE	Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish St Francis Xavier Hall 40 Ernest Street Belmont (parking is available on the church grounds) BYO lunch – morning tea provided
COST	Donation
REGISTRATIONS	Please phone Jan 0438 252 657
& ENQUIRIES	elmparish@mn.catholic.org.au
RSVP	Tuesday 23 September 2025

Come sit for a while

